January 1

Welcome

Meet the New Year

 Welcome to the New Year of our Lord. Let us all, whether old hands at Christianity or new babes in Christ start the New Year with a new beginning, a renewal in the Spirit of love toward one another.

 The beautiful thing about our life is that we can always make a commitment, give up our old ways, there is only one New Years Day, only one yearly beginning but a new life can spring up within our heart and soul anytime of the year! Just so we don’t wait too long!

 Jesus had morning devotions – Read Mark 1:35. We should start our days with prayer and devotions and also find a time to have family devotions. Those who pray together, stay together.

 We have assurance as we gather, although a small group, the Lord will be with us – Read Matthew 18:20. We, whether in a small or large group or all alone but we must seek to find the Lord, He is not going to come after us!

A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION: To find more time each day for the Lord!

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to set aside time to worship you daily, to have daily talks with you, to continue to learn and keep in touch with you.

January 2

The Bible

The Inspired Word of God

 The Bible was physically written by human people but the words were inspired by God – Read - II Timothy 3:16.

 Think of the Bible as God talking to you through the many writers. God making himself known to man, approach the Bible with reverence and belief.

 Have you ever tried to find your way in the dark without a flashlight? Trying to grope our way through this world dark with sin without the use of God’s Word is just as hard. Read - Psalm 119:105.

 Things of this world will pass away but God and His Word will last without end. Read:

I Peter 1:24c-25a.

VERSE FOR TODAY: 1 Peter 1:25.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Please guide me, O Lord, as I read your Holy Scriptures that I will understand the truths you have for me and be able to apply them to my everyday life.

January 3

Gospel

The Good News

The Good News being, through Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection we have the hope of eternal life!

We must have the confidence in the Good News as Paul did – Read: Romans 1:16 –

We should put all of our confidence in the gospel because there is only one true gospel – Read: Galatians 1:6, 7.

In this day of numerous cults and religions we must hold fast to the Good News of Christ, the only one who can save us.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John recorded the gospel of Jesus Christ, the life and teachings of Christ.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Mark 1:15.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Help me, O Lord, to accept the true word of God and to live a

life pleasing to God.

January 4

Salvation

Redemption for the Soul

 Salvation is the ability to be saved eternally, having our soul saved. Salvation is for today, it is not something to be put off! Human nature is to put things off, but life is too short! – Read: Psalm 103:15-16.

 There is only one place in which salvation can be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord! – Read: Acts 4:12.

 The mission of Jesus here on earth was to be the Savior of the world, making salvation possible for everyone – Read: Titus 2:11.

 Jesus is calling you; why not answer Him today by accepting His ways as your ways?

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 1:21.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, of your death, burial and resurrection making salvation possible to me. Help me not to put off such an important decision.

January 5

Salvation

Steps

 The “Steps to Salvation” are clear cut but yet overlap one another: In HEARING about God we become to BELIEVE and upon believing, we will want to REPENT of our sins and CONFESS the Name of Jesus before men and through obedience be BAPTIZED and LIVE a life acceptable to God.

 There are many ways to hear the Word of God, through Sunday School, church and Bible studies. Television and radio are also excellent ways to hear the Word proclaimed.

 Remember the Bible is God speaking to you so read and listen to the words! The words will tell you what God wants you to know! Hear with an open mind and heart to the Lord. He is calling you.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Romans 10:17

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, please open up my heart and mind to be receptive to the truths you have for me.

January 6

Salvation – Eternity

Where?

 In this life there always seems to be two choices, either right or wrong but in the case of heaven or hell for eternity there is only one choice!

Heaven - Read Revelation 21:4.

In contrast:

Hell is described – Read: Matthew 13:41, 42.

 We see the choice of either no more grief and pain or the crying and grinding of teeth- We can make the choice!

 As the choice given to the Israelites, so the Lord gives us the choice – Read: Deuteronomy 30:15, 19.

 Choose life, choose to love the Lord, your God and believe in Him with your whole being and do good.

 Don’t fall into the trap of those who think because they don’t believe in God, or heaven or hell that none of this will affect them is a delusion – Read: Romans 14:12.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 95:7, 8.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, what an easy choice to make today, but what a hard choice to live up to tomorrow, help me to live in your love and in obedience to you in order to have eternal life.

January 7

Salvation

In Times Like These

 We hear about nuclear weapons and war that would destroy this world, these things should concern us but not nearly as much as where our soul will spend eternity after such a total destruction.

 We all know we will not live forever in this life form so however we go, whether natural death, an accident, nuclear holocaust or the Lord’s second coming we must face judgment and the verdict will be heaven or hell and we do have a choice of listening or not listening – Read: Hebrews 2:2, 3. We must choose to listen, God will not force us to be His followers, we must come to Him and ask Him into our hearts and change our lives to follow Him.

 Jesus leads us to salvation, we must look to Jesus, believe in Him, keep the faith and no matter what happens we can be assured of eternity with Him – Read: Hebrews 2:10.

 Look to Jesus!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Romans 10:11.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you for your plan of salvation, that through you I can have blessed assurance that I will spend eternity with you. Help me to always make the right choices.

January 8

Salvation

Believe

 To have a belief you must know in whom or what your belief is in, one of the basic beliefs must be that there is a God. God by definition is Supreme Being.

* Read: Ephesians 4:6. Here we see there is One God.

 God has three persons in one, there is the FATHER – Read: Matthew 11:25. The SON – Read: Matthew 17:5b. The HOLY GHOST –Read: John 15:26a.

 The concept of three persons in one is sometimes hard to imagine. A good example is a married woman with children; she is a wife, mother and housekeeper, three distinct roles but one person. Same with God, Father the creator and sustainer of life, the Son, which came to earth as a human being, then returned to heaven to be at the right hand of God and Holy Spirit sent to believers after Jesus returned to heaven.

VERSE FOR TODAY: II Chronicles 20:20.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, help me to more fully understand the Trinity so I may believe in God more completely.