A Brand New Year, Is it the Same Old You?

Greg Kline · Matthew 25:31–46

INTRODUCTION

- I'd like you to consider, am I like Christ this morning?
- We should be like Christ. After all, we take the name, many of us, Christians, and so we want to be like him.
- He was perfect, and that's what we are to strive to be.

1 Are We the Sheep or the Goats?

Matthew 25:31–46

- Which of these groups are we in? Are we one of the sheep or one of the goats?
- The sheep were those who saw somebody in need.
- It was those who saw the least of those who were the brethren of Christ.
- They too didn't recognize that it was Jesus. But they did not help. They did not minister then.
- How much have I done for those who would be the brethren of Christ? Who I might consider the least of them?

2 Jesus Was Compassionate Towards Others

Matthew 14:13–21; Luke 10:25–37; Galatians 6:10

- I think if there's any resolution that's good, it's going to be to be like Christ.
- He saw the great crowd, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. There was a very physical aspect to Christ's compassion.
- The third reason that goals don't get met is because we don't set specific goals for those goals.
- Everyone is our neighbor. There is plenty of good for us to be doing this year. We can help others, and we must.
- So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone. Especially to those of the household of faith.
- Sometimes when I aim at nothing, you know what I often hit? Nothing.

3 Jesus Was Judgmental of Right and Wrong

Matthew 7:13–27; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 10:24–25

- What's interesting about this judgment scene is that Jesus was judgmental of right and wrong.
- All throughout the scripture, Jesus constantly speaks of one way or the other way.
- We must teach that Jesus is the only way unto salvation. We cannot compromise that bedrock principle of Christianity.
- He says the wise man is he who hears the words and does them. So that means we need to read the words of Christ and do them.

- First and foremost is to be here with the assembly of Christians.
- Say, this month, I will read Matthew. Next month, I will read Mark. The following month, Luke, the following month, John.

4 Jesus Taught About Heaven and Hell

Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:42–48

- And these will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous into eternal life.
- Not every religion, not every system that believes in God or Christ that I know, believes in eternal punishment.
- It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell. The unquenchable fire.
- It's about doing what is right. And what is right is what Jesus has commanded.
- I will not fall for these doctrines that make light of sin.
- It means that I better be shaping up. I better be making goals.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We need to have interest in doing this. We need to make it the priority, not a priority. And we need to set specific goals to get there.**

MY NOTES