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God's Resolutions

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This year I resolve to focus on God's resolutions

1. God is resolved to _____ me.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:6–8*

2. God is resolved to _____ me.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *Romans 5:9–11*

3. God is resolved to _____ me.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is true worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. *Romans 12:1–2*

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. *2 Corinthians 3:18*

Daily Meditations

Monday

As you think about the sermon from the weekend, what was most striking to you about God's resolutions toward you?

Please read Psalm 121. How do these verses show you God's salvation, love, and transformational power?

Thank God today for His amazing grace and the hope you have in Him. Thank Him for the best gift of His Son, Jesus. Talk to God about the struggles you face when it comes to believing that God has the power to save you, transform you and love you. Pray that as you study the Bible this week you'll grow in confidence in God's resolutions toward you.

Tuesday

Please read Acts 4:12, Romans 3:23–24, 5:6–8, Ephesians 2:8–9. Write down three things you see in these verses about God's gift of salvation.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What difference does it make to know that it is God's resolution that secures your salvation?

Thank God today for His free gift of salvation. Ask Him to teach you about trusting His grace and mercy to save you. Take time today to pray for those in your life who have yet to accept God's free gift of salvation. Pray that God will use you to help point them to Jesus.

Wednesday

Please read Romans 5:9–11, 8:38–39 & Ephesians 2:3–5. What two things about God's love most encourage you in these verses?

When are you tempted to doubt God's resolution to love you? What do you learn in these verses that help you with that struggle?

Thank God today for His amazing love. Talk to Him about your struggles when it comes to understanding and embracing His love for you. Pray that you'll rest in His love and that your life will overflow with His love and encourage those around you.

Thursday

Please read Romans 12:1–2 & 2 Corinthians 3:18. It's so encouraging to know that God is the one with the power to transform. In what ways have you tried to unsuccessfully change yourself on your own?

In what area of your life are you hoping to see transformation? How do you think God would answer that question?

How does knowing that God's power is at work in you — transforming you even now — encourage and help you?

Thank God today for His transforming power. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you're hoping to see transformation. Lay those at His feet and pray for the courage to let God transform you.

Friday

Happy New Year! Please read Psalm 46. As you live day one of this new year how does this psalm help your attitude?

Spend some additional time in prayer today thanking God for His faithfulness in the past year. Commit this coming year to Him. Pray that you will grow in the knowledge and understanding of His love and plans for you.

Saturday

Please read Isaiah 40:1–5. How do these verses encourage you today?

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that God will use this series to encourage people and give them hope. Pray that many folks who attended the Christmas concerts and candlelight services will return to TLC soon!



"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in sins — it is by grace you have been saved." *Ephesians 2:4–5 (NIV)*