**HAPPY NEW YEAR?**

John 3:3

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the

dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1. THIS IS THE GREETING OF THE SEASON
2. BUT THE NEW YEAR IS NOT REALLY NEW
3. WHAT MAKES A NEW YEAR HAPPY?
4. A NEW BIRTH (John 3:3-6)

1. A NEW WALK (Romans 6:1-7)
2. A NEW GOAL (Philippians 3:13-14)

CONCLUSION

* 1. Be encouraged by Paul's emphasis on forgetting the past.
	2. Forget what is behind & strain forward to what lies ahead.
	3. Don't let [yesterday's failures](https://www.learnreligions.com/samson-and-delilah-700215) derail you.
	4. Set the goal of your upward call of [God](https://www.learnreligions.com/god-the-father-701152) in Christ.
	5. Press on for the gold medal prize until you meet The Lord Jesus.