

BEGINNING ANEW WITH GOD!

Revelation 21:1-5

INTRODUCTION: The word “new” seems to bring the idea of opportunity and possibility to mind. Today is January 2, 2022; a brand new day in a brand new year. A new day and a new year give us the opportunity to once again make some much needed changes. In these next several weeks we will be looking at making some changes, first in the inward disciplines of Bible study and prayer. Then we will look at the outward disciplines of service and witnessing and last we will look at the corporate disciplines of giving, and worship as we begin anew with our God. Our key verse for this entire series will be Revelation 21:5. What a wonderful statement! And the good news is the first thing Jesus wants to make new is you! 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

I. THE VERY NATURE OF GOD DICTATES BEGINNING ANEW!

We are going to be beginning anew with the God of new beginnings. Our God loves new beginnings for His children and see this many times in Scripture: Genesis 9:12-17; Joshua 3:1-5; 2 Samuel 12:13-14; John 21:15-19. Truly our God is the God of new beginnings although He has no beginning or ending. That is why one of these days there is going to be a New Heaven and a New Earth, because the very nature of God dictates a new beginning for His people: Revelation 21:1-5.

II. MANKIND DESPERATELY NEEDS TO BEGIN ANEW!

None of us likes to admit it but we all know it is true—we are fallen and fallible creatures. We all need a “do over” and praise God in Christ Jesus we can have exactly that: Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:1-4. The place of beginning again is the place we call heaven and one of these days all of us who have failed and sinned and fallen short—but who have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior will live in the land of new beginnings called the New Heaven and the New Earth! But it gets even better! We don’t have to wait until heaven to begin anew with our God!

III. BEGINNING ANEW WITH GOD BEGINS TODAY!

We can begin today to walk with our God, to love our God the way we should and to serve Him today. Isaiah 43:18-19. Our God say to us: “Put the past behind you and begin anew today!” Isaiah 43:25. God wants to give you “a do over!” Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10, 13; 1 Corinthians 5:17. It is time for us to forget the past and begin anew with our God in 2022!