

Pastor Brian's
Mid Week Message
January 2, 2019

NEW YEARS REVOLUTION?

Here it is...the 2nd day of January...where has this year gone? What has happened to my New Year's resolution? In truth, I haven't made any this year, and haven't for quite some time, mainly because I always failed to keep them. The idea behind them is a totally flawed premise anyway. "I vow to fix myself", or at least something about myself that is objectionable to me. The problem lies in the Old Adam that lives inside of me. That guy that is sinful in his very nature and resolves most strongly each and every year not to be fixed! Yes, on this 2nd day of 2019 I am reminded again that I am a hopeless sinner that has no power of my own to do a thing about it. What I need is not a resolution but an all-out revolution; a complete change of power, from mine that is pitifully weak to one that is far stronger than that Old Adam; that virus of sin in me. Fortunately for me, and for you too, I know where I can get that power in an unlimited supply. It's the power of God, the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe, and of His Son Jesus my Savior. That power is from God the Holy Spirit; who also lives within me through faith in Christ Jesus. Talk about an "Odd Couple"...Inside me dwell both the sinfulness and sickness of the Old Adam and the pure Spirit of the Holy God! That should certainly stir up some conflict in there! What I know to be true though is that the power of the Spirit is vastly superior to the power of sin, death and the devil (who talked Adam and Eve into it you know) and that God's Son Jesus has gone to war with them all and defeated them. This "Revolutionary War" has already been won, and I didn't have to lift a finger to help out. I'd be no help at all anyway. It has been won for me by the infinite power of God. That power was made known in the sacrificial death of the Savior on Calvary's cross, and His triumphant return from the dead on that first Easter morning. The power of the Holy Spirit is what can change me, and is constantly at work doing so, but it's a process that takes a lifetime to come to completion. Thanks be to God who GIVES ME the victory in Christ Jesus my Lord!