NEW Mondaing BEGINNINGS

New Year – New Beginning

"Our lives are not made of the dreams we dream, but of the choices we make."

A New Beginning In MATURITY

Ephesians 4:1-2

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:3-6

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

1. MATURITY IN LOVE

Ephesians 4:2

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

2. MATURITY IN UNITY

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Ephesians 4:3

"Make <u>every effort</u> to KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT".

Ephesians 2:22

"And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

2 Peter 1:4 (We have become) "partakers of the divine nature"

Deuteronomy 6:4

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."



Satan's scheme from the beginning has been to disrupt the UNITY of mankind with God and with each other.

1 Corinthians 3:3 NLT

"You are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord."

Ephesians 4:3

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Romans 12:18

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

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"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

2. The Provision of Unity

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- 1. There is one body
- 2. There is one Spirit
- 3. There is one hope in our calling
- 4. There is one Lord
- 5. There is one faith
- 6. There is one baptism
- 7. There is one God

Psalm 133

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion."

Psalm 133

"For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."

THE PRESENCE OR THE ABSENCE OF THE EXPERIENCED PRESENCE OF GOD

PARALLELS THE ABSENCE OR PRESENCE OF UNITY

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