

New Year's Day
Made NEW!

Psalm 51:10: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

I. Intro

- A. What do you do with a new year?
 - 1. Make commitments to do better? Be Better? Work harder? Work Smarter?
 - 2. Resolve to fulfill promises to yourself?
- B. I'm sure that at 11:00 on New Years day, some of your new years resolutions are already broken.
- C. God has a better plan, that is not dependent upon the strength of man for being better.
- D. In fact, many churches, bible teachers, ted talks, and books are coming at this from a well meaning, but flawed perspective.
- E. We will never get better at being better without a better foundation than the flesh and will of man.
- F. God is doing a new thing, and we have gained wisdom from the old thing, and we launch into the new year with a renew vision, the is built from the old vision, but requires our attention.

II. Text Psalm 51:10

- A. Create in me...
 - 1. David is asking for restoration, but from the right perspective
 - 2. He knows God is the source, and asks the creator of the universe to creat a new heart in him.
- B. A clean heart...
 - 1. Purity, once again, is not possible in the flesh or will of man
 - 2. Purity, and every other good thing comes from God through the sacrifice of Christ.
- C. And renew a right spirit...
 - 1. Revival of the Spirit in the individual is the starting place of revival in the larger sense.
 - 2. Ask God to renew.
- D. Within me...
 - 1. The HEART of the matter is the HEART in the matter.
 - 2. Sometimes you can fake it for a bit, but it'll never produce revival.
 - 3. Ask God to go deep inside the places you try to hide from him, and let him do his work.

III. Points

- A. The Past is not your present or your future
 - 1. Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
 - 2. Your present is a gift, and you can decide you respond to God new today.
 - a) Where you are is the starting point of your response to God.
 - b) Start today with a new commitment to believe God and follow Him completely.
 - 3. Your future:
 - a) Is a mix of response and providence
 - b) You respond to God by faith, and trust him for your every moment.
 - c) You find yourself in a series of decisions that can allow you to experience God's blessing for your life.
 - 4. Your future is a walk of faith and starts with decisions made in the present.
 - 5. I am so glad I'm not known to God by my mistakes, but rather I'm known to God as His Child!

B. The NEW has come

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
2. Every time you submit yourself to God you start new
3. Word: Kainos: kaheenos:
 - a) Of a new kind
 - b) Unprecedented
4. Your life is not just renewed, you are completely a new kind, never before been this before.
5. You can be made new, by faith in Christ.
6. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you!
7. His presence brings newness!

C. God is working His plan

1. Revelation 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."
2. Same word here, God is doing something that is unprecedented.
3. God is going to make all things new physically, just as he has done spiritually.
4. His plan is in motion, we are in the times of spiritual renewal, and headed to the time of physical remaking of all things.
5. His plan has been in place since the beginning, and it involves you!
 - a) You were not saved by accident
 - b) You were not saved for yourself only
 - c) You have been brought into newness, to show others how to do that as well.
6. God's plan may seem like a mystery to you, because it is in part.
7. God's plan may seem like a mystery to you, because He has not given you all the information yet.
8. God's plan may seem like a mystery to you, and you may desire more information.

IV. Close