GOD'S PLAN OUR PURPOSE

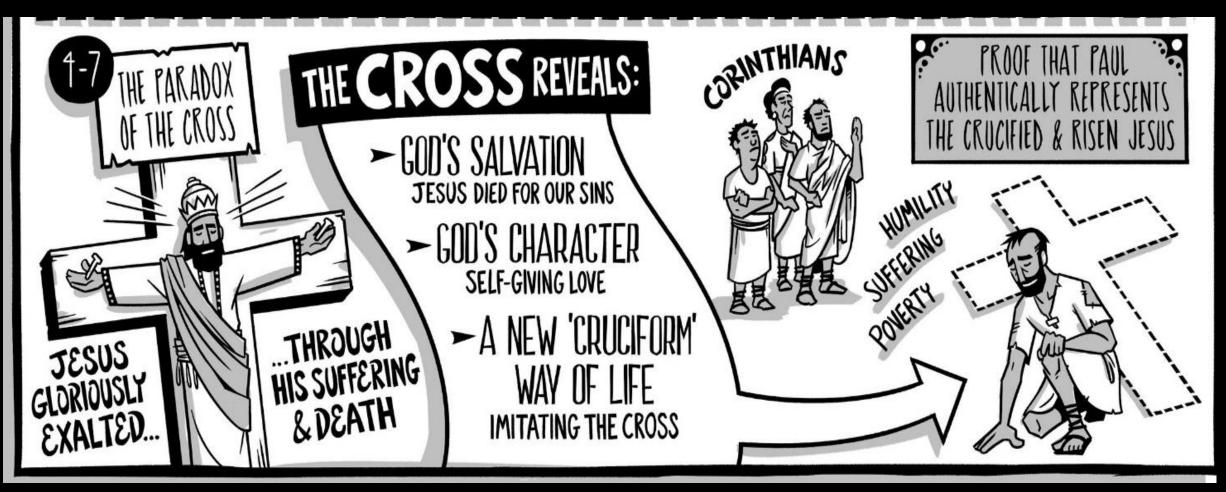
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Not this morning's main points/topics:

- How to succeed in your New Years Resolution
- What new bible reading plans you should choose
- "New Year: New You"
- Quitting Bad Habits or Starting Good New Ones
- How 2023 will be 'your year'.

The Cross: It's Accomplishments and Revelations.



16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 5:16-18



ESV Study Bible Note: "The redemption of a people who now live for Christ by living for others, affected by the power of the Spirit and the death of Christ, is the beginning of the **new** creation that was destined to come amid this evil age. This new creation is also the beginning of Israel's final restoration from God's judgment in exile."

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Before Christ, we are born dead.

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gen 3:21, 1 John 2:3



For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:5-8



"In him was life, and the life was the light of men."





But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13



... in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:19-21



Taxidermy: At least they were born alive.





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We have died with Christ, and have been buried with Him.

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God,

Colossians 3:3



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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-because anyone who has died has been set free from sin

Romans 6:4-7



I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25-26



For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Psalm 27:5-6



Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

Psalm 31:19-20



He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.



...buried in the likeness of his death...





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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

2 Corinthians 5:11-16



For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised...

2 Corinthians 5:11-16



The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:13



We "put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9), and put on the "new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24).



Rome,

Italy:



Mamertine Prison, Rome



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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as **sorrowful, yet always rejoicing**; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.





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hagiasmos / consecration; sanctification

Erasmian Pronunciation

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I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there

2 Chronicles 7:16



Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

l Corinthians 6:19



May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20





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Ten Questions for a New Year

- 1. What's one thing you can do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
- What's an impossible prayer you can pray?
 What's the most important thing you could do to improve your family life?In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make
- progress this year?
- 5. What's the single biggest time-waster in your life, and how can you redeem the time?



Ten Questions for a New Year

6. What's the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?

7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?

- 8. What's the most important way, by God's grace, you will try to make this year different from last?
- 9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?

10. What single thing can you plan to do this year that will matter most in ten years? In eternity?



Question #1

What is the chief end of man?

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Answer

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Ps. 86:9; Isa. 60:21; Rom. 11:36; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31; Rev. 4:11; Ps. 16:5-11; 144:15; Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:10; Phil. 4:4; Rev. 21:3-4



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