

## WHAT SHALL THIS UPCOMING NEW YEAR BRING?

### Galatians 2:19-20

**Introduction:** We make plans for some things, but sadly most people do not make plans for LIFE. Things have a way of happening unexpectedly and often they are bad things. Most people expect life to GIVE back to them and few plan to GIVE.

What is YOUR attitude toward life? Do you take life for "granted?" Are you pessimistic? Are you a "wait and see" kind of person? This upcoming year will bring many things, perhaps some of these things you have never considered.

### I. THIS UPCOMING YEAR WILL BRING OPPORTUNITIES

1. There will be opportunities for growth:
  - There will be opportunities for mental growth.
  - There will be many opportunities for spiritual growth.
2. There will be opportunities for service:
  - There will be opportunities for Christian service.
  - There will be opportunities to witness for the Lord.

### II. THIS UPCOMING YEAR WILL BRING TRAGEDIES

1. There may be loss of business, income and wealth during this next year.
2. There may be loss of one's health, by accident, disease, or some inherited affliction.
3. There may be the death of loved ones.

### III. THIS UPCOMING YEAR WILL CONTAIN VICTORIES

1. For the Christian:
  - There can be the victory of growing in grace.
  - There can be the victory of leading someone to the Lord Jesus in salvation.
2. For the Unsaved:
  - There can be the victory of becoming aware of one's true condition as seen in the eyes of God.
  - There can be the victory of becoming a Christian, believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION:

1. The new year will be here before you know it - are you ready to begin another year?
2. How satisfied with how this present year has gone?
3. Are you going to try to improve your relationship with the Lord Jesus?
4. Are you going to try to serve others rather than expect to be served?
5. If you are not a Christian right now, are you ready to become one, if so, why not before this next year gets here?