

A New Beginning

2 Cor.5:17, Gal.6:15b

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Introduction

In life, everything has a beginning & end.

You go to the cemetery, you look at the tomb stone. " Date – Date "

If you are smart, you need to remember that there is a beginning & an ending.

A. The Beginning of Beginnings

The Chinese has a saying that "When you drink water you need to reflect on the source". What happen if you forget the Source? What happens when you forgot that there was a Beginning?

- You don't value what you have.
- You feel that the whole world owes you everything in life.
- You want more.

How to find grace & encouragement if you are on the 'receiving end'?

How should you view it if you are left at home, while your son & his family go holidaying in New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, and you 2 old fellow is left behind?

- Pray at home.
- Read the Bible.
- Draw closer to God.

Illustrated by; 1 Sam.25:36-39.

God is the 'Beginning'.

Not you & me.

We too were born into this world by our forefathers.

We did not come into this world by bursting out from the mountain.

God is the true Source of life.

Jesus is the beginning of our new life in Christ.

B. New Beginning

The year starts all over again with the new year.

Why is it that there is a new year.

Why don't the year keep continue from 31 Dec. and become 32 Dec., and then 33 Dec.?

Somehow there is built into the natural system of life, that there is a new beginning within the whole cycle of life.

Conclusion

a. Let go of all the past bad things.

Galatians 6:15b (NIV1984)

15 "... what counts is a new creation."

b. Remember the source.

Remember the "Beginning of all Beginnings".

In God:

You can find new strength

You can find new hope

You can find new meaning in life

You find new joy

You can find new friends

In Christ:

You can be a new person.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV1984)

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