

Reset to Restart

RESTART: YOUR LIFE. THIS YEAR.

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Have you ever wished for a “do over”? Sometimes in a game you may be granted a second chance, another try, or a mulligan. We are always hoping for an improved score, a better shot, or greater success xxxx.

In real life those chances seldom come. Too often our mistakes are permanent and our failures plague us forever. Missed opportunities rarely come around the second time.

Don't you wish there was a “reset” button in life? Do you sometimes wish there was a way to go back in time and relive a critical decision or avoid a terrible mistake? If only there was a “reset” button for an opportunity to do some things over in our past.

The good news is that Jesus came with a promise to provide a reset button to life! He said, *“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10). No, you cannot go back in time and undo your mistakes, but you can come to the one who spans all of time and find forgiveness through the sacrifice of Calvary and the shed blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Through the grace of God and the promise of forgiveness of sins we may, *“Come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”* (Hebrews 4:16). The privilege of repentance allows us to experience a fresh start in life, the forgiveness of past transgressions, and the opportunity to begin anew. *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9).

This is a spiritual “reset button.” We can have a reboot from our old sinful lives when we turn to God and forsake the sins of our past. We can “reset to restart” through repentance. *“Old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

At the beginning of a new year or anytime one desires a fresh beginning, repentance is a great place to start. There is a freshness of new life that comes through the experience of the New Birth. When we have repented and are buried with Christ in baptism (in the name of Jesus) we have a promise of new life. Paul said, *“We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”* (Romans 6:4).

Begin the new year with a *restart*. Hit the *reset* button through repentance and receive the joy of forgiveness and experience new life!

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