

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Where did the year go? It seems like only the other day we were beginning 2009 and now we are facing 2010. Over the past year much has happened within the life of the Church. Many are wondering what the New Year will bring. Will it bring me wealth, happiness, health, or peace? Perhaps the better question is what will we bring to the New Year?

In the 28th chapter of Matthew, Jesus speaks to His disciples. Much has happened over a period of time; Jesus was arrested, put on trial, crucified and resurrected. Like many of us, I imagine the disciples were ready for the year to end. The disciples arrive in Galilee at a place where Jesus had told them to meet. Jesus is about to give His disciples their final instructions before He returns to the Father.

Did Jesus want them to know that things would get better in the year ahead? No. Did He want them to know that everything would be all right? No. Instead, Jesus tells them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus continued by saying, “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

I cannot say that the New Year will bring you health, riches, peace, or even be better than last year. However, I do know what we must do if we are to be a church for Christ. That's right. We too must go out and make disciples of those around us, and we must instruct them according to the teachings of Christ.

This is my New Year's resolution: I want to seek to be a better servant of Christ, and I know that I am not alone in this desire. I pray that in the days ahead we will pray for God to show us how we, as the Body of Christ, may grow the kingdom of God. I look forward to this journey and the task that lies ahead.

God Bless!

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