

Title: "A New Year Directive!"

Scripture Text: Colossians 2:6-8

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:6-8; Psalm 1:1-6; Proverbs 3:5-6

Introduction:

Do you have a life verse or verses that help challenge you to stay on course in your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Directive: Instruction - an Order - a Command - an Edict - a Decree - an Ordinance - a Ruling - a Charge - a Mandate!

THESIS: Here is our New Year [Life] Directive – **"As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him !"**

I. Therefore as you have R_____ Christ Jesus the Lord,!" **Colossians 2:6**

Colossians 1:2-6, 21-23; 2:2-5, 13-14

John 1:10-12; Acts 4:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

II. Therefore as you have R_____ Christ Jesus the Lord, so W_____ in Him!" **Colossians 2:7**

Past and Present and Future – "w_____ in Him!"

Colossians 1:9-13; Ephesians 4:1-3; James 1:22-27

A. "Having been firmly r_____!"

Psalm 1:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

B. "And now being b_____ up in Him!"

Joshua 1:6-9; 2 Timothy 2:15

C. "and e_____ in your faith!"

Ephesians 6:10-18

E. "And overflowing with g_____!"

A key to our Spiritual – Mental – Emotional – Physical – Social wellbeing is **THANKSGIVING!** G_____ to the LORD for who He is and what He has done – Is doing! And will do!

Psalm 100:3-6; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

III. Therefore as you have R_____ Christ Jesus the Lord, S_____ to it that no one takes you c_____! ... **Colossians 2:8**

2 Peter 3:17-18; James 1:22-27

Note that these are all man centered – self centered rather than God centered - philosophy - empty deception - the tradition of men the elementary principles of the world

Colossians 3:1-3, 15-17; Romans 12:1-2

Psalm 1:1-2; Proverbs 3:1-8

APPLICATION:

1. So, have you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior?
2. If you have you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, have you been and, are you being firmly rooted, instructed [discipled] in your relationship with Christ Jesus?
3. If you have you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, are you being built up, are you growing in your faith? *How are you insuring that this is happening?*
4. If you have you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, are you established in Biblical faith, do you know what you believe and why and can you show me from God's Word that what you believe is the Truth, the Way, and the Life?

5. If you have you received Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, what safe guards are you taking to protect yourself and your family from being deceived, from being conformed to the teachings of the World rather than according to Scripture – God's will! *In light of the reality of living in a culture that is in rebellion against God!*
6. Don't forget that the directive "as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him!" is from God to you as you enter 2019 and every moment of your life!
7. And by the way – Do you have a life verse or verses? *Scriptures that help you to stay on track in your walk with Jesus and walking IN Jesus!!*

Colossians 2:6-10

- 6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
- 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.
- 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.
- 9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
- 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; NASU

Psalms 1:1-6

- 1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so, but they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. NASU

Proverbs 3:1-8

- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments;
- 2 For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.
- 3 Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.
- 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
- 8 It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones. NASU