

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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(Solution Center)**

IT IS A NEW YEAR!

Yes, it is a new year! We said goodbye to 2016 yesterday and are now saying welcome to 2017, the year we have waited for with much expectations. We owe our Heavenly Father tons of thanks and praises today for giving us the grace to survive 2016 with all its calamities, its frustrations, its massive job losses, its despair, its deaths and destructions. In all of these things that we heard and saw in 2016, we didn't lose our faith or our lives. Shouldn't we count ourselves fortunate to have survived 2016? There were many who began it with us, but today are no more. Many of these people are believers, and some are more righteous than you and me. Yet God chose to preserve our lives and those of members of our household. One huge debt we all owe our maker, and which must be paid this morning and throughout 2017 is PRAISE. ***“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.”*** (Psm 136:1).

If for you, 2016 was a year of despair and demotivation, I encourage you to make 2017 a year of determination and contentment. If the past year was one of hopelessness and disappointments, I want you to know that a turnaround is about to happen in your life. Today, our Almighty Father is writing a new chapter in your life history! Things are turning around for your good this year! All you have to do is to believe and be faithful. Believing is to be content that all is well with your soul, spirit and body. And contentment is the belief that “I have everything I need at this present moment”. “I have everything I truly need. I almost certainly don't have everything I want. And I probably don't have everything I think I need. However, God has so ordered the universe that no matter where you are right now you have everything you truly need to be content. According to 1 Tim. 6:6, ***“Godliness with contentment is great gain”***. Contentment makes us believe that we have already received even those things which are not yet come to pass but for which we have been praying. 2016 may have been the toughest year of your life, but the message this morning is that your year of ease has come. If ill-health was the hallmark of your life in 2016, the Lord is telling you today that the package He has for you for 2017 is outright healing and total restoration of your health! (***“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter...”*** - Joel 2:25) Did you lose your job in 2016 and now struggling to make ends meet? The message from our Heavenly father to you this morning is that a far better job is right at your doorstep in 2017! Every good thing you have lost in 2016 will be restored to you in 2017! All that is required of you is faith and contentment.

The take-home lesson from today's Word for the Week is this: as we kick off the New Year in the house of the Lord, let us adopt the attitude of praise, thanksgiving and contentment in the year 2017 and we will witness radical transformation in our health, finances, families and spiritual lives. God bless and encourage you as you meditate and pray on these words!

CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 PETER 5:7 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org