



PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR 2018

The end of one year and the beginning of another is usually a time to look back to what has been and to look forward to what can be or should be possible is also an important exercise.

The prophet Joel, inspired by God, spoke as follows: "I will pour out my spirit on all mankind. Your old people shall dream dreams and your young people shall see visions."

It is important to dream, to try to imagine how, for example. We can help in some small way to make the world a better world. "I have a dream," these words have been immortalized by Martin L. King. The dream was a clear vision of where he wanted to take his people: calling them from bondage to freedom.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, writes about the mystery hidden for all ages in God and which now has been made known to us in Christ. It is the dream or vision of God's plan for the world and the mission of the church in that plan: To unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

On the threshold of the New Year 2018 we greet you and convey our felicitation on this blessed occasion.

We extend our wishes that the New Year will be one filled with faith, hope, love, joy and prosperity for us all. In the year 2018 we are celebrating the 99th Anniversary of New St. John. May this anniversary be an occasion of spiritual renewal and growth.

May our Lord and Savior be someone to whom we can turn to in our weak, joyful and painful moments. May he be our rock, our shelter and our strength. Happy New Year 2018.

Yours Because of Calvary,

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