

The Loco Newsletter

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!!!!



One God, One Savior, One Family

1 Peter 1:3

New Birth

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jeremiah 29:11

Hope for the Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

2 Corinthians 5:17

A New Creation

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Have you decided to make a New Year's resolution this year? What does the Bible say about New Years and making resolutions?

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a new year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. However, if a Christian determines to make a New Year's resolution, what kind of resolution should he or she make? Many people make resolutions to quit smoking, lose weight, quit drinking, be better stewards of our money, spend more time with family, etc. These are all good goals to set but they are in relation to physical things but do not address what we need spiritually.

Many Christians make New Year's resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to attend church more regularly. These are fantastic goals. However, these New Year's resolutions fail just as often as the non-spiritual resolutions, because there is no power in a New Year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself? So, what sort of New Year's resolution should a Christian make? Here are some suggestions: (1) pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) in regards to what resolutions, if any, He would have you make; (2) pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you; (3) rely on God's strength to help you; (4) find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you; (5) don't become discouraged with occasional failures; instead, allow them to motivate you further; (6) don't become proud or vain, but give God the glory. Psalm 37:5-6 says, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Excerpts from "Christianity and the New Year".

Upcoming Events

January 7th: 1st Sunday Meal following morning services. Church Council meeting to follow.

January 28th: Brotherhood

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www.locobaptistchurch.org

Please visit and follow our Facebook pages: Search Loco Baptist Church and Loco Youth Group.
We are also on YouTube- search Loco Baptist Church and follow us.

*Please join us for services on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and
Wednesday nights.*