

“Newness”

2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:4

Introduction

- I. For many of us, the prospect of getting something new is exciting and pleasant.
 - A. Think about children when they get a new toy.
 - B. Also, think about adults when we get a new house or a new car.
- II. “Spiritual newness” should be even more exciting to receive.

Discussion

- I. Christians are blessed to have a new outlook (Heb. 12:1-2).
 - A. We are to be “looking unto Christ”.
 - B. We should not allow ourselves to be distracted.
- II. Christians are blessed to have a new standard (Phil. 1:21).
 - A. We do not look at things the way that the world does.
 - B. Whether living or dead, we are blessed either way.
- III. Christians are blessed to have a new hope (1 Pet. 1:3).
 - A. Our “hope” is not a dead “hope”.
 - B. Rather, it is a “living hope”.
 - C. Each day our hope continues.
- IV. Christians are blessed to have a new purpose (2 Cor. 5:14-15).
 - A. My life is now dedicated to Christ, my King!
 - B. I should diligently set my life in order to Christ's prescription.
- V. Christians are blessed to have a new incentive (Phil. 3:13-14).
 - A. What motivates you?
 - B. For a Christian, we have a great motivator-Heaven!
- VI. Christians are blessed to have a new obligation (1 Cor. 4:2).
 - A. They are stewards of God.
 - B. God has entrusted us to handle things aright.
- VII. Christians are blessed to have a new reward (2 Pet. 3:13).
 - A. Physical earthly rewards are now no longer as important to us.
 - B. We would rather have a spiritual reward that endures.

Conclusion

- I. Isn't it nice to get something new?
- II. We should appreciate how much God has blessed us with newness.