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Having a True “Happy New Year”

How many times in the last few days have you heard these words, “Happy New Year”? Probably far more than you can remember. These words may have various meanings depending on one’s background and their own personal values. Have you ever considered the spiritual aspects and implications of this phrase?

Jesus’ words in the Sermon on the Mount can so easily help us to see that the Bible speaks of happiness, not just at the beginning of a year, but about true happiness every day of the new year.

Jesus began His first recorded discourse with the Beatitudes. The word “beatitudes” is a Latin word for being blessed. In His sermon, Jesus used the word “blessed” nine times. The Greek word found here is far different from the way we usually define the word. When the angel announced to Mary that she was to bear the Son of God, he said, “Blessed are you among women” (Luke 1:28). The windows of heaven had been opened and the favor of God had been poured on upon the virgin. The Greek word the angel used is not the one found in the Beatitudes.

Defining the word blessed in the Beatitudes. The word blessed in Matthew 5:3-11 indicates happiness and joy. Jesus defined the source of true happiness in this first sermon.

Who is the one who is blessed (happy)? What avenue should we follow to have true happiness from heaven?

Have a humble spirit (poor in spirit), not filled with pride

Learning how to deal with grief (those who mourn)

Putting others before self (those who are meek)

Longing to be righteous (hungering and thirsting for it)

Have a forgiving spirit (those who are merciful)

Purity of life and soul (pure in heart)

Sowing peace (being a peacemaker)

Suffering for doing right (persecuted)

Reviled (all kinds of evil falsely said about you)

Look at His conclusion. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad."
Now that's real happiness!

What is the motivation for seeking this kind of a happy new year? Look at the verses again and pay attention to what awaits us: being part of His kingdom here and in heaven (v. 3); being comforted by heaven (v. 4); possessing the earth in a way the ungodly will never understand (v. 5); filled with His righteousness (v. 6); receiving abundance of mercy (v. 7); seeing God (v. 8); being called God's child (v. 9); receiving His kingdom (v. 10); being associated with the prophets and having a great reward in heaven (v. 12). Happy New Year!

*Dan Jenkins
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Sunday Sermon's

AM - Help Me Go to Heaven - John 14:1-3

PM - The Key to a Joyful, Productive Life - Romans 12:12

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
John & Gwen Smith,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley,
Diana McConnell,
Charles & Ruby Malone

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Wayne Warren
Kenton Lancaster,
Bettye Kennon, Marilyn Ferrell



Happenings

South Jackson

January 8

Ted Lingren Memorial Service

January 16

Men's Business Meeting

Cards to Send

Gaylon Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Freeman & Sheila Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Marion Thomas
1020 Denmark Jackson Road
Denmark, TN 38391

Pantry Item

Vienna Sausage

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	48/7
AM Worship	83/15
PM Worship	43/0
Wed Bible Study	41/13
Contribution	2761

Those Privileged to Serve

Jan 2 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - R. Pack, Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Jan 9 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM. - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Freeman Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Freddie Callis

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Joe Venable

Jan 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devotional: Mike Wages

Jan 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devotional: Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM