

2013 RESOLUTION FOR MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
BELIEVERS IN THE UNDESERVED GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

We all make resolutions every year with the intent on fulfilling them. How many of us actually bring them to fruition? Do we make them so outlandish they are impossible to keep, or so impossible for us because the prevailing circumstances in the world around us make it unobtainable?

I would like to propose a 2013 resolution that is totally within our grasp and abilities to fulfill, with the help of our gracious and loving Savior whom we just welcomed into the world again as a baby. We, together, rejoiced at His miraculous birth and sing praises to His holy name.

**MY PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS: (1) with the knowledge that our adversary, Satan, is constantly working to destroy us and direct us away our heavenly goal, (1Peter 5:8)

WHEREAS: (2) we are admonished by our Savior that where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be with them, (Matthew 18:20)

WHEREAS: (3) we are further admonished by Him to continue to grow in knowledge of Him and the undying and undeserved love of the Father, (2 Peter 3:18)

WHEREAS: (4) our Triune God has presented us with a beautiful house of worship to gain this knowledge, be saved thru the gospel in His Word and sacraments and sing His praises, (2 Corinthians 8:9)

BE IT RESOLVED: (1) that we PERPETUALLY engage in prayer to our Triune God for help and guidance away from this father of all lies, (my def: PERPETUALLY; always, in everything we do, say and think) (Philippians 4:6)

BE IT RESOLVED: (2) that we ALL make a concerted effort in this New Year, bestowed on us thru His Grace, to take every opportunity to gather for worship, for use of the sacraments, fellowship and study at this house of worship, (Matthew 12:30)

BE IT RESOLVED: (3) that we DO NOT take His admonition lightly, to continue to grow in knowledge of the glory of God and His promises for our eternity with Him that we can never attain on our own, that we make a decision to join with our brothers and sisters in the mid-week bible studies offered, open and recommended for all, (2 Corinthians 4:6)

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: (4) that we realize that this house of worship is a gift of our Triune God but must be maintained and supported by us, His saints, from a loving and generous heart in Thanksgiving for all He has done for us, an undeserving and sinful gathering (2 Corinthians 8:12)

My thanks go out to my Triune God and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ for the opportunity I have had to serve you in the past and shall be blessed to continue to serve you in the coming months. I wish you all a most glorious and blessed New Year in anticipation of our Lord's return.

Yours in Christ,

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