I Am Resolved

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Text: II Corinthians 13:5

### Intro

1. As one year fades into the archives of history, many people turn their attention to the new year.
	1. Many will make resolutions – most or all won’t be kept.
	2. Resolution: To declare one’s opinion, intent or purpose; determination (Webster’s).
2. Resolutions can be silly & seem to be made in jest – But close spiritual examination is needed!
	1. II Corinthians 13:5: “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?”
3. There are resolutions that must be kept if we are to spend eternity with God!
	1. Resolved: Firm in purpose or intent; determined (Webster’s College Dictionary)
4. In our walk with God there are many things to which we must say, “I Am Resolved!”

#### I Am Resolved: Not to be Charmed by the World

* 1. We should linger no longer because now is the accepted time for salvation!
		1. II Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:1: Saints are “partakers of a heavenly calling.”
	2. However, the world tempts us to linger longer by its delights:
		1. I Jn. 2:15-16: Not to love the world! *(Mt. 6:19-21; Mk. 8:36; Col. 3:2).*
		2. Heb. 11:25; I Jn. 2:17: The world and its “passing pleasures of sin” will one day “pass away” – the one who obeys God will live forever!
	3. Yet, if we set our affections on things that are higher and nobler, they will encourage us not to linger! (II Cor. 4:16-18; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:1-2)
	4. The world and all that it contains will one day perish: Where is your treasure laid up?

#### I Am Resolved: To Follow the Savior

* 1. Jesus came to be not only our Savior but also our Lord:
		1. Mt. 7:21, Lk. 2:10-11; Jn. 20:28: He is our Lord and our God! *(Jn. 14:6)*
	2. It is not enough just to come to Him in obedience (baptism), but we must continue to follow Him as Lord!
		1. Lk. 9:23; Jn. 8:31; Rev. 2:10: We must “continue in His word” and be “faithful until death” to receive the eternal reward!
	3. To that intent, He left us an example that we should follow in His steps (Jn. 13:13-15).
	4. Many follow their own path: Are you resolved to follow after Him each day?

#### I Am Resolved: To Enter the Kingdom

* 1. The kingdom of the Lord is His church:
		1. Mt. 16:18-19; Col. 1:13: Those obedient to the gospel are added to His church *(NKJ: Acts 2:47: The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved)*
	2. One purpose of the kingdom (church) on earth is to sound forth the truth so that the world might hear it and be saved!
1. Eph. 3:8-10; I Thess. 1:8; I Tim. 3:15: The church is the “manifold wisdom of God” and should “sound forth the word of the Lord!” (the gospel = “Good News”)
	1. By living godly lives *(II Pet. 1:5-11)* we ensure our entrance into the “eternal kingdom!”
		1. II Pet. 1:10-11: “The entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.” *(I Pet. 1:4: Reserved in Heaven)*
	2. Many don’t plan on their eternal destination: Are you resolved to enter Heaven?

## Conclusion

1. Nothing wrong with making resolutions, but let us make sure to keep the eternal ones!
	1. Acts 11:23: Barnabas went to Antioch, and “Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord.”
2. Let us all be able to say, “I Am Resolved” to walk “the Heavenly way!”
	1. After telling the saints at Philippi that they were citizens of Heaven (Philippians 3:20-21), Paul then said,
	2. Philippians 4:1: “Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, my beloved.”
	3. I Corinthians 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”
3. If not a Christian, you need to be! Don’t wait for a new year! Repent and be baptized ***NOW!***
4. If a Christian in error, make the corrections needed ***NOW!*** Repent & be renewed!
5. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!