



Parents' Corner

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Happy New Year? Should that be a question mark? Do we have questions about the New Year? Parents, we have the awesome responsibility to give our children hope, love, and peace, no matter what.

How do we do that?

In the New Year we think about new beginnings, new opportunities, new things to learn, to do, and to see. But our last year, 2020, was filled with unusual experiences, and many are unable to say it was a "Happy Year"! This might cause us to wonder about the New Year 2021.

As usual, God has a solution for our dilemma. In Isaiah 43:18, *"The Lord said, forget about what happened before and do not talk about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it?"*

Why did the scripture end with a question? Maybe it's because we don't see it. Are we looking at the NEW thing God does every day?

The Bible says that if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Do you see yourself as New? Let's rejoice and be thankful Christ makes us New.

The Book of Lamentations reminds us God's mercies are New every morning. (Lamentations 3:23) God's mercy is a love that is there every day. Mercy means God's forgiveness is there, unexpected and unmerited, every day. So, we can forget yesterday and receive something New every day from God.

Science tells us that literally trillions of NEW cells are formed in our bodies every day. Our wonderful body God has made is continually renewing itself. How often do we thank God for our New body every day? God wants us to have the assurance that no matter how much evil and suffering and futility we see now, He will make all things New.

Revelation 21:5 says, "Look I am making everything new." He also said, "write, because these words are faithful and true."

See yourself as a New Creation every day!
See the New mercies God sends every day!
See the new cells forming in your body every day!
Every day brings a fresh start!
God is making all things New, including you, me, all of us!

This year let's ask God to renew our minds that we may see the NEW thing He does every day!!

Happy New Year!