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Bible Study Outline
11:00 AM

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Subject: **"Adopting a New Year Spiritual Resolution" Part I**

Introduction: According to the History Channel Network, "the ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions, some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the New Year – though for them the year began not in January, but in mid-March, when the crops were planted. For early Christians, the first day for the New Year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future."

Adopting a New Year Spiritual Resolution is about making more of a commitment to becoming more spiritually connected to God than ever before. In the process of adopting spiritual resolutions, practical and attainable goals must be put in place in order for the process to be effective. Over the next several weeks, biblical passages will be used to assist us in adopting our spiritual resolution

Scriptures: Philippians 3:5-11

Points to Ponder: Paul's spiritual resolution is...

- to know Christ better.

- to have greater Faith.

- to become more like Christ.

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Bible Study Motto/Creed

"Bible Readers MAKE Bible Believers. Bible Believers MAKE Strong Christians.
Strong Christians MAKE a Strong Church. A Strong Church MAKES a better city, state, and world."