

## “ All Things New ? ”

*“Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am your God. Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord.*

*If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.*

*I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.*

*I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you. You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.” (Leviticus 26: 1-10)*

**As we march forward into a brand new year, many people have or will make plans to change something in their lives that they recognize as not being as it should be. They plan to make a resolution with all intentions of sticking to it. But then the world invades our good intentions and we “forget”.**

**Resolution:** The dictionary says, “The act of determining. Something that is resolved. Resolved means ‘marked by firm determination’. A synonym is ‘faithful’.” A resolution is a “covenant” that we make with great intentions of keeping it forever.

When we read the passage in Leviticus we see that God is making a commitment to us as well as the Israelites. He desires to keep us safe and to help us prosper and be fruitful in His kingdom. This pledge is not only for us but for His church, the body of Christ. We must be resolved to “be in Him” and “He in me” for this to be possible. We must be “a new person in Christ”.

**My New Year's Resolution** is a daily reminder to *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.”*

**WHAT IS YOUR RESOLUTION GOING TO BE ?**