

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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## The observance of days—New Year's

“Happy New Year's,” has rang forth from the mouth of the world. We are now in year 2015, but what does it mean to us as Christians? How does New Year's Day and Christianity fit together?

Along with the newness that a new year brings, we embark upon a different type of lesson this year. This year we will study the holidays. What is in these holidays in the first place? What is in the celebration of these events? And, what can we learn from them?

New Year's is special, it serves as a reboot button for most people. It allows you to reset your life, start fresh, and forget all of that which you failed to do. Although we as Christians need to be very careful what we take from the world. We can, and should, learn from this. Each one of us should understand what it means to forget the past, and move forward a new.

Along those lines we know that New Year's brings in the new and kicks out the old. In the same manner, Christ brought the New Law and the Old Law went away; as a Christian coming out of the water, the Old Life is gone and a New Life began.

The Bible is filled with newness. Whether it be the new law or a newness of life there is always something new. Just what does the Bible teach about newness? "Happy New Year's!"

## The Observance of Days New Year's Day

- \* The observance of days, months, seasons, and years  
    'paratereo' - to inspect alongside; the religious observance of
- \* New Year's Day—What you didn't know  
    2,000 & 4,000 years ago it was a pagan holiday  
    What's in the celebration of this day today?
- \* New Year's—Out with the old...  
    We were once “Gentiles” in the flesh.
- \* New Year's— ...In with the new  
    We are now a new creation—A New Man
- \* Old Law and a New Law  
    The handwriting of requirement was against us.  
    But now, we are delivered from the law to a new.
- \* When do we celebrate this newness of the law?  
    At the death of Christ on the first day of every week.
- \* How do we celebrate His death?  
    With the partaking of the Lord's Supper
- \* When do we celebrate this newness of life?  
    At baptism
- \* How do we celebrate His death?  
    Walking faithful until death.