

# The Observance of Days

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## Galatians 4 : 4 – 11

“...You observe days and months and seasons and years.”

‘paratereo’ - to inspect alongside, that is, note insidiously or scrupulously; to neglect nothing requisite to the religious observance of

## What is New Year's?

New Year is the time at which a new calendar year begins and the calendar's year count is incremented. In many cultures, the event is celebrated in some manner.

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You probably didn't know

4,000 years ago, New Year's was celebrated in March, as a pagan holiday of the Babylonians for the festival of Atiku.

In 46 B.C. the Julian calendar moved New Year's to January 1<sup>st</sup> honoring Janus, the Roman god of beginnings.

In the middle ages, the Christian churches removed many of the Roman festivals due to their pagan rituals. New Year's Day was moved to differing days around the world.

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar became the standard calendar. January 1<sup>st</sup> was chosen as New Year's Day.

The Anglican and Lutheran church to this day still celebrate this day as the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ.

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What does New Year's bring?

Out with the old and in with the new.

With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book,  
waiting to be written...

Melody Beattie

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Out with the old...

Ephesians 2 : 11

“...you, once Gentiles in the flesh...”

Ephesians 4 : 20 – 22, 25a, 28a, 29a, 30 – 31

“...put off...former conduct, the old man...put away lying...steal no longer...no corrupt word...do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking...put away...”

Colossians 3 : 5, 9

“...put to death...fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry...do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,”

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...In with the new

Galatians 6 : 15

There is no avail without Christ – for we are a “...new creation.”

Ephesians 4 : 20, 23 – 24

“...be renewed...put on the new man...”

Colossians 3 : 10, 14

“...put on the new man...put on love...”

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## Old Law

Colossians 2 : 13 – 14

“...the handwriting of requirement...”

## New Law

Romans 7 : 6

“...now...delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by...we should serve in...newness of the Spirit...”

Hebrews 8 : 8, 13; 9 : 15; 10 : 20; 12 : 24

“...new covenant...a new and living way...”

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When do we celebrate this newness of the law?

“...having nailed it to the cross.” Colossians 2 : 14

Hebrews 9 : 16 – 17

“...the death of the testator...in force...after...dead...”

At His death

When?

“...when you come together as a church...in one place...”

I Corinthians 11 : 18, 20

“...the first day of the week...break bread...” Acts 20 : 7

How do we celebrate His death?

I Corinthians 11 : 23 – 26

“...you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.”

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When do we celebrate this newness of life?

“...having nailed it to the cross...” Colossians 2 : 13 – 14

I Peter 3 : 21

“...an antitype which...saves us – baptism...”

At Baptism

When?

“...walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

Ephesians 4 : 1

“See then that you walk circumspectly...” Ephesians 5 : 15

How?

Revelation 2 : 10

“...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”