

# NEW YEAR'S EVE



## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17,

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

<sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

<sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Philippians 3:12-14,

“<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”



2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

# A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

**New Life** ➔

➔ **Old Life**

**NEW YEAR** ➔

➔ **OLD YEAR**

What do we want to see happen in 2024?

What things need to change in 2024?

## **Hope is Connected to Our God**

**Romans 15:13,**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

## **Hope is Connected to Our Faith**

### **Hebrews 11:1**

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

## **Hope is Connected to Our Resurrection**

### **Acts 23:6**

“Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”

## **Hope is Connected to Our Sharing Faith**

### **1 Peter 3:15**

“ . . .in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”



WHILE WE CAN'T MEET  
AS A CHURCH, WE CAN  
**BE THE CHURCH**



## **Titus 3:5-7**

“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

**What the world needs now is love, sweet love,  
It's the only thing that there's just too little of  
What the world needs now is love, sweet love  
No, not just for some but for everyone”**



## **John 3:16-17**

*“God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”*

*“For this is how God loved the world, that He gave His one and unique Son, that whoever believes in Him will never perish but have everlasting life.”*



## **Matthew 5:43-45**

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’*

*But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.*

*He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”*

Tony Campolo & Bart Campolo  
National Bestselling Author Humanist Chaplain at USC

# Why I Left

# Why I Stayed

Conversations on Christianity Between  
an Evangelical Father and His Humanist Son

**Guilt**

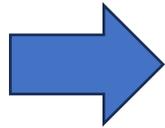


**Anxiety**

# Guilt



**Dead Duck!**



Anxiety





# Gratitude



*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you were  
called to peace. And be thankful*

*(Colossians 3:15)*

*“A proud man is seldom a grateful man,  
for he never thinks he gets as much as  
he deserves”.*

*Henry Ward Beecher*

# Thanksgiving

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

([Philippians 4:6](#))

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

**(Colossians 3:15)**

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

**(Colossians 3:17)**

## Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

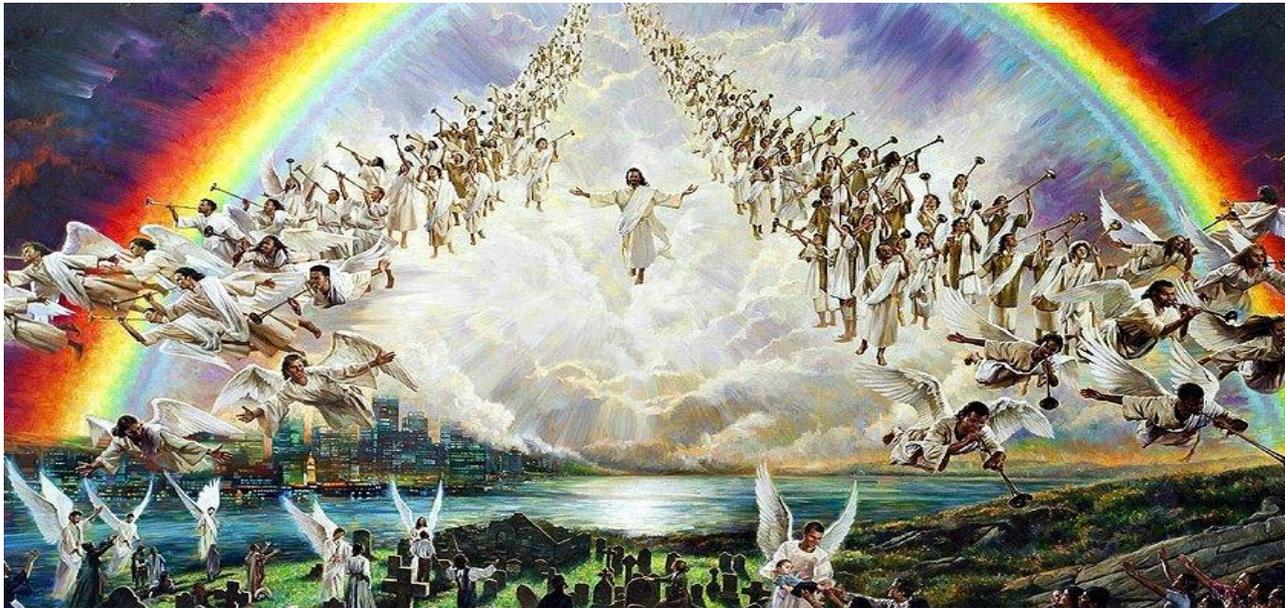
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Behold, I am coming soon!  
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the  
prophecy in this book.”



## Verse 17

“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”  
And let him who hears say, “Come!”  
Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes,  
let him take the free-gift of the water of life.”  
Jesus says, “Yes I am coming soon.”



And all God's people say,



“Amen. Come Lord Jesus!”

*A New Year* IS GOD'S GIFT

IN THE JOYFUL MOMENTS  
THANK HIM

IN THE BUSY MOMENTS  
BLESS HIM

IN THE TRYING MOMENTS  
TRUST HIM

IN THE QUIET MOMENTS  
PRAISE HIM

