

HOW TO \_\_\_\_\_ LIVE IN THE NEW YEAR  
The Epistle to the \_\_\_\_\_

Intro: This is the last Sunday of the 2017. I imagine we have done some reflection back over this year. In our reflecting we may have been reminded of things we wish we had done differently, \_\_\_\_\_ we wish we had not said, actions we wish we had not committed, \_\_\_\_\_ we wish we had not fallen into, and sins we wish we had not committed. As with any year, there are \_\_\_\_\_ we did not attain, and commitments we did not keep. If we enter 2018 carrying a bag filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ of 2017 we will begin a new season in our life headed in the wrong direction. We are commanded to move forward with great anticipation of spiritual success (Cf. 3:12-14) God is a God of mercy and grace, and with the beginning of a new year, we are \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity for a new beginning. So, how do we start the New Year correctly? (Here is a summary of what we will look at over the next several Sunday mornings.)

I. In Chapter 1 Paul is

- A. Rejoicing in the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Philippian believers Vs 1-10
  - 1. God \_\_\_\_\_ the work in us at salvation Vs 6a
  - 2. God will \_\_\_\_\_ the work in us throughout our life as a believer and at the resurrection Vs 6b
- B. Rejoicing in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel Vs 11-18
- C. Remembering his \_\_\_\_\_ for living Vs 19-30
  - 1. To live is \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 19-21
  - 2. To \_\_\_\_\_ to others in Christ Vs 22-26
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ the believers at Philippi to remain faithful to Christ Vs 27-30

II. In Chapter 2 Paul is

- A. Pointing the believers to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 1-11
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the believers to live a Christ-filled life Vs 12-18
- C. Providing \_\_\_\_\_ about those they knew who were walking examples of the Christ-filled life Vs 19-30

III. In Chapter 3 Paul is

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ on his purpose in life Vs 1-11
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Vs 1
  - 2. Reminding them of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy Vs 2
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ on his accomplishments in the flesh Vs 3-6
  - 4. Reevaluating those accomplishments in light of the Christ-filled life Vs 7-11
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ how he lives his life daily Vs 12-14
  - 1. Reality tells him he is far from \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 12a
  - 2. Recognizing imperfection does not mean \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 12b
  - 3. (Paul) \_\_\_\_\_ his pattern of living Vs 13-14
    - a. His past is his \_\_\_\_\_, and he cannot change it Vs 13a
    - b. His past he will \_\_\_\_\_ from, but he determines not to \_\_\_\_\_ it Vs 13b
      - 1. He will not remember his past so as to be a destructive \_\_\_\_\_
      - 2. He will learn from his past and apply life's \_\_\_\_\_ to the future
    - c. He will face the future with an ever present \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ Vs 14
      - 1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ for living—the goal Vs 14a

2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in living—the high calling of God Vs 14b
3. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ to live for—Christ Jesus Vs 14c

IV. In Chapter 4 Paul shares his closing remarks

- A. Make rejoicing in the Lord the \_\_\_\_\_ priority Vs 1-7
- B. Manage their thinking \_\_\_\_\_ by Scriptural guidelines Vs 8-9
- C. Maintaining a \_\_\_\_\_ for their thoughtfulness Vs 10-20
- D. Making final remarks Vs 21-23

Concl: Lamentations 3:21-26 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. 24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. 26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.