

## **FROM THE PASTOR:**

### **Happy New Year! -- January 2010**

Glory to God! It's a New Year already. How time flies when you're having fun!

This is a time when people traditionally "look back" to see how well they have done in the previous year. It's a time when we evaluate our performance—could we have done things better or did we do alright? Well, I hope you accomplish every goal for 2009. In fact, I hope you exceeded them!

The beginning of a new year also challenges us to look ahead. What can we accomplish in 2010—a new decade!? The Apostle Paul, (writing from prison by the way) reminds us, "we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength" (Philippians 4:13).

Now is the time to set your mind on the things of God. Now is the time to make quality decisions concerning your walk with Jesus. Now is the time to become all you can be in the Lord. When trials & temptations come—and they will come. When disappointments come—and they will come. When pain, sin & sorrow come—and, likewise, they will come.

When you feel the effects of this sinful world— that's not the time to start spiritual disciplines—that's the time you need to use what you developed before the difficulty came! We are like spiritual athletes. We have to do the physical, mental, and spiritual preparation before we face the opponent.

So be determined! Get Ready! Start Now!

Get Connected with Jesus and truly become all you can be in the New Year.

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