

As we reflect on Jesus' victory over death this Easter-

Let's consider what Jesus offers us when we desperately need our own new beginning.

Proverbs 24:16

It's one thing to fall down, and all believers do from time to time...

It's another thing to not get up!

One of the biggest factors that keeps many from serving God like they should is guilt.

The problem is we are looking backward instead of forward.

Luke 9:61, 62; Philippians 3:12-14

Just do this—tell God you are sorry and then start over.

Get back up and serve Him with all your heart.

The past has passed and can't be changed, but your future is unwritten.

God loves you just as you are – and he loves you too much to leave you that way!

Psalm 103:12-14

God still wants you! He's there all the time.

He is ready for you to have a new beginning – Are you ready?

Consider the requirements for a successful new beginning!

I. A CLEAN SLATE

Colossians 1:19-21; Colossians 2:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 1:8-10; Proverbs 28:13

A fresh start without a clean slate won't last.

Two Conditions Must be Met.

- Taking Responsibility.
- Changing Direction.

A fresh start is starting over with a clean slate!!!

II. A NEW GAME PLAN

Proverbs 3:1-7; Hebrews 11:6; Joshua 1:8, 9

A fresh start without a new game plan always produces the same old results.

God's ways are often counter intuitive. [they don't fit human logic.]

The Big Decision: Do I trust God's advice or my best judgment?

III. POWER TO KEEP GOING

Philippians 2:12, 13; Ephesians 1:18-19; Philippians 1:6

A fresh start without power to keep going is just a good intention.

When Jesus died the message that came to the disciple's heart was, "Jesus is defeated."

But 3 days later, the message they received was, "Jesus is victorious over death."

Christians around the world celebrate the glorious truths that----

Jesus Christ arose! He lives! We serve a living savior!

You may have stepped back from following Jesus.

You may have grown cold in your relationship with Him.

You can get back up and have a clean slate!

You can have a new beginning today!

God is calling us to make a decision right now!