

## **A New Beginning**

### **Matthew 28:1-6**

As we reflect on Jesus victory over death this Easter-

Let's not only look at what happened that day.

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

A new beginning - it's something we all need from time to time.

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

It's another thing to not get up!

### **Proverbs 24:16**

...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.

### **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.

### **Psalms 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. WE NEED A CLEAN SLATE**

### **Colossians 2:13-14 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Proverbs 28:13**

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

Two Conditions:

- Taking Responsibility.
- Changing Direction.

## **II. WE NEED A NEW GAME PLAN**

### **Proverbs 3:5-7 - Hebrews 11:6**

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. WE NEED POWER TO KEEP GOING**

### **Philippians 2:13 - Ephesians 1:18-20 - Philippians 1:6**

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

When Jesus died the disciples were overcome with defeat.

But 3 days later, they realized Jesus is victorious over death.

Today, we celebrate the glorious truth that Jesus Christ arose from the dead.

The victory that God has purchased for us still applies,

You don't have to feel defeated...

you can get back up and have a clean slate!

Just don't fail to begin today with A NEW BEGINNING.

It's your choice. It's your move.