

Sermon Title: New Year. Same God. 1.4.2026

Themes: New year, new day. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: How is God working in and through you?

Introduction: A new year is a great opportunity to reboot our lives: to drop bad habits and to pick up good ones. Write down the most memorable or precious moments of your life. Life really comes down to moments of living. Let's resolve to get to know Jesus more this year so we can seize the special moments He has waiting for us. How? We do that by reading His Word. Why? Because Jesus is the Word incarnate! **John 1:1–4**.

Sermon Points: Here are five scripture references to encourage us in our commitment to trust in the Lord, experience the joy of our salvation, and to walk with Christ in 2026. They help us to have a fresh start for a new day.

1. God is always doing new things. God calls us to remember His Word not so that we get stuck in the past but so we can carry His instructions into the future. God will continue to build your future and create new things for you until the moment you step into eternity. **Isaiah 43:18–19**.

2. God is faithful and merciful. **Lamentations 3:22–23.** Don't despair this year! God's love is steadfast. The calendar may change, but His faithfulness never does.

3. Allow God to renew your spirit. **Ephesians 4:17–24.** Resolve to live according to His righteousness.

4. There is a time for everything. **Ecclesiastes 3:11.** This is our time. Yesteryear was our parents' and grandparents' time. Tomorrow will be your children's time. Make the most of the time you have been given. You won't get it back. You can recycle tin, but you can't recycle time.

5. A fresh start, a new birth, and a real future. **1 Peter 1:3–4.** Christ made the way.

Here are two ways we can allow the Lord to do a new work in our life in this new year:

1. Don't ask God to bless your plans—hand Him the pen. He is the perfect Creator. Ask Him to design the year. **Proverbs 16:3**.
2. You cannot run well while looking back. Grace gives you permission to let go and press on with purpose. **Philippians 3:13–14**.

New year. New day. Same God. Focus on renewing your faith-walk with the Lord. Get a fresh start to a new year.

Reflection: Lord, author something new in my life in the new year.