

**INTRODUCTION: NOT JUST A NEW YEAR**

**I. ACKNOWLEDGE INEVITABILITY OF NEWNESS** (Gen.8:22; Ps.90:12; 104:22f; Eccl.12:1f)

**II. CONSIDER BRAND NEW & OLD RENEWED** (see Rom.4:17 & Ps.51:10b; Col.3:10 vs. 2Pt.2:20f)

**III. EXAMINE YOURSELF: POSITIVE & NEGATIVE NEWNESS** (Ps139:23f; 1C.11:28; 2C.13:5)

**A. LEARN, KNOW AND USE THE INFALLIBLE STANDARD IN SELF-EXAMINATION**

(2Tm.3:16,17; 1Cor.2:13; Ps.19:1f,12f; Zech.8:16; Jn.5:30; see Ezra 10:7; see *Catechisms* on 10 Commandments)

**B. EXPECT NEGATIVE NEWNESS** (Rom.7:23; Gal.5:17af /Rev.12:9f; 1Pt.5:8; Eph.2:2; 6:16 /Mt.24:12; Rev.2:4)

**C. EXPECT POSITIVE NEWNESS** (Rom.6:4; 7:23; Gal.5:17bf; see Eph.1:15-23; 2:5f; 3:15f; 4:20f; c.5,6)

**D. EXPECT COMPLETE NEWNESS** (1Cor.15:50f; 2Cor.4:16f; 5:17f; Phil.1:6; 3:7f; Rev.21:5)

**IV. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-ASSESSMENT** (Ps.90:12; Lam.3:40; 1Cor.11:28; 2Cor.13:5; Gal.6:4; see Ps.26:2; 139:23f; 1Cor.4:3f; 1Th.2:4)

**V. ANSWER THE SUMMONS TO RENEWED DILIGENCE** (Lam.3:40; Phil.3:12f; 1Th.4:1,10; 1Tm.4:15; see Eph.6:13; note: change, persevere, grow; in each of these, “from Judea...”; Acts 1:8)

**VI. SEEK THE TRINITARIAN PROVISION** (Lk.11:13 & Rom.6:4f(Acts 4:12; 2Cor.5:21; Col.3:9f,5ff) & Gal.5:17f; Acts 2:38,42; note: *from & in & by, through*)

**VII. BE ASSURED FOR CONFIDENT EXPECTATION** (Lam.3:21-23; Eph.1:17f; see Phil.1:6; 1Pt.2:2; 2Pt.3:18)