

I Am Resolved

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:15-23

Invitation Song: "I Am Resolved"

1. This is the time of year that many people pause to think about and make resolutions for the new year.
 - A. Others don't ever bother with it.
 - 1) Perhaps they know that they will never be committed to whatever resolution they make.
2. But, if we think about it, Christians ought to be resolution making people.
 - A. The sayings of Jesus and the apostolic letters are all about His followers resolving to make changes in their lives.
 - 1) That certainly is the meaning of repentance.
3. As a new year begins, let's make some resolutions ourselves.
4. Let's take a look at words from our hymnal, "I Am Resolved."

I Am Resolved No Longer to Linger, Charmed by the World's Delight

1. The world that we live in has a lot to offer.
 - A. Pleasures and recreation are everywhere around us.
 - 1) Many strive for all the fun and enjoyment possible.
 - 2) However, in many cases, what one grabs for soon grabs us!
2. What should our response be to the world's delights?
1 John 2:15-17
3. Peter reminds us of the fate of the world and our response.
2 Peter 3:10-14
 - A. There are things higher, nobler to aspire to than merely the material and sensual pleasures of this world.

I Am Resolved to Go to the Savior, Leaving My Sin and Strife.

1. The reason we, as Christians, go to the Savior is simple.

A. Peter said:

John 6:68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

B. Everything He says is geared toward making us more holy and devoted to our heavenly Father.

2. That means we must be resolved to live sinless lives.

A. It is unfortunate that some people think “I can always repent tomorrow”

James 4:14, 17

Hebrews 3:12-13

3. Sin, willful or otherwise, is the great separator of man and God.

A. We must strive daily to make sure we put it all behind us!

I Am Resolved to Follow the Savior, Faithful and True Each Day

1. There is no one else that can offer what Jesus offers to us.

Acts 4:12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

2. He is all authority, all powerful, all loving and is our only hope for our full and final victory!

A. But victory will only come if we resolve to live diligently Devoted to Him in COMPLETE obedience.

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him

Colossians 1:21-23

Revelation 2:10 “.....Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

3. All these speak of DAILY faithfulness, not a “Sunday morning only” Christianity!

A. Just as He is faithful to us, He desires consistent faithfulness to Him.

I Am Resolved to Enter the Kingdom

1. This, dear brethren, is what it's ALL about.

A. We, as Christians, have a hope and longing for heaven!

John Dyer:

"A man may go to heaven without health, without riches, without honors, without learning, without friends; but he can never go there without Christ."

"HEAVEN – Don't miss it for the world!"

2. This is a resolution that must take priority over ALL else.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

A. We must have determination, firmness, and stability in our decision to walk daily with Christ.

3. We WILL be met with opposition, maybe even from those whom we love, but we must be resolved to remain strong!

Matthew 10:32-39

2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

A. There will certainly be a cost to our discipleship but the rewards will outweigh anything that we must endure.

Romans 8:16-18

Conclusion

- 1. Won't you be fully and completely resolved to live for Christ?**
 - A. Each one of us must make this decision for ourselves.**
 - B. The right decision followed by the right action will result in salvation!**

- 2. As we sing this invitation song, let the chorus remind you of the blessings of your resolve.**
 - A. Be "glad and free!"**

Invitation

Place

Date

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