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## **New Life for the New Year**

**A man approached a woman in a restaurant and gleefully exclaimed, “Dorothy! It’s so good to see you! I see you have a new look. I like the new color of your hair. Your new hairstyle becomes you. And I’m impressed with your new clothes and how well they fit you.”**

**As he finally quit gushing, the woman said, “Sir, I think you have mistaken me for someone else. My name is Helen.” He immediately said, “Oh, so you now have a new name, too. Wonderful!”**

**As we begin the new year may we be reminded of the newness of life that comes through Christ. “If anyone is in Christ,” Paul wrote, “they are a new creation, the old has passed away, behold the new has come” {2 Corinthians 5:17}. May the new year be one where, with God’s help, we move in ways which bring us closer to how God created us each to be.**

**In Christ's grace,  
*Pastor Deb***