

S.O.H.L. (12/28/09)

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

A New Beginning

If you had to grade yourself on your walk with Christ for the year of 2009, what grade would you give yourself? (Remember, you can't give yourself a grade if you are not walking with Him.) I am referring to those not saved! Now what grade do you think Christ would give you? (Please exclude from the phrase that "**He knows my heart.**") Many this Friday will be in the club(s) bringing in the New Year. Many will be in church with the intent to go to the club after midnight. Many will go to the church with New Years resolutions only to refer back to the life style they are accustomed to. What is your plan and are you truly satisfied with your grade for 2009? For those who are not pleased with their grade, know that I am not writing to condemn you, but to encourage you by simply saying "**you need a new beginning.**"

First, if you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, there is no reason to go any further in this meditation. For the bible says in **JOHN 10:9** NASB – (9) "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

JOHN 14:6 NKJV – (6) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Second, you may be a Christian, but you have a "C" or maybe a lower grade. Maybe your life falls in the category of "U" (unsatisfactory) because of your inconsistent walk with Christ. If you are in this category, you must repent! To repent simply means to acknowledge your wrong doings to Christ and to have a change of mind by yielding to His word. Don't get me wrong, we all must repent on a daily basis because of our sinful nature, but there are those who are living in habitual sin. **JOHN 8:31-32** NKJV – (31) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. (32) And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

JOHN 14:23-24 NKJV – (23) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (24) He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

2 PETER 3:9 NKJV – (9) The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

My brothers and sisters, do not wait until 2010! Make that change now! It is time for a new beginning in your life. We all need improvement in some way or another. Let us be in prayer for all. Do not be deceived that you can go on as is! It is time for **a new beginning.**

SCRIPTURE READING

EZEKIEL 11:19-20

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let God unravel the tangles in your life.

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