



A NEW YEAR

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365 days! New classes at school, new friends, new teachers, new pages, new books. New subjects, new ways of discovering and learning. So much to look forward to Easter, holiday times, and more. A full active year. There is plenty of time, plenty of years, when we are young. For senior citizens, time seems so short, where have all the years gone? Our bodies are not young any more, some aches and pains. We want to make the most of what we have left by the grace of God. Tempus fugit, time flies, were philosophical sentiments

of the Roman poet, Virgil. Oldies understand that Jesus had a different way. He did not count the days, in fact he did not have many. He said, "I have come that you might have life, life in all its fullness." Each year we have days, hours and minutes, to keep us busy, but for the Christian, life is over and above calendar measurement, it is a call to a new way of living every day, and extending to life eternal. Here and now we begin that experience by loving and serving Jesus every day. A happy new year with all the riches and blessings of the new life!

Reflection:

The Psalmist had some special advice for a new year", Lord, teach how short life is that we might become wise."

(Psalm 90:12)

And the promise of Jesus to the faithful. "Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the Kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world."

(Matthew 25:34).