

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

by a Church Member

It's sometimes hard to believe Christmas is over and all the pretty decorations and ornaments are carefully packed away until next Christmas. Here we are, several days into the year 2014. We have wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and meant every word of it. Some people have even made resolutions for the next year. I don't do resolutions any time of the year. Why should I? I already know I can't stick to a healthy diet that is supposed to be so good for me. I'm not a squirrel...I kinda get tired of nuts and berries.

Now that we find ourselves in the New Year, our lives seem to slow down a bit. We can take a deep breath and look around at the beauty of winter. Yes, I see beauty in winter. I realize the cold weather can be tough but there is still so much to enjoy of the world around us. I see beauty in the sight of a red bird at the birdfeeder with a background of snow so white I must shield my eyes. That is only one of the wonders of God's Creation.

A snowy day allows us time to be quiet and breathe deeply of the sights and sounds around us. It's a time to thank God for His Creation and His many blessings. It's a time to come away from the trials of life. It's a time to reflect where we are, and where we want to be, in our Christian service. It's a time to ask the Lord what He would have me do. Not just today, but tomorrow and the rest of the year. It's a time to endeavor to live a little closer to our Savior so that we can receive directions from the One whom we love and serve. God is so good to give us this time to slow down and take stock of where we stand at this phase of our lives. When we spend time in prayer and in His Word, we have His promise He will send His Holy Spirit to show us His Will for us day by day in this New Year.

I believe you will agree that renewal with Jesus is better than all resolutions we might make. One more time, I wish you a Happy New Year! I love you all.