



Matt 2:14

*Fresh
Start*

IN 2021

MAKING THE MOST OF NOW

○ **2 COR 5:14-17**

1. GOD *GIVES* AND *BLESSES* FRESH STARTS.

A. TIME WAS DIVIDED INTO 7 PERIODS

B. 7TH DAY FOR REST AND CALLED IT HOLY.

C. 1ST CALENDAR BEGAN WITH DARKNESS FOLLOWED BY THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY. THERE WAS “EVENING AND MORNING...”

- **2 COR. 5:14-15 FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS US, BECAUSE WE HAVE CONCLUDED THIS: THAT ONE HAS DIED FOR ALL, THEREFORE ALL HAVE DIED; ¹⁵ AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED. (ESV)**

2. GOD LOVES *NEW*. HE HAS DECLARED HIS VIEW IN THE WORK OF JESUS.

- 2 COR. 5:17 *THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. (ESV)*
- **GREEK:**
 - “NEW” - “KAINOS”
 - “CREATION” - “KTISMOS”

3. MY “FRESH START” BRINGS A NEW LIFE-PURPOSE.

- 2 COR. 5:14-15 ... BECAUSE WE HAVE CONCLUDED THIS: THAT ONE HAS DIED FOR ALL, THEREFORE ALL HAVE DIED; AND HE DIED FOR ALL, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES BUT FOR HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE DIED AND WAS RAISED.

4. WE MUST CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE TO LINE UP WITH HIS.

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