



# NEW LIFE

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### The Christian Goal By Vince C. Dorazio

What is a goal? The dictionary describes the word goal as *"an object or end that one strives to attain; the end that one tends to achieve."* Every organization, big or small, has certain goals that they want to achieve in order to stay in business. Without purpose and direction (goals), that organization will eventually cease to exist. Setting goals are important and necessary. Many individuals set goals for themselves, such as achieving a college graduation or higher education; getting a good job; earning good money; attaining financial security, etc. Have you made any goals?

What about Christians? Should they have a goal? What kind of a goal should a Christian person have? And how can they achieve their goal? What is a Christian's purpose in life? While all the goals mentioned above are good, there is one goal that is more important than any other. In my opinion, a Christian should have only one goal in mind. And that goal is **to get to Heaven!** I believe that our only aim in life is to spend eternity with Jesus in Heaven forever and ever!

In fact, that's what Jesus came to tell us. He said, ***"In my Father's house are many rooms and I am going there to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you may be also."*** (John 14:2) As youngsters, we learned that in our Catechism:

**Q.** Why did God make you?

**A.** God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

Ever since the beginning of creation, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's word and were removed from the Garden of Eden, mankind has been trying to reach Heaven and be back in the good graces of God. In creating us, God gave us the will to choose which path to follow in life. The path of obedience which gives us life that leads to heaven, or the path of disobedience that leads to hell. The choice is ours.



St. Paul the Apostle tells us that **“we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** (Romans 3:23) He goes on to tell us that only through Christ Jesus will we achieve salvation, and the path to heaven.

Jesus leaves the glorious heaven to come all the way to earth into a sinful world and gives himself to atone for our sinful way of life, by dieing on a cross. On that cross in Calvary, he takes on ALL of our sins, and God our Father opens the gates of heaven for us to enter and be with him eternally. We read in the Bible that on the day of Jesus’ resurrection *“many of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised and came forth from their tombs and entered the holy city and were seen by many.”* (Matt. 28:53) They were on their way to live in heaven forever and ever. God has done His part, and now we must do our part.

This year thousands of athletes from all over the world will gather together at the 2008 Summer Olympics. They will all have one purpose in mind. Their goal is to achieve one or more of the Gold, Silver, or Bronze medals as they compete for the finish line. While these earthly treasures are good for our egos, we should strive for a higher award; Heaven. St Paul the Apostle says, *“My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize to which God calls me --- life on high with Christ Jesus. All of us who are spiritually mature must have this attitude.”* (Phil. 3:14-15) Matthew’s Gospel quotes Jesus as saying, **“Do not lay up for yourselves an earthly treasure ..... make it your practice instead to store up heavenly treasure. Remember, where your treasure is, there your heart is also.”** (Matt. (6:19-21). What kind of treasures are you storing up?

One way that we can achieve our Christian goal in life is to become more like Christ Jesus. The more we become like Jesus, the more we grow in the Holy

Spirit. We can do this in several different ways.

**FIRST:** We must renew our life daily in Jesus and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Ask the Lord to forgive our sins and give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

**SECOND:** We must read the scriptures daily, so that we may grow in spiritual holiness. “All scripture is inspired by God ...” (2 Tim. 3:16)

**THIRD:** We must be willing and ready to share our new life in Jesus with other people and evangelize. Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matt. 28:19)

**FOURTH:** We must come together often with other Christian people who are of the same mind as yourself. “Do not absent yourselves from the assembly, as some do, but encourage one another.” (Heb. 10:25)

Each of these steps are important to achieve our goal of getting to heaven. By putting Jesus first in all things, we will be on the right path. The fact is that whatever you say or do, you should do for the glory of God in Jesus’ name. Have you put Jesus first in ALL things? If you haven’t, now is a good time to begin.

The fourth step is just as important as the other three. The weekly prayer meeting is a time when we can come together with other Christian believers like ourselves. Here we can share God’s word together, and we can pray for one another’s needs. It is a time that we can freely witness and testify as to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives. With songs of joy and praise we can encourage each other, and hopefully reach our goal in Christ Jesus!

# NEW LIFE RENEWAL

**THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!**

As we approach the summer months, many will be taking vacations from your year long jobs. Some of you will travel to a distant land or maybe to another state in the U.S. Others will stay a little closer to home at a lake resort. Wherever you go on your vacation, remember to take Jesus along with you. Having Jesus along with you will get you through many situations that you may encounter along the way. Enjoy your vacation, and .....

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We continue to receive prayer requests from those who are in need of personal prayers. I ask you to consider adding to your daily prayers all those who are in need of your prayer support. That way we can ALL be praying for each other every day. We have put together the following short prayer that you can offer up to Our God each day.

If you are in need of personal prayer, we would like to add you to our daily prayer requests. Please cut out the form below with your prayer request and mail it to us. We will add your request to our prayer list.

## Please pray for all those in need!



### **Father,**

You know the needs of your people, and we ask that you answer our prayer requests according to your riches and glory.

Send forth Your Holy Spirit to comfort and guide us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.

May our God continue to bless you abundantly with His **NEWLIFE!**



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