

A New Year's Resolution

Isaiah 43:1-3 (and 42:22-25)

December 31, 2006

“ ‘But Now’ are welcome words. Do you see how abruptly Isaiah transitions from our problems to God’s remedy?... ‘But now’ does not signal any change in us. It declares the grace of God. The reason for the ‘but now’ is not even our repentance, but only God himself.”

-Author Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr.

New Year's Resolution: Remember Who You Are!

1. We Are Valuable!

A. Created By God (v.1)

B. Formed By God (v. 1)

Remember: God **does not** make junk!

2. We Belong!

A. Called By Name (v.1)

B. You Are Mine (v.1)

Remember: We are God's **treasured possession!**

3. We Do Not Have To Fear!

A. God is With Us (v.2)

B. God Protects Us (v.2)

Remember: Nothing can separate us from the **love of God!**