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2017 – What a year! BUT...

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Here we are at the beginning of another year. 2017 is behind us and with it were days of uncertainty, sorrow, sickness, loss and tragedy. BUT...there was also much joy, generosity, recovery and love.

As the years pass by, we always want the next to be better than the previous. Sometimes that happens, sometimes not. Then again, it depends on your point of view. We can wallow in the negative or we can rejoice in the positive.

Last year at this time I was so sick from chemo, just getting through a day was challenging. Add to that the loss of loved ones, the illnesses of others, the turmoil in the world and the heartache of life; well it would make anyone want to crawl in a hole and cry. BUT...what a blessing to know that the Lord was with me through it all. From the compassion and caring of my health providers to the understanding and love of a devoted husband, from friends and family who encouraged me every step of the way to the kindness of strangers, I was blessed.

As my health improved and the cancer went into remission, life became so much more joyful. It was at that point that my husband was diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery. Again, we were blessed with wonderful health professionals and the fact that it was caught so early, no further treatment was necessary after the surgery.

What I write in my messages, and articles, comes from my life. Each and every one of you who reads these writings has been through your own ups and downs in 2017. You have had your own losses and tragedies, your own struggles and challenges. BUT...you have also had your own blessings in as many ways. It is up to each and every one of us to decide if we want to dwell on the negative or the positive. As for me, I prefer the positive.

Is 2018 going to be any better than 2017? Who knows! BUT...you can make it the year you want it to be just by knowing that the Lord will be with you each and every day of it!

May you be blessed with love and the peace of our Lord in 2018!

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