

# Be Who You Are://:New Year's Eve

Ephesians 4:17-25

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## [recap]

There are significant days in everyone's life where the past ends and the future begins. These events can be real or perceived, things like graduations, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, even seasons. As we are about to enter into the new year we have the opportunity to take a close look at who we are and who we really want to be.

The fact is though, we already are who we want to be.

## [the set up]

Have you ever made a New Years Resolution? What did you resolve to do and why?

How'd that resolution go?

Why do you think people make resolutions?

Is it possible that people the reason people make resolutions is because they don't like who they really are?

## [a closer look]

Read Joshua 24.1-15

When you read the history of these people, how God has provided for them through out history what are your initial reactions?

Joshua recounts their history and then asks them who they're going to serve, God or the gods of their fathers. Imagine you're one of the people, what would your reaction be? Why?

What would cause the people of God to not want to be the people of God? Why would they choose to serve another god?

**[digging deeper]**

Read Ephesians 4.17-25

Paul makes it clear that if you're in Christ you've been made new. Why do you think that people who have been made new live like they did before they were in Christ?

Can you identify with this? Have you ever lived like this?

What keeps people from being who they really are?

Read 2 Peter 1.3-10

What are your initial thoughts on what Peter says here?

**[getting personal]**

So who are you? Really...Who are you?

Have you been made new in Christ? If so, are you living like it?

What things are keeping you from being who you really are in Christ?

How could passionately pursuing Christ remove those things in your life?

Make some plans on how you will pursue God in 2007