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Revelation 2:5, “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

We are in our second week of January. Have we been able to keep the resolutions we made at the beginning of the year? It’s only been a week and a half, but it’s very possible we have fallen from the new path we were taking. Perhaps within yourself you said you would be at every service, and yet have already missed one or more. Maybe you planned to read the Bible every day, but missed some days.

It’s not too late to start over and get back on the path. Too often, people let falling away from some endeavor keep them from even trying again. I’m so very thankful the LORD permits us to get up from whence we have fallen, repent, and continue on.

As John wrote in the above verse to the church at Ephesus, when we fall, repent, and do the first works. We can start again and begin anew. Maybe you have fallen away from the LORD totally. It’s not too late to repent and return unto the LORD. As long as you have life

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and the mental ability to repent, you can. Peter told Simon in Acts 8:21-22, “²¹Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

When we fall by sinning, we need to repent and pray for forgiveness. The LORD is faithful and just to forgive us. John wrote in I John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We are only a week and a half into the new year. Maybe you have failed on some or all of your resolutions. Whatever you wanted to accomplish, and especially those things for the LORD, repent, pray for forgiveness if sin is involved, and start anew. Today might not be New Years Day, but it can be in the sense that we can start over today just like it’s January 1.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Matthew 15:9, “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

We live in an area where people are generally religious. There is no shortage of religious groups. Even today, on the LORD’s day, they are meeting and worshiping. Is it possible they might be doing this and still be lost? Surely, people mistakenly think, as long as you are sincere, the LORD is pleased.

This is NOT the case. We can be very sincere and be wrong. The LORD wants us to worship Him according to His commandments. Jesus warned of this in the above verse and repeated it in Mark 7:7, “Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.”

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—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard & Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Breanna Riffle, Karen Burd, Betty Franklin, and Rhonda Ford.**

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If you are worshiping according to commandments of men, you are worshiping the LORD in a way that will keep you from Heaven. You must worship according to the Bible. Maybe people are members of groups where tradition, a council, creed, or other commandments of men change what the Bible teaches. You cannot go to Heaven and do this.

Cast aside these teachings of men. Get back to the Bible and the Bible only. Many people claim to “know” the LORD. They attend services, pray, study and do all the things that would seem to make one close to the LORD and certainly know Him. They are worshiping regularly and fervently. Surely such a one as this might seem saved, but as we have seen from the above verses they are not saved if they are following the commandments of men. How can we know that we know the LORD? John answered this in John 2:3, “*And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*”

We are warned in Proverbs 14:12, “*There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” Two chapters later in Proverbs 16:25 almost the exact same words are

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Classes	15	John 13:1-22
Preaching	29	Luke 24 - The first Lord's Day
Contribution	\$1603.00	
Afternoon	8	Romans 10:1-21; Singing (Psalm 8)

Bible Quiz

The two men in shining garments asked those at the tomb, why seek what among the dead?

Last Week's Answer—Blemish (Exodus 11:5)

repeated, “*There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.*” The LORD's way is the only way that leads to life eternal.

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)