

# In the Beginning, God ...!

*In the beginning, God ... (Genesis 1:1)*

I thought that I would begin our new year at the beginning of Scripture – at the beginning of time. Well, actually, at the beginning of God!

I know! I know! God has no beginning and He has no ending. He's infinite!

You don't have to yell at me. I understand. However, there is a "Hebrewism" that is being played here at the beginning of Scripture. It's a statement that gives you and I much assurance. "In the beginning, God ..."

We look at everything around us as being so strong, so stable, so concrete. We have a false view of our world, our lives! But the "Hebrewism" is there to remind each of us that before you and I were ever in existence, there was God! Before the community in which we live was ever even imagined, there was God! Before the United States, before Europe or Africa or Babylonia or any other civilization that feels the strong urge to brag at the longevity of their existence, there was God!

Isn't it amazing on what we emphasize in our lives? And yet, as the New Year begins, we always look for a brand new start! Why do you think that is? I mean, every new year we celebrate a starting over. Things are going to be different this year!

And yet sin still abounds. We quickly go back to our routines with the thought that we knew we couldn't do it!

But, In the beginning, God ...” He was before all of this! He was before there was sin! He is our all-loving, sin-hating God. He was born to annihilate sin. To forever remove it and bring us to the time of the beginning! He died for you and for me so that every moment of every day we have a brand new start; not because the calendar changed from 2016 to 2017. But because God is our beginning ... and it's perfect. It's because His suffering, damnation, death and resurrection continuously gives us that brand new start! You are perfect and unconditionally loved by Him! And now through Jesus – not through a calendar change – we have a brand new start as His holy people!

“In the beginning, God ...” Praise God!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

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