



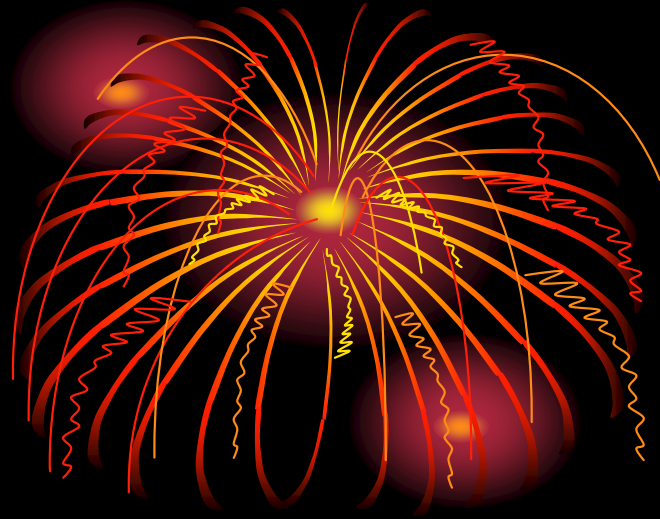
**The Acceptable Year of
the Lord**

2009



“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He
has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty
those who are oppressed; to proclaim the
acceptable year of the LORD”

Isaiah 61:1-2



**How can we make the coming
year an acceptable one to the
Lord?**



- 1. Year of True Repentance**
- 2. Year of Reconciliation**
- 3. Year of Freeing the Captives**
- 4. Year of Fulfillment of God's Purpose**
- 5. Year of Renewal of Our Youth**

1. Year of True Repentance



1. Knowing my self:

- “Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart” *Psalms 26:2*
- “Teach me what I do not see; If I have done iniquity, I will do no more” *Job 34:32*
- “The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way” *Psalms 25:9*

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2. Understanding the consequences of my choices:

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these God will bring you into judgment”

Ecclesiastes 11:9

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3. Grieving over my iniquities:

- “I am weary with my groaning; all night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. My eye wastes away because of grief” *Psalms 6:6-7*

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4. Seeking forgiveness and changing course:

- “Return to Me, and I will return to you,”
Says the LORD of hosts. “But you said, ‘In
what way shall we return?’” *Malachi 3:7*



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2. Year of Reconciliation



- **Within my heart:**
 - “Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name” *Psalms 86:11*

2. Year of Reconciliation



- **With those who trespassed against us:**
 - “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord”

Romans 12:18-19



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3. Year of Freeing the Captives



- **My senses:**

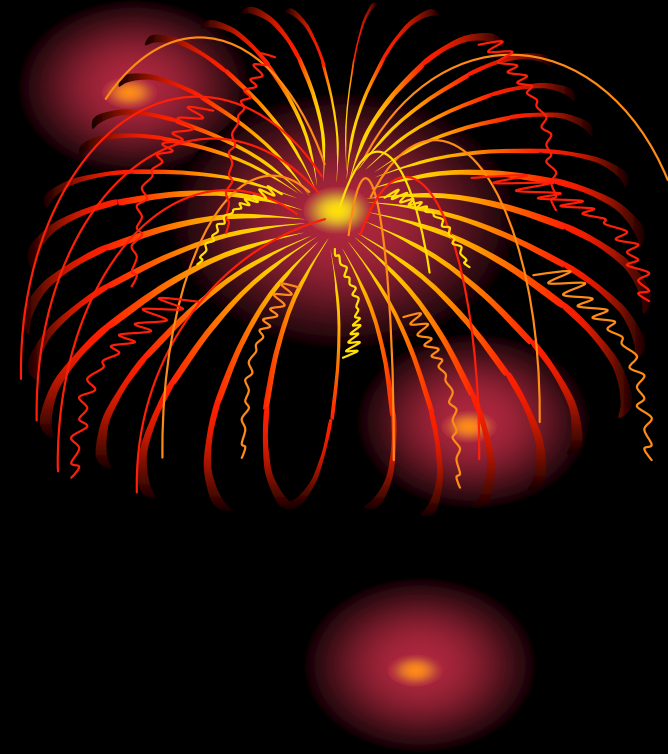
- “I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I **look** upon a young woman?”

Job 31:1

- “My **lips** will not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit” *Job 27:4*

- “The **heart** of the prudent acquires knowledge,
And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge”

Proverbs 18:15



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4. Year of Fulfillment of God's Purpose

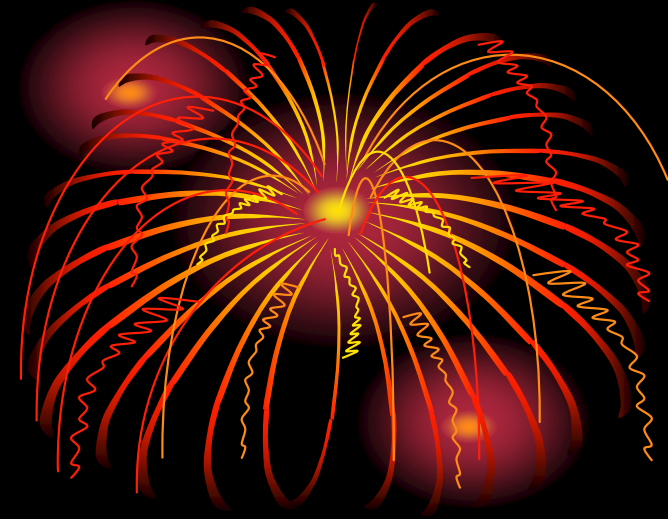


- “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”
Ephesians 2:10
- “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren”
Romans 8:29

4. Year of Fulfillment of God's Purpose



- “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” Galatians 5:13
- “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do” *John 17:4*



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- **“Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s”**

Psalm 103:5

5. Year of Renewal of Our Youth

- To accept to change and try new things
- To believe that God can do anything in your life
- To regain the excitement about your fellowship with God
- To be able to learn and seek to know
- To have the heart that is willing to start again everyday
- To have the will and the energy to get things done





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