

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow. Praise God who is All in All.

My Scripture for this new year is: Romans 11:36 "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen." —As we mature in Christ everything changes. We see with new eyes. We have a different perspective. We begin to realize what is really important in life. All of these elements are present in this one verse. If all things are of Him then I must see Him as my source of all things.

As David wrote: Psalms 23:1 "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

I know that everything God gives is good: James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." Deuteronomy 26:11 "So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you."

Everything that is <u>of God</u> is very good and has been from the beginning. Everything I have ever received from God has been very good.

Genesis 1:31 "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

I am looking forward to the goodness of God in 2016. If it isn't of Him I don't want it. The second part of the verse (Romans 11:36)is that all things are through Him.

John 1:3 "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

Colossians 1:16 "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."

John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

1 John 4:9 "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

Philippians 4:19 "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by (down through) Christ Jesus."

The third part of the verse (Romans 11:36) says that everything is TO HIM.

The first thing I want to give TO HIM is myself:

Romans 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

2 Timothy 4:18 "And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!"

To Him be all Glory, and Praise, and Worship forever and forever.

Romans 16:27 "To God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is: Jude 1:24 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," —— I can hardly wait for the day when Jesus presents us <u>TO HIM</u>; the Father.

Putting is all together then I say it this way: I want everything that is OF HIM! I receive everything that is THROUGH HIM! I give myself along with all I have, including my praise and worship <u>TO HIM</u>.

James 4:8a "Draw near TO GOD and He will draw near to you."

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support. Your Servant in Christ. ><>Wayne Brooke<><