

Jesus Wishes You a . . .

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Two small, red, round figurines are placed on the snow between the words 'HAPPY' and 'NEW'.

(Luke 4:18-19)

Introduction: *Happy New Year, 2022!*

We have given and received Happy New Year wishes to and from people all day, today. And then, I just happened to read this.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me [etc., etc.] to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19)

“Whoa,” I stopped to realize, “Jesus is wishing us a Happy New Year - in the most important way!” And then I thought, “Let me stop for a minute and look closely at his entire sentence here.” And so I did.



I. He has the power to preach a New Year to you!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," (Luke 4:18a; Isaiah 61:1)

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The background of the entire image is a vibrant purple bokeh effect, consisting of numerous out-of-focus circular light spots in various shades of purple, magenta, and blue, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

Happy

II. He has the blessing to preach a New Year to you!

“Because he hath anointed me” (Luke 4:18b; Isaiah 61:1)

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II. He has the mission to preach a New Year to you!

“To preach the gospel to the poor.” (Luke 4:18b; Isaiah 61:1)

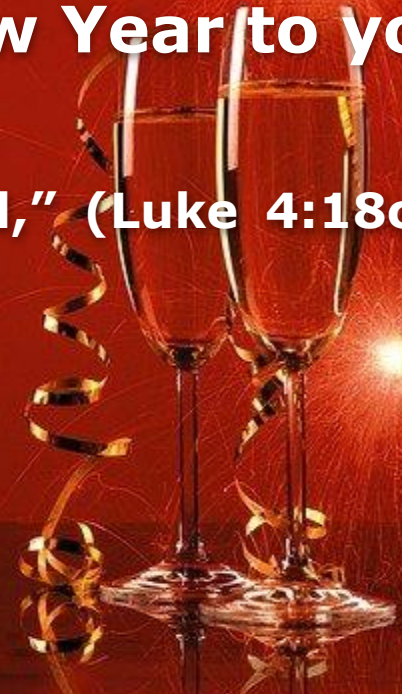
Happy New Year



**Happy
New Year!**

IV. He has the love to preach a New Year to you!

“He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,” (Luke 4:18c; Isaiah 61:1)





V. He has the authority to preach a New Year to you!

“To preach deliverance to the captives,” (Luke 4:18d; Isaiah 61:1)

Happy New Year

A person wearing a white lab coat and a white cap is standing on a ledge, painting the words "HAPPY NEW YEAR" in white, hand-painted letters on a green, textured wall. The wall shows signs of wear and peeling paint. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left towards the wall.

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VI. He has the medicine to preach a New Year to you!

“And recovering of sight to the blind,” (Luke 4:18e; Isaiah 61:1)



VII. He has the keys to preach a New Year to you!

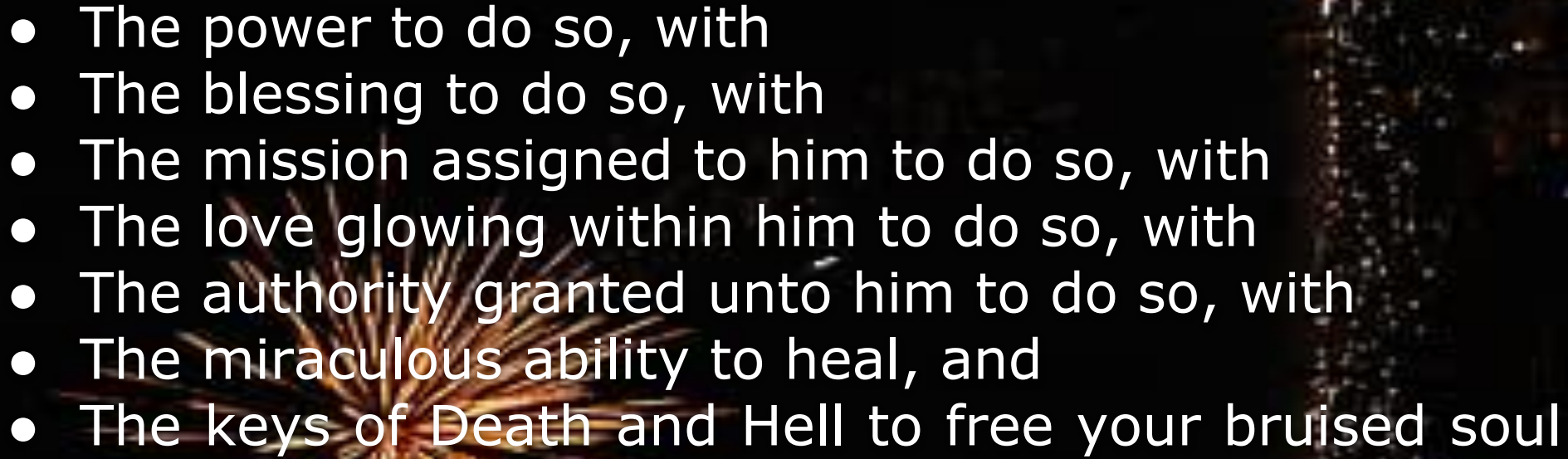
“To set at liberty them that are bruised,” (Luke 4:18f; Isaiah 61:1)

Happy New Year



Conclusion: *And so he does more than "wish" you a Happy New Year.*

The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, who is the Son of Man, who as the Savior of the World could save you from sin right now if you will simply trust him. The Lord Jesus who will most definitely will one day loom above you as your judge, with the "Book of Life" before him (a "Book" that either will or will not have your name written there) - The Lord Jesus with

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- The power to do so, with
 - The blessing to do so, with
 - The mission assigned to him to do so, with
 - The love glowing within him to do so, with
 - The authority granted unto him to do so, with
 - The miraculous ability to heal, and
 - The keys of Death and Hell to free your bruised soul

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The Lord Jesus does not "wish"; the Lord Jesus declares to you, boldly, "the acceptable year of the Lord."

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 61:1-2a)

"And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him." (Luke 4:20)

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