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course is the spiritual. What is the situation of our life in this regard as compared with what it was a year ago. Is Godmore real to you now or is God less real to you now. k Are you more conscious of His presence or arex you less conscious of His-pespresence. I think that is a great thing about having a new year, to stop and compare and think how you felt a year ago. Does God now mean muchar more to you than **k** He did a year ago. Are you much more conscious of His presence. I didn't just pick a verse out at random from the scripture for something to hand hang a thought on to when I looked at this verse. The This month shall be is the beginning of months. There is a reason back of it. If you look into the context you will find that web when God said that to the Israelites He was pointing to the month in which He brought them out of Egypt. He was pointing to the month in which He gave them the Passover. He was to pointing to the time to when He had every man take a lamb and kill that lamb and put the blood on the lintel of the door and when the angel came by he would- did no harm in that house where he saw the blood on the door. New Years should be a time for us when we look back to first principles and see if what He did on Calvary's cors- cross means more to us than it meant before. When we go back and remind ourselves of this fundamental thing. That we have been saved through Him,-the we are on the road to Eternal life and joy with Christ, and if we/just said some words and gone g through some forms and followed along with other ptep people as they have done, we are still on the way to eternal death, and this is the most important thing in all the world and it is the thing which should be at the very foundation of the New Year. Is God, is His salvation, Is Jesus Christ more real to you than ever before . Have you grown in 1963 in your knowledge of Him. Do you love the Bible more than before or is it a more a chore to get out it and study it in order to pass a test. Instead of a joy to k study to see what theLord has

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