

Perhaps 2016

*But one of the elders said unto me, "Do not weep, Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and loose its seven seals."--
Revelation 5:5*

We are beginning a new year and we desire to honor Christ with the days ahead. In Revelation 5, John is shown that no one is worthy to open the scroll except the Son of God. No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth is excellent enough or powerful enough to overcome an evil world and establish God's kingdom. No one except the Lion of Judah will prevail over sin and the devil.

As I thought about the year ahead, my thoughts turned with great anticipation to the coming of the Lord. Could this be the year of Christ's return? There is so much to look forward to—to be pure and blameless, to be physically whole. Our tears will be wiped away and there will be no more sorrow and death. All will have wonderful attitudes and there will be no more physical or mental abuse. There will be no misunderstandings, confused thoughts, or dementia. Imagine the peace and love we will experience. Best of all, we will have limitless fellowship with our precious Savior.

With all this in mind we get excited. But our thoughts may turn to unsaved loved ones. When I was growing up and knew my dad was not saved, I was torn between wanting to be with my Savior and hoping my dad would trust Christ first. As we look to Christ's coming we need to be faithful to pray and to share the good news that the one who is worthy and powerful is the one who loved sinners enough to die for them.

In 2016 let us watch and expect Christ's coming and at the same time be faithful to proclaim the truth.

"We are the laborers in your vineyard, declaring the word of the LORD." --Robin Mark