

# *Happy New Year*

Wasn't 2020 an unusual year? Many are happy to see it be over! We are hoping that 2021 will bring better things!

As we say "Good-Bye" to 2020 let us think about three things that could be considered to make 2021 better.

**REMOVED.** Yes, there is plenty to be removed! We need to simply get rid of a lot of things that have held us back. There are things we have not used that clutter our lives. Perhaps others can use some of the things we need to get rid of. There are things that have happened in 2020 that we need to remove from our lives! As we take inventory (*physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually*) what can we remove to make 2021 better?

**RETAINED.** As bad as 2020 was for many, there are things that need to be retained! We have learned a lot. Whether it was a good experience or a bad experience, we can learn from them. Retain what we have learned. This will make 2021 better.

**REMEMBERED.** After deciding to remove some things and retain other things, what needs to be remembered? Some have lost someone in 2020, remember them! What they added to our lives can be with us forever! Remember things people have said or done for us that have gotten us through 2020. We can use these memories to make 2021 better!

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* **Philippians 3:13-14**

Paul **removed** things that were behind him and **retained** things that he looked forward to! He **remembered** he is not there yet. He will continue to press on!

We can press on to make 2021 better!