

# NEW BEGINNINGS

Bible Class Lesson by Ray Reynolds

## Psalm 51:10-12

### Introduction:

- ✗ Remember the line (“A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens) where Scrooge says, “I’ll be a new man!”
- ✗ What do you think about when you hear the phrase “new beginning”?
- ✗ Have you ever had a new beginning?
- ✗ Why are some people afraid of new things?

### Discussion:

#### I. Our Lord Loves New Beginnings

- A. He offered a new beginning to an adulteress (John 8:3-11).  
→ What did Jesus say to the woman?
- B. He offered a new beginning to Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:1-9, 17-21, 22:16).  
→ Why did Jesus give Saul a new chance?
- C. He offers us a new beginning when we serve Him (II Corinthians 5:17).  
→ When did you experience your new beginning?

#### II. We Should Love New Beginnings

- A. Starting new means improving on the old.  
→ Why do people love the show “Extreme Makeover”?
- B. Starting new means we get a clean slate.  
→ How many of you would like to get a clean slate (relationship, class, etc.)?
- C. Starting new means God can do His greatest work.  
→ Have you ever heard the phrase “God is the Potter, I am the clay”?

### Conclusion:

- ✗ He encourages us to give others a new beginning (Colossians 3:9-10).
- ✗ What happens if we do not give others a chance? What about a second chance?
- ✗ **Philippians 2:13** says, “*For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*”
- ✗ Remember we are not complete until God finishes the makeover!
- ✗ **Philippians 1:6** says, “*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*”
- ✗ You and I are God’s work in progress and He’s not finished with us yet!!!