

New Year's Object Lesson: The Calendar

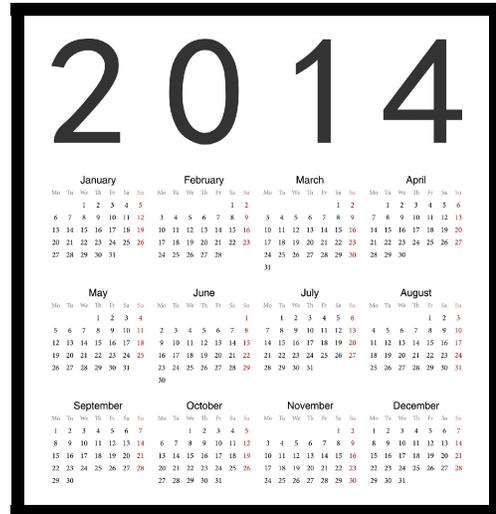
Have a child bring up a large Calendar for the New Year.

Ask the child, "What year is found on that Calendar?" (*2014 or whatever year it is.*)

Ask the Congregation for a show of hands: How many of you have already received new calendars for the new year?

What does that number 2014 mean?

Did you know that every calendar is a testimony to Jesus Christ? The years are counted off because of Him.



Let's think again about that number 2014. Ask child, "What happened 2014 years ago?" Child answers, "Jesus was born." [*I found in our own Sunday School that many children did not know the answer to this.*] Yes, 2014 years ago God sent His Son into the world. [*We realize that Christ was not born exactly 2014 years ago; the calculations are off by a few years, but that makes no difference for this object lesson.*]

So every time an atheist writes a check or writes down the date, he is acknowledging Jesus Christ. And this calendar isn't just used in our country, it's used in practically every country worldwide, even in India with all its religions and in China with its communist God-denying government.

The calendar divides all of history into two parts, **B.C.**, before Christ (before Christ came into the world) and **A.D.** (*Anno Domini*, a Latin expression which means "in the year of our Lord).

And if you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, your life is divided into two parts: **B.C.** "Before Christ" (before you knew Christ as your Savior) and **A.C.** "After Christ" (after Christ has saved you and come into your life).

What a difference Christ has made in our world! And what a difference Christ can make in **your life!** Just make sure that you are not **W. C.** (Without Christ)! (See Ephesians 2:12-13).

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (13) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
~Ephesians 2:12-13

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