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Introduction

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In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Many Christians today do not know what 2 Corinthians 5:17 is talking about. They read the Scriptures, they quote the Scriptures, but they do not have spiritual understanding of what the Scriptures are saying.

In John 1:1 speaking of Jesus it says, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”**

In Genesis 2:7 it says, **“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”**

Then in John 1:12,13 speaking of Jesus it says, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

By being born again, man and God become one. The first man was called **“Adam,”** the Second man was called **“Christ.”** Therefore, God and man became joined together in one man, called Christ. Adam was in the flesh, but Christ is in the Spirit. Romans 8:9 says, **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”**

Christians have two lives. They have soul life (called psuche in the Greek). They also have spirit life (called zoe in the Greek). Christians were born into this world with soul life (in Adam) and when they became born again they received spirit life (in Christ). Now they must choose which life will be in control of what they do while here on the earth?

In many places, the Bible uses terms like the “inward man or the outward man,” or “old man or new man,” or “born of the flesh and born of the spirit,” etc. These are all talking about two births, an old creature and a new creature.

Jesus said in John 3:6, **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”** In this life here on earth we still have both lives, and we must choose which one we will follow, the flesh or the spirit. In Romans 8:5 it says, **“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.”** Romans 8:5 is talking about Christians. Which life will Christians choose to follow? Will they choose the life of the flesh (psuche), or will they choose the life of the spirit (zoe)?

In Romans 12:2 it says, **“...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”** God’s perfect will is that we are no longer conformed to this world.

Before we were born again we were conformed to this world. Those who are still walking after the flesh are still conformed to this world. Those who are walking after the spirit are no longer conformed to this world.

When Christians are no longer conformed to this world, they will operate in the same anointing that Jesus operated in. In John 17:15,16, Jesus said, **“I pray not that thou shouldst take**

them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil...They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” Jesus was in this world, but He was not of this world.

In the new birth (born of the Spirit), Christians are in this world, but they are not of this world. But we still have a body of flesh and bones. We are still in this world to do the will of God the Father. Now, we must learn how to do the will of God the Father from our spirit, rather than from the flesh.

To do the will of God the Father, we must know what it means to be **“in Christ.”** Many Christians today do not have any idea of what it truly means to be “in Christ.” Knowing what it means to be “in Christ” should transform our lives that we will no longer live like the world lives (Rom. 12:2).

Christians are **“new creatures”** in Christ. When we were born again, we became **“a new creature.”** All things became new. The problem that Christians have is in understanding what the Scripture is talking about when it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, **“...all things are become new.”**

Renew Your Mind

Christians need to renew their minds on the Word of God. What the Word of God says is truth, for God cannot lie. Christians are new creatures in Christ Jesus. They are not what they used to be. The old is passed away and the new has come. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Christians are no longer in Adam, but now they are in Christ. In 1 Corinthians 15:22 it says, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** In Christ we have the very life of God dwelling in us. There is no death in the life of God. All death is from the Devil. All life is from God.

Jesus destroyed the works of the devil for us. Now that we are in Christ Jesus, we have spiritual life. This life we have is in the very likeness and image of Jesus Christ, for we are in Him. We are joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). Christ is the firstborn from the dead (Rom. 8:29). We are in Christ (His body here on earth).

Our minds need to be renewed upon the Word of God, to know and understand our position in Christ. We need to understand what God did for us through Christ Jesus. What did Jesus do to obtain our freedom from the works of the Devil?

In Colossians it tells us a lot about what happened when Jesus came into this world to set us free of the works of the Devil. It explains what Jesus accomplished for us. And our position in Christ at this time.

Colossians 1:12,13 says, **“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light...Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”** God the Father made us able to be partakers of our inheritance in Christ Jesus. It is not something we did, but what God did for us in Christ Jesus. God delivered us from the powers of Satan and translated us into the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ Jesus, **“we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins”** (Col. 1:14). We are in Christ Jesus, who is the firstborn of everyone who is born again. Being the firstborn, Jesus **“...is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”** Being we are also born again, we are in Him, and **“...as he is, so are we in this world.”** (1 John 4:17).

“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell...And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven” (Col. 1:19,20). God the Father was pleased by what Jesus did, in reconciling us unto Him, through the blood of His Cross.

Then in Colossians 1:21-23 it says, **“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled...In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight...If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.”**

We were alienated from God, but now we are reconciled to God. Then it goes on to say, **“If**

ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven..." We must continue in the Gospel, which is the Good News of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ.

This was a **"...mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints"** (Col. 1:26). This mystery is only revealed to the saints, which are in Christ. The world still does not know the riches of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The world is still living in darkness, not knowing the redemption that is available to them through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This Gospel should be preached to every Christian, **"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ...In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"** (Col 2:2,3).

This is the Gospel, **"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him...Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving...Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"** (Col. 2:6-8).

Christians need to understand, **"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily...And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power...In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ...Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead...And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross...And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it"** (Col 2:9-15).

Christians need to understand the Gospel according to what it says in the New Testament. The Old Testament was only a type and shadow of the New Testament. Now that the New Testament has come, we should live and walk according to the New Covenant which we have in Christ Jesus.

There are still many in the Churches today who want to bring us back under the Old Covenant and its rituals and ordinances. They were for those who were still in Adam, but we are no longer in Adam. We are in Christ Jesus, who is our righteousness, sanctification, justification, and redemption. These things the Law could not do for those who live by the Law. Because of the love of God all of these are already complete in those who walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

Romans 8:1-4 says, **"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death...For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh...That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."**

The old has passed away, and the new has come. Let us therefore **"walk after the Spirit"**

and not after the flesh. For in the Spirit we are one with Christ Jesus. We are a new creation, created by God in holiness and righteousness. Created to live and move in the very likeness and image of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Body of Christ.

CREATION

In Genesis 1:1 it says, **“In the beginning God created the heaven (heavens) and the earth.”** In John 1:1-3 it says, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The same was in the beginning with God...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”**

Genesis 1:1 is a general statement concerning the creation of the heavens and the earth. In Genesis 1:1 it uses the Hebrew word “elohiym” for God, “which is the plural form of God,” meaning, “more than one person.” Also, Genesis is speaking of the entire heavens, which includes much more than man can see or even imagine. In Genesis 1:1 the word “heaven” should be “heavens,” which is also plural, meaning “more than one heaven and more than just that which man can see or imagine.”

John 1:1-3 is a more specific statement concerning the earth as it is today. This earth as we know it today was created by “the Son of God,” Who is also called “the Word of God.” Everything that we can see on earth and in the heavens was created by the Son of God, Who is also called “Jesus Christ.” In Colossians 1:15-17, speaking of Jesus Christ, it says, **“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature...For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him...And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”**

It is important to understand God as a Creator. God is three persons. In 1 John 5:7 it says, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”** All three are involved in the creation of the heavens and earth.

First God created the heavens and the earth. Then God created angels in the heavens. Then the LORD God created everything mentioned in Genesis, Chapters one and two. This included the creation of man in the flesh. Man was created, using the elements of the earth to form the physical body of man. Genesis 2:7 says, **“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”** This was the first creation of man, which is called the first Adam (man). This is all explained in 1 Corinthians 15:45-49, where it says, **“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit... Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual...The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven...As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly...And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”**

In 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 it speaks of God creating “a Second Man,” in which Christ is the beginning of this creation of Man. Therefore, God did not stop creating new creatures in Genesis. God is continuing to create whatsoever He desires. It tells us that God is also going to create a new heavens and a new earth. In Isaiah 65:17 it says, **“For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.”** In Isaiah 66:22 it says, **“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.”** In 2 Peter 3:13 it says, **“Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth**

righteousness.” In Revelation 21:1 it says, **“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.”**

God is a Creator, and continues to create whatsoever He desires. Even today, God continues to create things, especially new parts for the bodies of people. We call these miracles, but they are creations of God. God creates parts of bodies when they are needed.

Christians need to know God as a Creator of all that is good. God is still creating things, and will continue to create things. Everything God creates is good, even Lucifer, who is now the Devil was perfect in the day that he was created (Ezek. 28:15).

God is Love and God loves to create things. Everything God creates is good and perfect. Genesis 1:31 says, **“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.”** In James 1:17 it says, **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”**

Being that God is a Creator and Jesus Christ also created all things, Christians should also be creators. How is this to be?

Christians are told to *“speak things that are not as though they were.”* In Mark 11:23,24 it says, **“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith...Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”**

This is speaking of something that was not as though it already was. When Christians believe in their heart and speak out of their mouth things that are not as though they were, we shall have whatsoever we say. What we receive is something that was not before we spoke. By believing in our heart, and speaking with our mouth, that which was not will appear.

This is one example of the creative power that Christians have here on earth. Jesus did it, His disciples did it, the prophets and apostles of the New Covenant did it. Therefore, all Christians are told to do it also.

Jesus said, **“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth”** (Mark 9:23). When we believe in our heart and speak out of our mouth those things that are not, they shall come to pass. In Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18 it tells us that God cannot lie. Therefore, we must believe what the Word of God tells us concerning our position in Christ. When we believe in our heart and confess with our mouth whatsoever we say shall come to pass. That is God’s creative power working in and through us to do His good will.

When Jesus first sent out His disciples in Luke, Chapter Nine, and then sent out another seventy in Luke Chapter Ten, He gave them power to heal the sick and preach the gospel of the kingdom, they did what Jesus sent them to do. In Luke 10:17-19 it says, **“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name...And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven...Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”**

The same power that Jesus gave to His disciples has also been given to Christians. The name of Jesus, works for Christians just as it worked for His disciples.

In Matthew 28:18 it says, **“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is**

given unto me in heaven and in earth.” What was given unto Jesus in His resurrection from the dead was also given to Christians, who are His Body here on earth. Christians are joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17). Being joint-heirs with Christ, we share in the authority to use the name of Jesus to destroy the works of the Devil.

In Mark 16:17,18, Jesus said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”** Jesus did not say, it might, or it may, but it will happen. It is all dependent upon believing. If we believe in our heart and then do what Jesus said, it shall come to pass.

Walk after the Spirit

To walk after the Spirit our minds must be renewed on the Word of God. We must think the way God thinks. We must talk the way God talks. Our thoughts and words must agree with God's thoughts and words.

By the Word of God, God creates whatsoever He desires. In the spirit realm, thoughts and words control everything that happens. God created it that way from the beginning. It still operates that way in the spirit realm today. We receive according to our thoughts and the words that we speak out of our mouth.

In Isaiah 55:7 it says, **“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”** God's thoughts are righteous. God's ways are righteous. When God speaks His thoughts, He speaks righteousness, not the thoughts of the ways of the world.

In Isaiah 55:8,9 it explains, **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD...For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** Christians, being in Christ must control their thoughts. We must bring our thoughts in line with God's thoughts, and our ways in line with God's ways.

Christians should be thinking of things concerning heaven and eternity. Colossians 3:1,2 says, **“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”** Christians should be thinking and speaking like God thinks and speaks. God thinks in line with eternity, not earthly. God's thoughts go way beyond earth into eternity in heaven.

Being that God is the Creator of all good things, God speaks things into being, speaking things that are not as though they are. When Christians get their minds renewed to think the way God thinks, and speak the way God speaks then they will walk in love, for God is love (1 John 4:8).

Love destroys the works of the Devil. No matter how much the Devil tries to control what people do, love will change people's lives. God is love and God is Light (1 John 1:5-7). If we walk in the Light we will destroy all the works of the Devil. For Darkness cannot destroy light. Light always destroys Darkness.

Sickness and disease are from the Devil. If Christians will control their thoughts and think the way God thinks, they will speak healing and health and destroy sickness and disease. When Christians talk about sickness and disease they are speaking the words of the Devil. When they talk about healing and health they are speaking the words of God.

This is the same in every area of our lives. When Christians speak of things according to the worlds system, they are speaking according to the knowledge of good and evil. That is the Devil's system, which came upon mankind in the beginning. God's system is Life, from the Tree of Life which was also in the garden of Eden in the beginning. To speak from the Tree of Life, we must speak those things which are not as though they are. We speak into existence that which is not according to our five senses, and the knowledge of good and evil.

God speaks good things, things that edify and build up a person to be like the Son of God. Speaking the Word of God only, and the evil is destroyed by the words spoken.

In everything we do, we need to bring our thoughts in agreement with the written Word of

God, and our speaking in agreement with the will of God for us for all eternity, not just for this world and the things of this world. Religious spirits want us to focus our attention on this world and the things of this world. When we do that, they will have control of our thoughts and what we speak.

Therefore, we are told in 1 John 2:15, **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”** When Christians still love the world, the love of God is not manifesting in their lives. If the love of God is not manifesting in their lives, neither will the righteousness of God manifest. Without the righteousness of God manifesting in our lives, the works of the Devil will not be destroyed in our lives.

The choice is, the love of God and righteousness, or love the world and unrighteousness? Walk in the Light or walk in Darkness? Walk after the flesh or walk after the Spirit?

When our minds are renewed to walk in love and righteousness, casting down all thoughts that do not agree with the love of God and His righteousness, we will see the manifestation of the will of God in our lives and the lives of others. We will speak those things that are not as though they were, and the love of God will destroy all that is not of God.

God is greater than the Devil. God’s love is greater than anything this world has to offer. It is the love of God that brought our new birth into the Body of Christ. Now it is the love of God within us that will keep us unto eternity in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, in 1 John 2:16,17 it says, **“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”** Christians need to focus their thoughts and words to line up with the thoughts and words of God. Then speak those things that are not as though they are. When we believe in our heart the Word of God and speak out of our mouth the Word of God, things will change in our lives and the lives of others around us.

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