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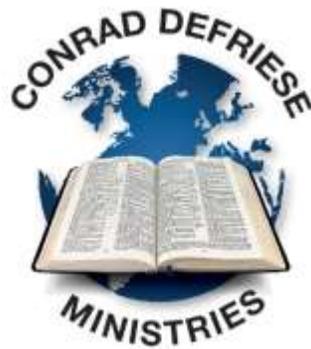


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NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON ONE

## **SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY**

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God created human beings with the capacity to operate in three realms—spiritual, intellectual and physical.

You are a spirit being.  
You have a soul.  
You live in a body.

Understanding the difference between your spirit, soul and body is very important in understanding the Word of God. Your spirit deals with the spiritual realm. It is the part of you that knows God and is God-conscious. Your spirit is the part of you that is born again when you accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. Your soul deals with the psychological realm and is made up of your mind, will and emotions, as well as self-consciousness. Your body deals with the physical realm. It is the house your spirit lives in.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

1. God is the Father of your born-again spirit.

*Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?*

<b>DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SPIRIT AND SOUL</b>	
<b>SPIRIT</b> <i>(Greek Word–Pneuma)</i>	<b>SOUL</b> <i>(Greek Word–Psyche)</i>
Intuition	Guilt
Communion	Worry
Conscience	Defeat
No fear	Anxiety
No guilt	Insecurity
No worry	Immaturity
No condemnation	Inadequacy
Spirit fulfillment	Frustration
Live in the Spirit	Obsessions
Walk in the Spirit	Disappointment
Pray in the Spirit	Discouragement
Sing in the Spirit	Self-examination
Reigning with Christ	Self-righteousness
More than a conqueror	Must be renewed

2. Your spirit, not your soul or body, is the part of you that is made new at the time of the new birth.

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

3. The Spirit of God is joined together with your spirit at the time of the new birth.

*1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

The Spirit of God communicates with your spirit. God is not a mind. He does not communicate with your mind. God is a Spirit. Spirit communicates with spirit.

*Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all inward parts of the belly.*

Your born-again spirit hears from the Holy Spirit and communicates the information to your mind.

4. Your conscience is the voice of your new spirit. The conscience of a born-again person is a safe guide.

*Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.*

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*Romans 9:1 I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me.*

5. When you pray in an unknown tongue, your spirit is prompted, or receives unction, from the Holy Spirit.

*1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].*

The Holy Spirit speaks to your born-again spirit, not to your mind.

6. The major way God leads His children is by the **inward witness**.

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth **witness with our spirit**, that we are the children of God.*

*Wuest Translation*

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself is constantly bearing joint-testimony **with our (human) spirit** that we are God's children.*

*Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God **rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

When you sense peace or a green light inside your heart, that sense is the Holy Spirit guiding you by the inward witness. The Holy Spirit communicates with your spirit. Your spirit then communicates with your

soul (mind, will and emotions). If you look too much at what you know, feel, see or hear, you may not be able to hear with your spiritual ears the voice of your spirit giving you direction from God.

### **KING–SERVANT–SLAVE:**

- Your born-again spirit is to be the king of this trinity—spirit, soul, body.
- Your soul is to serve and obey your spirit.
- Your body is to be a slave and carry out the wishes of your spirit as directed by your soul.

#### 7. Make a decision to serve God with your spirit!

*Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.*

#### *Amplified Bible*

*Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, Whom I serve with my [whole] spirit [rendering priestly and spiritual service] in [preaching] the Gospel and [telling] the good news of His Son, how incessantly I always mention you when at my prayers.*

*Galatians 5:16 This I say, then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

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Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk and live (habitually) in the (Holy) Spirit (responsive to controlled and guided by the Spirit): then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).*

Romans 7:22 *For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.*

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Romans 7:22 *For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].*

Ephesians 3:16 *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*

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Ephesians 3:16 *May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].*

John 4:24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.*

8. Learning to distinguish between your spirit and soul can be difficult in many things in everyday life. The Word of God enables you to make this distinction.

*Hebrews 4:12* For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

9. The saving of your **soul** is a **progressive process**. Your soul is saved, delivered and renewed as you receive and act upon God's Word.

At the time of the new birth, your **spirit** is born again (saved) instantly and completely. Your soul is saved over the rest of your life. Your body will be redeemed, and you will receive a glorified body when the church, the body of Christ, is caught up to Heaven.

**Your mind must be renewed to the Word of God in order for you to enjoy the victory that belongs to you in this life!**

*Romans 12:1* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*2* And 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.

*James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*Amplified Bible*

*James 1:21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.*

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

## 10. Rivers of living water flow out of your born-again spirit by the Holy Spirit.

*John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

*39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Understanding the difference in your spirit, soul and body is essential. Without an understanding of what constitutes your spirit apart from your soul, it is difficult to understand the best meaning of many Scriptures. It is vital that you understand that your soul contacts the natural realm through your five senses. It is your spirit that has direct contact with God. The Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON TWO

**THE LOVE OF GOD  
(THE GOD-KIND OF LOVE)**

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At the time of the new birth (receiving Jesus as Saviour), the God-kind of love becomes a permanent part of your heart. God's love nature indwells you. This love nature, when cultivated, yielded to and developed, will protect, guide and strengthen you in your Christian walk and service to the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Galatians 5:22* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
*23* Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1. There are several different words in the Greek language for love. We will consider four of them: Eros, Storge, Phileo and Agape.
  - a. **Eros** – sexual love; physical love; married love; mutual desire between a man and a woman. This kind of love is found in Song of Solomon.
  - b. **Storge** – a momentary sense of affection; senses the sweetness or innocence in someone; a spark; family love

In the New Testament, Paul describes his yearning for the church. He is describing the storge kind of love.

Many Christians, when they think of love, are usually thinking of the storge or phileo kind of love.

- c. **Phileo** – friendship love; based on the compatibility of likes and dislikes

Each one of the kinds of love mentioned above is dependent upon the person being loved and not so much on the one doing the loving. The person doing the loving is responding to the physical appearance, actions or psychological make-up of the person they are loving.

- d. **Agape** – God's kind of love. This love is based on the one doing the loving and is not based on the actions, appearance or other attributes of the one being loved.

## 2. Human Love

- a. It is dependent on beauty or goodness in its object.
- b. It rests on a sense of need.
- c. It feels poor and empty of itself and requires an object to enrich its life.
- d. It is dependent on the value of its object.
- e. It goes in search of God.

### 3. Agape Love

- a. It is not awakened by beauty or goodness in its object.
- b. It stands alone and is independent.
- c. It is wealthy of itself. It feels no need.
- d. It is not dependent on the value of its object. It creates value in its object.
- e. It is God seeking after man, not man seeking after God.

<b>IMMATURE LOVE COMPARED TO MATURE LOVE</b>	
<b>IMMATURE LOVE</b>	<b>MATURE LOVE</b>
Selfish	Humble
Impatient	Patient
Egotistical	Waits patiently
Disciplines others	Disciplines self
Tries to dominate	Sets free
Demands of others	Gives unconditionally
Wants things immediately	Willing to sacrifice
Focuses on wrongdoings of others	Forgives; overcomes evil with good

### 4. Love is the fruit of your born-again spirit.

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Since love is a fruit, it can grow and develop. It does not reach full maturity overnight.

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Galatians 5:22-23 *But the harvest of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, good-tempered, kindness, generosity, fidelity, gentleness, self-control: there is no law against those who practice such things.*

Amplified Bible

Galatians 5:23 *...against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].*

If you are walking in love, no charge can be brought against you.

**“Spirit”** in Galatians 5:22 refers to the human spirit. The Greek word “pneuma” is translated “spirit” in the New Testament. The translators capitalize the word “spirit” depending on how it is used; but, it is not capi-talized in the original text.

John 15:4 *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

It is up to you to do something to cause love to mature. Feed and act on God’s Word so the love of God will grow and increase in your life.

You received the love of God in your heart when you were born again (Romans 5:5). You do not need to pray to receive love because it is already in your heart.

5. Walking in love is the main commandment of the New Testament.

*John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

*35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

*John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

6. The new commandment of love in the New Covenant is the fulfilling of the law under the Old Covenant.

*Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

*26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

*27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them; saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

*Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*

*9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*

*10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.*

7. In the Old Testament, God wrote His laws on tablets of stone (Exodus 24:12). In the New Testament, God writes His laws in your heart.

*Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

*Romans 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*

*9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

*10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

*Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

8. God has given to every born-again person a measure of the same kind of love that He has.

*Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

You are to forgive others the same as God has forgiven you. The only way you can do this is with the same kind of love that He has. Walking in the love of God is a choice!

9. Walking in love gives you assurance that you are born again.

*1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

*1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

*1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

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## **LOVE OF GOD**

**the God-kind of love**

**the same kind of love that God has**

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God is love. You are born of God; therefore, you are born of love. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). Your spirit man is made new and has the love nature. The God-kind of love has been shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of **God**, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.*

*1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God**; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

*8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love**.*

God has faith and power; but, HE IS LOVE! You are His offspring. Your new spirit has His love nature in it.

10. Love will cause your faith to be effective.

*Galatians 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

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*Galatians 5:6 For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love.*

Walking in love is necessary for faith to work effectively.

11. Love keeps the wicked one from touching you.

*1 John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

It is **your** responsibility to keep yourself in the love of God.

12. Walking in love gives assurance of salvation.

*1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

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1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed over out of death into Life by the fact that we love the brethren (our fellow Christians). He who does not love abides (remains, is held and kept continually) in [spiritual] death.

The way you can know for sure you are born again is that you walk in love. The God-kind of love comes into your born-again spirit at the time of the new birth. People who are not born again do not have the God-kind of love in their heart and only have the capability of human love.

13. You are more than a conqueror.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

God is love. Walking in love means you are walking in Him! This is the way to walk in victory!

14. Mature love casts out fear.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect** love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

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**PERFECT**

**mature**

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Cultivate and develop the love of God in your life. As love matures and grows, it will cause fear to leave.

15. Love will never fade away or come to an end.

*1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

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*1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].*

16. Love covers a multitude of sins.

*1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall **cover** the multitude of sins.*

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**COVER**

**forgive and disregard the offenses of others**

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## 17. Walking in love surpasses knowledge.

*Ephesians 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

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*Ephesians 3:17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love. 18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; 19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!*

## 18. Love is part of your breastplate.

*1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

19. Love prevents stumbling.

*1 John 2:10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.*

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*1 John 2:10 Whoever loves his brother [believer] abides (lives) in the Light, and in it or in him there is no occasion for stumbling or cause for error or sin.*

20. Love is a badge of discipleship.

*John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Love is the true sign of a Christian! It is not singing, shouting, quoting Scriptures and other such activities that demonstrates to others that you are a true believer. Walking in love is the evidence of being a Christian. God is love. His very nature is love.

21. Love is the bond of perfectness.

*Colossians 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the **bond of perfectness**.*

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**BOND OF PERFECTNESS**

**something that binds together and completes the whole**

**something that binds everything together in perfect harmony**

**the girdle that makes all complete**

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## 22. Love will constrain you.

*2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ **constraineth** us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.*

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### **CONSTRAIN**

**control**

**urge**

**hold**

**impel**

**keep in**

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The love of God urges you to do the will of God and to hold on to it.

## 23. Make a decision to walk in love.

*Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

*2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*

Followers are imitators. God is love. His children should imitate Him. Walk in the love of God.

24. Keep yourselves in the love of God.

*Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

It is **your** responsibility to make the decision to walk in love.

*Living Letters by Kenneth Taylor*

*Jude 1:21 Stay always within the boundaries where the love of God can reach and bless you.*

25. Confess you are what First Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 4 through 8, says you are.

*1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*

*5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;*

*6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;*

*7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.*

*8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 13:4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.*

5 *It is not conceited—arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude (unmannerly), and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God’s love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [pays no attention to a suffered wrong].*

6 *It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.*

7 *Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything [without weakening].*

8 *Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].*

26. Being an obedient doer of the Word of God causes love to grow and mature.

1 John 2:5 *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

1 John 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

John 15:10 *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

*John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

*1 John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

*Phillips Translation*

*1 John 2:3 It is only when we obey God's law that we can be quite sure that we really know him.*

27. By love serve one another.

*Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

28. Make walking in love your great aim.

*1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 14:1 Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy (interpret the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching).*

29. Love is greater than prophecy, tongues and knowledge.

*1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

*2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

*3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*

30. Walking in the Spirit is walking in love.

*Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

Walking in the Spirit is walking in the fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit of God will always lead you to walk in love. Fruit does not suddenly appear fully mature. It starts as a bud, draws life from the vine and grows to maturity. Confessing God's Word about love and acting on it causes love to grow in your life.

31. Love your enemies.

*Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

*45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

*46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?*

*47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?*

*48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

### 32. Because of love, God brought you redemption.

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

<b>TRAITS OF FORGIVENESS</b>	
Excuses	Remits
Overlooks	Pardons
Forbearing	Releases
Destigmatize	Patience
Passes over	Longsuffering
Sets free	Blots out
Not resentful	Not revengeful
Makes allowances	Shows mercy
Gives absolutions	Shows kindness
Grants remission	Lets it go
Ceases to blame	Clears from guilt
Grants amnesty to	Wipes the slate clean
Removes from the record	Disregards wrongdoings
Does not bring it up again	Squashes the charges of

<b>WHAT <u>NOT</u> WALKING IN LOVE LOOKS LIKE</b>	
Lie	Conflict
Strife	Bicker
Debate	Quarrel
Scrape	Dispute
Enmity	Adultery
Murder	Stealing
Wrangle	Squabbling
Struggle	Contention
Vendetta	Controversy
Argument	Sharp words
Cut with words	War of words

**Competition:**

- rivalry
- emulation
- run for one's money

**Discord:**

- friction
- strained relations
- unharmonious
- non-cooperative

**Disagreement:**

- variance
- division
- faction

**Unforgiveness:**

- unyielding
- without mercy
- flinty
- hard
- harsh
- cruel

33. Walking in love is walking in forgiveness.

*Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

*Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.*

34. Walking in forgiveness is necessary for faith to be effective.

*Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

*25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

35. When should you forgive?

You should forgive instantly. The longer you hold hurts, grudges and resentment, the more opportunity the root of bitterness has to get a hold of you.

*Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?*

*22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*

*Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

*15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.*

Walk in a continual, unending attitude of forgiveness toward those who have wronged you. You cannot justify an unforgiving spirit no matter what good reason you think you have.

36. The love of God shows mercy to others.

*Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Matthew 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.  
2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

*3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*

An unforgiving spirit holds you in bondage and robs you of the peace and victory that is rightfully yours. *The only person that can keep you in bondage to an unfor-giving spirit is yourself!* An unforgiving spirit cannot remain in your heart without your consent. Walking in forgiveness releases your faith to receive forgiveness when you need it.

37. Reasons why you may find it hard to forgive others:

- a. You are prideful.
- b. You are selfish, wanting your own way.
- c. You enjoy the self-pity others give you when they see your loss.
- d. You lack understanding that unforgiveness is the problem.

- e. Sometimes what you lose can never be repaid.
- f. Forgiving is not easy.
- g. Acknowledging and dealing with an unforgiving spirit may be more painful
- h. than the hurt with which the unforgiveness is connected.

38. Steps to take to forgive others:

- a. Confess your sin of unforgiveness to God and ask Him to forgive you. (1 John 1:9)
- b. Forgive the person that did you wrong and release them. Wipe the slate clean.
- c. Make things right and be reconciled to the other person, if possible.
- d. Pray for the other person and desire for them to receive God's blessing in their life.
- e. Depend upon the Lord to be your strength and supply.

Important points concerning forgiveness:

- a. Every hurt, unless treated properly, will develop into an unforgiving spirit.
- b. Do not ignore or bury hurts. Get rid of them. Hurts not dealt with will try to come out somewhere sometime.
- c. Choose as an act of your will to forgive and be forgiven.

- d. Release the emotional resentment, anger, hurt and animosity that accompanies an attitude of unforgiveness.

God is love. It is up to you to make the choice to walk in the God-kind of love. Choosing to walk in this love puts you in close fellowship and communion with God because He is love. Practicing this love will protect your heart and mind from attacks of the enemy. It will cause the light of God's wisdom to shine upon your path and keep you from stumbling. Walking in this unconditional love is God's way to victory.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON THREE

## THE LIFE OF GOD IN YOU

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God's great plan of redemption and salvation was to not only provide the means for forgiveness and remission of sin, but was to provide the means for you to receive the God-kind of life into your born-again spirit.

*John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

There are four words translated life or manner of life in the New Testament:

- **Psyche** – the individual life; the natural life; breath of life
- **Bios** – period or duration of life; manner of life in regard to its moral conduct; the means of life (livelihood or living)
- **Anastrophe** – behavior, conduct, manner of life
- **Zoe** – life as God has in himself; the God-kind of life

This teaching will primarily focus on the God-kind of life.

## Terms used in referring to the new birth:

- born-again
- saved
- salvation
- conversion
- new creation
- new creature
- divine nature
- eternal life
- everlasting life

1. You receive the God-kind of life into your spirit at the time of the new birth.

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

Your spirit is the part of you that is made completely new at the time of the new birth. God's nature and life is birthed into your spirit when you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. You are born again. Old things are passed away and all things become new.

*John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

2. God, the Father has given the life He has to Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ gives that life to you.

*John 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.*

Rieu Translation

John 5:26 *For the Father, being as He is the source of life, has made the Son the source of life.*

1 John 5:11 *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

12 *He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

Everyone that is born again has the life of God in them. The God-kind of life is in every child of God.

3. God becomes the Father of your born-again spirit at the time of your new birth.

Hebrews 12:9 *Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?*

4. God is the Father of those that are born-again in their spirit.

John 1:12 *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:*

13 *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

5. As a child of God, you have a brand new, born-again, human spirit. Your spirit has received the divine nature of God and no longer has the sin nature of the devil. You are a partaker of the divine nature of God.

*2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

*Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

*18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.*

Unbelievers (people who have not believed on Jesus Christ and accepted Him as Saviour) do not have the life and nature of God in their spirit.

*Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

*3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

6. Those who have been born again have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

*Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

The kingdom of God is in your heart (spirit).

*Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

7. You pass from spiritual death to spiritual life when you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour and are born again.

*John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

*1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.*

*15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

You cannot love others with the God-kind of love until you are born again and receive His nature into your heart.

8. Jesus Christ came not only to provide forgiveness of sin; but, He came that you might have the God-kind of life.

*John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Jesus Christ came, gave His life and rose from the dead so you could receive forgiveness of sin and receive the very life of God into your spirit to dwell in you permanently.

*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Eternal life, the God-kind of life, describes the kind of life you receive at the time of the new birth. This is not just life in eternity with God after you die.

9. God has given you the life of Christ to illuminate you.

*John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

The life of God that is in you illuminates you and lights your pathway. The ideas for some of the greatest inventions that have blessed humanity came from Christians who were illuminated with the light of the life of God in them.

*John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

*1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*2 Corinthians 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*

*Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

It is as you obey and yield to the Holy Spirit and life of God in you that He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all you can ask or think.

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].*

The church has majored more in the manner of life (good works, religious activities) than it has in the life of God. Majoring in the life of God is what will give you strength and ability to change your conduct and manner of life. You must become more and more conscious of the life of Christ that is in you. Learn how to let it grow and how to receive from it.

*Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

*Olaf N. Norlie Translation*

*Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ. Now it is not my old self, but Christ himself who lives in me...*

10. You are to walk in the light of this new life that is in Christ.

*John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the **light** of men.*

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## **LIGHT**

### **development of man**

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*Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Be sensitive to and responsive to the light of the life of God that is inside you.

*Ephesians 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

*23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*24 And that ye **put on** the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

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## PUT ON

to put on like you would put on a coat

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You have to make a decision and choose to put on the new man. It is up to you to choose to walk by faith and to walk in love, mercy and forgiveness. You can choose to let your old man (your old nature before being born again) dominate you or you can make the choice to walk in obedience and act upon the Word of God.

11. As a new creation, it is the life of Christ in you that avails much.

*Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

You have God's life and nature in you. If you will yield to that life and obey God, you will receive victory.

12. Draw your strength from the life of Christ that is in you.

*John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

The branch is **IN** the vine, and the vine is **IN** the branch. Jesus Christ is the Vine. You, as a believer, are the branch. The same life that is in the Vine flows into the branch. The very life that is in Jesus Christ is in you. Recognize, acknowledge and yield to that life!

*Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 6:10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].*

Be strong by letting the life and strength of God flow through you! Spiritual victory cannot be won through human strength!

13. The life of Jesus Christ is in the spirit of everyone that is born again.

*Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.*

You share inwardly the likeness and life of Christ!

*Colossians 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

14. God wants the new life to grow and increase abundantly in you.

*John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

**As you feed upon and act upon God's Word, His life in you will increase!** You have love; but, it will grow and increase. You have faith; but, it will grow and increase. Everything concerning the life of God in you will grow and increase as you learn God's Word and become a doer of it.

*Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Galatians 4:19 My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) with you!*

*John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

*Amplified Bible*

*John 7:38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.*

15. Sin does not have a legal right to reign over you since you are a new creation in Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

**Once you are born again, sin and the power of sin can no longer rule and dominate over you! You can still choose to yield to sin; but, it cannot dominate you without your consent!**

The person that has never been born again does not have the power of Christ in them to give them power over sin.

*Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus[(the law of our new being)], has freed me from the law of sin and of death.*

If you will yield to it, the law of the Spirit of life that is in you will supersede and overcome the law of sin and death. You have to make the choice of your own free will to yield to God and not yield to the enemy. You are the temple of God.

*1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

2 Corinthians 6:16 *And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

16. Christ dwells in you.

Colossians 1:27 *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

17. The Greater One is in you.

1 John 4:4 *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

You have everything on the inside of you that is needed for victory if you will get into the Word of God, learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and yield to the Greater One in you.

18. You are strengthened by Christ's strength.

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Amplified Bible

Philippians 4:13 *I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].*

19. God is at work in you.

*Philippians 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Philippians 2:13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.*

*Colossians 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

20. You must acknowledge that Christ is in you in order to receive from Him.

*Philemon 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

21. It is with your mind that you make the choice to yield to your flesh or to yield to the life of God in your newly created spirit.

*Romans 12:2 And 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.*

22. You receive a measure of the God-kind of faith at the time of the new birth. This is a measure of the same kind of faith that God has. It is up to you to cause it to grow.

*Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

23. The character and life of God becomes resident in you when you get born again.

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Fruit must be cultivated and developed. It is your responsibility to cultivate and develop the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

24. You have this treasure in an earthen vessel.

*2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

You have the treasure of the very nature and life of God on the inside of you.

25. The God-kind of love is in your heart.

*Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

You received the God-kind of love into your born-again spirit.

26. You are to have the God-kind of faith.

*Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

Literally, have the faith of God (the God-kind of faith). Mark 11:23 explains how the God-kind of faith works. **It works by believing it in your heart and speaking it with your mouth!**

*Mark 11:23 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.*

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

*9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, so you could not only be forgiven of sin; but, you could have the God-kind of life in your born-again spirit. God never intended that you could do His will and live an obedient Christian life in your own strength and ability. His plan is that you draw strength and enablement from His life within you and allow His rivers of living water to bubble up and flow through you.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON FOUR

## SEE YOURSELF IN CHRIST

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Everyone that accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is born again is **in Christ** (in union with Christ). There are many blessings and benefits already provided by God for those in union with Christ. As a Christian, you need to know your rights and privileges in Christ. Once those rights and privileges are known, it is essential that you learn how to receive and partake of them.

First, you must know that as a child of God you are **in Christ!** At the time of the new birth, your human spirit is created new and the God-kind of life comes into your spirit. Your born-again spirit (not your soul and body) comes into union with Jesus Christ.

*Acts 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

*John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall **ask** what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

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**ASK**

**to demand what is rightfully yours**

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John 15:7 is talking to the child of God. If God's words are abiding continually in you; then, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you. **"Ask"** in this Scripture is not talking about asking in prayer. This is referring to the Greek word that means to demand what is rightfully yours. You are not demanding from God. You are demanding the enemy to turn loose of what belongs to you—peace, health, divine guidance, wisdom, strength, prosperity and all that God has for you!

1. See yourself **IN** Christ Jesus (in union with Christ Jesus)!

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created **in Christ Jesus** unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated **in Christ Jesus**, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

Become more conscious of the new you that is on the inside!

*2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

You do not gradually get righteous. At the moment you are born again, you are made righteous in your spirit.

*1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*

**The promises and benefits provided in Christ become realities only to the extent that you practice the Word of God! Not only must you abide in Christ, His Word must abide in you! Be a doer of the Word!**

2. You are complete in Christ.

*Colossians 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*

You do not need to repeat the substitutionary work of Christ. He has already suffered, died and rose again from the dead for you. You do not need to suffer or pay the penalty that He has already paid. Everything you will ever need is already provided in Christ Jesus. He is in you and you are in Him!

3. You are a new creature in Christ Jesus **now!**

You are a new creation. Old things are passed away.

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

4. In Christ, you are free from the law of sin and death.

*Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

**You can live by a new law. It is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus!** You can still yield to sin if you choose to; but, you do not have to. You are free from sin. It has no more control over you.

*Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

5. You are one spirit with Christ.

*1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

Your born-again spirit is connected to and communicates with the Holy Spirit. Just as a husband and wife are joined together as one, so it is when a person is born again. Their born-again spirit and the Holy Spirit are joined together as one.

*Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father.***

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## ABBA FATHER

### Father, Father

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God is still God; but now, He is your heavenly Father!

6. Your inner man (inner being) takes on the likeness (image) of Christ Jesus.

*Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the **image** of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

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*Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the **image** of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.*

The life and nature of God is in your new, born-again spirit.

7. Your new spirit man is renewed in knowledge after Christ.

*Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

It is **up to you** to put on the thinking and attitude of a new creation in Christ Jesus!

*Romans 12:2 And 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.*

8. God is love. Your new spirit has received the God-kind of love.

*Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

The God-kind of love is in your heart.

*1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

Having the love of God in your heart is the way you can know you are really born again.

9. Believers are the body of Christ.

Believers make up the spiritual body of Christ all over the earth. Each member has its own function and calling. There are many members, but only one body of Christ.

*Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

*Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

10. The life that is in Christ flows through you.

*John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

The same life that God has in the Vine (Jesus) flows into and through the branches (believers). The body of Christ is the visible image of the invisible Christ.

11. As Jesus Christ is, so are we in this world.

*1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

It is important to know who you are in Christ. When God looks at you, He sees your position in Christ Jesus and what you received into your spirit at the new birth.

Christ is living His life through you on earth. The light of Christ shines out to the world through you. It is your responsibility to yield to God and allow the life of Christ in you to flow through you and transfer to others around you.

*Philippians 2:12* Therefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

In Philippians 2:12, the literal meaning of “**work out your own salvation**” is to “**bring what is on the inside outside.**” The life of Christ is in you. Take what you have received into your new spirit and live it out in your everyday life.

12. Your oneness with Jesus Christ in His substitutionary work for you is two-fold:
  - a. His oneness, or identification, with your sin on the cross
  - b. Your oneness, or identification, with His death, burial and resurrection

*2 Corinthians 5:21* For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

*1 Peter 2:24* Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Jesus Christ took upon Himself your sin and gave you His righteousness. He paid the full penalty for your sin though He personally had no sin of His own. You receive His righteousness and can receive all the benefits of being righteous as if you had never sinned. Trading your sin for His righteousness can be called the great exchange.

13. You are crucified with Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

You no longer have to yield to sin or allow it to dominate and control you.

*Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

*1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

14. You suffered with Christ Jesus.

*1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

*2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*

15. You died with Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.*

*8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.*

*2 Timothy 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him.*

16. You are buried with Christ Jesus.

*Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*Colossians 2:12 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.*

17. You are made alive with Christ Jesus.

*Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.*

*Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).*

18. You are raised with Christ Jesus.

When God looks at you, He sees you raised together with Christ at His resurrection. When God looks at you, He does not look so much at you; but, **sees Christ in you.** *God, the Father sees the righteousness of Christ in you!*

*Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

*Colossians 2:12 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.*

19. You are seated with Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

### **Scriptures that Reveal Christ as Your Substitute**

*Genesis 22:13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

*Numbers 21:8 And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.*

*9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.*

*Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

*4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Matthew 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

*Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

*John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

*John 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.*

*Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

*Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

*7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.*

*8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

*9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

*10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

*11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

*Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Galatians 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

Galatians 3:13 *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

14 *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

15 *Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.*

16 *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*

17 *And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*

Galatians 3:21 *Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.*

1 Timothy 2:6 *Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

Titus 2:14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

Philippians 1:17 *But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.*

18 *What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.*

*Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

*Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

*Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

*18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

*Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

*9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast **redeemed** us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

*10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

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## **REDEEM**

**to buy back**

## **REDEMPTION**

**one who is capable of redeeming and taking the place of another or others**

**actually meets the demands of the law and becomes the legal substitute  
by paying the redemptive price for those who are condemned  
to death because of breaking the law**

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*Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall  
worship him, whose names are not written in the book  
of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

You are a branch directly connected to the Vine, Christ Jesus. Once you are born again, do not see or think of yourself as being separated and apart from God. See yourself as being in union with Christ Jesus. He never leaves you or forsakes you. You are the temple of God. Learn to be sensitive to and responsive to the gentle leadings of the Holy Spirit. As a believer, you are always in Christ Jesus!

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON FIVE

## HOW TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT

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The Holy Spirit joins with your spirit at the new birth. The Holy Spirit works **within** you and **upon** you (baptism of Holy Spirit). Both of these need to be developed in you. The Spirit within you is to minister to you as an individual. The Holy Spirit upon you is to enable you to minister to others.

*John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;*

*17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

*John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and **make our abode with him.***

*John 14:26 But the **Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

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## COMFORTER

Helper

Counselor

Intercessor

Strengthenener

Standby

Advocate

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God, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit, Spirit of God and Spirit. These terms are used interchangeably.

*Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

**“Holy Ghost”** in Acts 1:8 is referring to the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The remainder of this lesson will focus on the Spirit **within**:

- locating your spirit
- educating, training and developing your spirit
- learning how to be led through your spirit by the Holy Spirit

1. You are a three-part being consisting of your spirit, soul and body.

Spirit – contacts the spirit realm  
Soul – contacts the mental realm  
Body – contacts the physical realm

It takes the Word of God to distinguish the difference between your spirit and soul.

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

2. God leads His people by several means.

God may use dreams, visions, angels, His audible voice, tongues and interpretation, prophecy or the inward witness. **Of all these ways, the major way God leads His children is by His Spirit, which is the inward witness. The Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit.**

### 3. Identifying the Inward Witness

The Inward Witness is:

- an intuition
- an inward prompting or urge inside you
- a knowing on the inside of you
- a check on the inside of you
- a stop sign or green light on the inside of you
- a velvet-like feeling or hesitancy on the inside
- not a feeling in your body
- not reasoning with your mind
- not dependent on external information

Do not just look for spectacular forms of guidance, such as dreams and visions. **The inward witness is not spectacular; but, it is just as supernatural as any other form of guidance.**

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.*

*Wuest Translation*

*Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself is constantly bearing joint-testimony with our (human) spirit that we are God's children.*

### 4. God, the Holy Spirit resides (dwells) in the spirit of everyone that is born again.

*1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*

Learn to tap into your spirit, which can tap into the wisdom of God. (Your mind cannot do this.)

*John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

*1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

## 5. Walk in the Spirit.

*Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).*

Learn to listen to your born-again spirit that is connected to the Holy Spirit.

6. Praying in an unknown tongue is your born-again spirit praying.

*1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*

*1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.  
15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*

*1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 14:2 For one who speaks in an [unknown] tongue speaks not to men but to God, for no one understands or catches his meaning, because in the [Holy] Spirit he utters secret truths and hidden things [not obvious to the understanding].*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 14:14 For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [by the Holy Spirit within me] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody].*

*15 Then what am I to do? I will pray with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will also pray [intelligently] with my mind and understanding; I will sing with my spirit [by the Holy Spirit that is within me], but I will sing [intelligently] with my mind and understanding also.*

Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 14:18 *I thank God that I speak in [strange] tongues (languages) more than any of you or all of you put together.*

Praying in tongues helps you become more spirit-conscious and more able to hear what God is saying. You cannot contact God with your mind or body. You contact God with your spirit only.

7. God, who is a Spirit, communicates with your spirit, not your soul or body.

Proverbs 20:27 *The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.*

8. The Holy Spirit bears witness with your born-again spirit.

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.*

Wuest Translation

Romans 8:16 *The Spirit Himself is constantly bearing joint testimony with our (human) spirit that we are God's children.*

Romans 9:1 *I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 9:1 *I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit, bearing witness with me.*

9. Paul perceived in his spirit.

*Acts 27:10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.*

Paul's spirit had information about the voyage that his mind and body did not have.

10. Let the peace of God rule in your heart.

*Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Colossians 3:15 And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].*

**Peace is God's great guidance system!** Let peace decide and rule in your heart. When making a decision, do not override a sense of hesitancy or uneasiness. Make the decision you sense peace about in your heart.

11. God may lead you into some difficult or unpleasant paths in order to fulfill a greater plan in your life.

*Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*

*Mark 1:12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.*

## 12. God guides into all truth.

*John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

*14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.*

*15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you.*

*Acts 10:19 While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.*

*1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

*10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

## 13. God's way today is not in keeping the law, but in being led by the Holy Spirit.

*Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

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Galatians 5:16 *But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).*

Galatians 5:18 *But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

Amplified Bible

Galatians 5:18 *But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.*

Galatians 5:25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Amplified Bible

Galatians 5:25 *If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]*

1 Thessalonians 5:19 *Quench not the Spirit.*

Ephesians 4:30 *And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Isaiah 30:21 *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.*

2 Corinthians 4:7 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

14. Being born again and Spirit filled does not automatically assure you victory in this life. **You must learn how to live in obedience to God's Word and the leading of His Spirit.**

*Isaiah 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.*

Feed on the Word and yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit; otherwise, your body and soul will dominate, and you will not live in the manner God intends for you to live.

15. The Holy Spirit is constantly guiding you.

*Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

*Wuest Translation*

*Romans 8:14 For as many as are being constantly led by God's Spirit, these are sons of God.*

Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Respond to His promptings in your spirit.

16. It is unscriptural to go to a prophet for guidance in New Testament times.

The major ways you receive guidance today is from the written Word of God and from the inward witness, which is the leading of the Holy Spirit in your spirit.

*Jeremiah 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.*

## 17. Serve God with your spirit.

*Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.*

*Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.*

*John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.  
24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

*Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:  
29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*

The work of the Holy Spirit inside you is to renew you continually so the power of God can come forth as the Spirit wills to bless others. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit gives benefits, but will not do for you what the **indwelling Holy Spirit** does for you.

18. The Holy Spirit indwells you at the new birth.

*John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the **water** that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the **water** that I shall give him shall be in him a **well** of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*Amplified Bible*

*John 4:14 But whoever takes a drink of the **water** that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the **water** that I will give him shall become a spring of **water** welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.*

The “**well**” and “**water**” in John 4:14 represents the Holy Spirit.

*John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

*38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

*39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Amplified Bible

John 7:38 *He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.*

19. Your born-again spirit needs to be strengthened and renewed by the Holy Spirit. It needs to feed on God's Word daily.

Ephesians 3:16 *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man.*

2 Corinthians 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

Your spirit is renewed by being in a daily, consistent walk with God, fellowshiping with Him and spending time in His Word and prayer. In order to benefit from the Holy Spirit's indwelling, you must experience renewals of His quickening.

Like your body has to be fed, so does your spirit. It needs to be refreshed and renewed. Strengthening and developing your spirit is a continual process that causes you to grow and mature in the things of God.

*Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled** with the Spirit;  
19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

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**BE FILLED**  
(Greek meaning)

**to be in the process of being filled**

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In Ephesians 5:18, "**be filled**" has a reference to the Spirit within you and upon you because the people being addressed had also been baptized with the Spirit.

Joy, like love, is not a manifestation of the Spirit upon you, but of the Spirit within you.

Do not become so focused only on standing on the written Word of God that you neglect to hear and respond to the inward leading of the Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel is speaking of the new birth in the Scriptures below.

*Ezekiel 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

*26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

*27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

*Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.*

The Holy Spirit is your Helper.

*Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth** our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

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### **HELPETH**

**takes hold together with us against our infirmities**

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You have to do the praying, resisting the devil, believing, standing and obeying the Word yourself. The Holy Spirit will not do it for you, but will help you do it.

20. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is given for fruit-bearing.

*Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,  
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Fruit does not come instantly. It grows and requires cultivation.

In order to enjoy your redemption, God has given you His Spirit to sanctify (separate) you from things that would destroy your peace and injure your health. You must obey the written Word of God, as well as follow and obey the inward witness of the Spirit in order to enjoy these benefits.

21. God's immeasurable blessings are available to you according to His power and ability within you.

*Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*

*New International Version*

*Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].*

Learn to tap into and allow the power and ability of God that is in you to flow through you!

## 22. God's grace is sufficient for you.

*2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My **grace** is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

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### **GRACE**

**divine influence upon your heart and the reflecting of that influence showing up in your life**

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## **Hearing the Word of God produces faith! Faith gives access to grace!**

Get into the Word of God! Let the Word so impact your life that you respond to it and act upon it. This will allow God's grace to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.

*Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*

*Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

23. Your spirit is the hidden man of the heart.

*1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Peter 3:4 But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.*

24. The kingdom of God is within you.

*Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*

*21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

25. Seek **first** the kingdom of God.

Seek the kingdom and seek understanding as to how it operates. It is capable of providing everything you need, whether spiritual, physical or financial. **The kingdom of God is designed to either produce what you need, lead you to it or cause it to come!**

*Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Luke 12:31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

*33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; **provide yourselves bags which wax not old**, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.*

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**PROVIDE YOURSELVES BAGS WHICH WAX NOT OLD**

**let your spirit produce what you need**

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Let your spirit be the ground into which you deposit God's Word. No thief can get into this treasury.

26. God wants His will done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Matthew 6:9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

*10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

Today, the kingdom of God is within you! Sow the Word into your heart by speaking it and meditating it.

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Joshua was to keep saying what God said. Joshua had to say the Word himself to succeed. Someone else could not say it for him. You have to keep saying and believing the Word yourself in order to have success!

*Deuteronomy 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:  
2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.*

*Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he **meditate** day and night.  
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

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## MEDITATE

mutter in a low tone of voice

speak to yourself

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**When the Word (seed) becomes conceived in your spirit, your words have spirit life in them.**

*John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

**Christ is in you! His Word is in you! Speaking God's Word out of your spirit releases the life of God that is in His Word to go to work for you!**

God used words to create everything in the universe. You are not God; but, He has given mankind dominion over the earth. Adam lost that dominion when he sinned. He lost the ability to put spirit life into his words. God restored authority to mankind through the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has given you His life in your born-again spirit. As you speak (sow) God's Word (seed), it is implanted and conceived in your spirit. God's plan is that spirit life is released in your words as you speak His Word.

*Mark 11:23 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.*

God says you can have what you say. Many people are saying what they have, so they have what they say.

**Say what God says, and you will have what He says you can have!** Deposit God's Word into your heart and speak it from your heart.

27. Your own born-again spirit knows more about you and what you need than your intellect.

Your spirit knows your needs, weaknesses, failures and strong points. Your spirit is in contact with God.

**Divine guidance will come from God through your spirit.**

*1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

28. Distinguish your spirit apart from your body.

*2 Corinthians 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.*

*2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

*2 Corinthians 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:*

*7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

*8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

29. Sow the seed of the Word of God into your heart by speaking the promise in the Word that you believe God for.

*Isaiah 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

30. You must **first** put the Word in your mouth; then, it will get into your heart.

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

*Psalms 45:1 My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.*

*Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart.*

Your tongue is the instrument that writes on your heart.

31. The force of faith in the spirit realm will act like a magnet to bring the things of God to you that you continue to speak and believe.

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).*

*Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

*Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.*

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

The way you have success is to keep speaking God's Word.

32. Meditating the Word is vital for prospering your soul (mind, will and emotions).

*3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

33. You are God's husbandry.

The kingdom of God within you has the capacity to bring into manifestation **everything** that concerns you.

*1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's **husbandry**, ye are God's building.  
10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

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**HUSBANDRY**

**garden**

**field under cultivation**

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Your born-again spirit is likened unto God's garden. He will grow the things of God in your spirit. Out of your belly (innermost being) will flow rivers of living water. You have a treasure in an earthen vessel.

34. You have the witness of the Holy Spirit within you.

*1 John 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

Amplified Bible

1 John 5:10 *He who believes in the Son of God [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] has the testimony [possesses this divine attestation] within himself. He who does not believe God [in this way] has made Him out to be and represented Him as a liar, because he has not believed (put his faith in, adhered to, and relied on) the evidence (the testimony) that God has borne regarding His Son.*

**Scriptures that Speak About Following  
the Leadership of the Holy Spirit  
and Receiving His Direction**

Job 38:36 *Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?  
or who hath given understanding to the heart?*

Psalms 18:28 *For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD  
my God will enlighten my darkness.*

Psalms 32:8 *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the  
way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.  
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no  
understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit  
and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct  
thy paths.*

*Isaiah 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.*

*John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink; thou wouldest have asking of him, And he would have givin thee living water.*

*11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou thas nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?*

*12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?*

*13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

*14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

*17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

*Acts 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.*

Acts 24:16 *And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.*

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

1 Timothy 4:2 *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.*

Hebrews 9:8 *The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:  
9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience.*

Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

1 John 2:20 *But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.*

1 John 3:20 *For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

21 *Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

*1 John 4:12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.*

*13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.*

The greatest and most common way God leads you (and all His children) is by the inward witness. The Holy Spirit bears witness with your spirit. This means of hearing from God must be developed and cultivated to receive its maximum benefit. Making a definite and determined choice to be sensitive to and responsive to the inward leading of the Spirit will cause many divine benefits and blessings to manifest in your life.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON SIX

## **UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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Righteousness is the ability to stand in the presence of God without having a sense of sin, guilt or inferiority. It is the state of being just, or right, with God. It is a gift from God. You cannot earn it. You are made righteous at the time you are born again. You do not become more or less righteous. Righteousness does not increase as you grow in Christ because when you get born again, you are fully righteous as you will ever be.

Do not confuse righteousness with holiness. Holiness is purity and freedom from sin in conduct and character. The Lord is perfect in His character. You grow toward perfection in character.

1. You have right standing with God because of what Jesus did for you, not because of what you have done or may do in the future.

*Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

*14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

*15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

*16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

*17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the **gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

*18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

2. When Adam sinned, he lost right standing with God for himself and the human race that would follow. Jesus Christ paid for Adam's sin and restored the availability of righteousness to mankind.

*Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

*20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:*

*21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wuest Translation

Romans 5:12–21 Wherefore, as through the intermediate agency of one man the aforementioned sin entered the world, and through this sin, death; and thus into and throughout all mankind death entered, because all sinned. For until law, sin was in the world, but sin is not put to one's account, there being no law. But death reigned as king from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the One who is to come. But not as the transgression, thus also is the gratuitous favor. For since by the transgression of the one the many died, much more the grace of God and the gratuitous gift by grace which is of the one Man, Jesus Christ, to the many will abound. And not as through one who sinned, was the gift, for the judgment, on the one hand, was out of one transgression as a source, resulting in condemnation. But the gratuitous gift, on the other hand, was out of many transgressions as a source, resulting in justification. For in view of the fact that by means of the transgression of the one death reigned as king through that one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, in life will reign as kings through the One, Jesus Christ. So then, therefore, as through one act of transgression, to all men there resulted condemnation, thus also through one act of righteousness, to all men there resulted a righteous standing that had to do with life. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were constituted sinners, thus also through the obedience of the One, the many will be constituted righteous. Moreover, law entered in alongside in order that the transgression might be augmented. But where the sin was augmented, the grace superabounded with more added to that, in order that

*just as the aforementioned sin reigned as king in the sphere of death, thus also the aforementioned grace might reign as king through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

3. There is a legal basis for the righteousness God has provided for us—Jesus' death and resurrection!

*Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

*Young's Literal Translation*

*Romans 4:25 Who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised up because of our being declared righteous.*

*New American Standard*

*Romans 4:25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.*

Once Jesus paid the penalty, death and hell could not hold Him any longer because He had no personal sin of His own. The penalty Jesus paid was **your** penalty! The victory He won was **your** victory!

4. It is absolutely necessary to accept Jesus Christ as Savior to receive God's gift of righteousness.

*Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

5. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. With your heart you believe. With your mouth you confess and are saved.

*Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*Wuest Translation*

*Romans 10:10 ....with the heart faith is exercised resulting in righteousness.*

6. Jesus, who knew no sin, was made to be sin for you so in Him you might become the righteousness of God.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

### **The Great Exchange:**

- a. Jesus, who knew no sin, took over sin and suffered the full penalty for sin all of mankind.
- b. You, who have known sin, are made righteous and can receive the full benefits of righteousness without having any righteousness of your own.

7. Your new, born-again spirit has been created to be like God in righteousness and true holiness. The righteousness of Jesus has been given to you in your new spirit.

*1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 1:30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin].*

8. Your new nature is not trying to become righteous. It is already righteous because you are in Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 4:24 And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.*

9. Sin-consciousness is an awareness of sin. It is the sinful nature in a person who is not born again.

Sin-consciousness came with the fall of Adam when man became a partaker of spiritual death. The blood of Jesus Christ remitted your sin; therefore, you should not be sin-conscious. Sin-consciousness produces defeat. Be righteousness-conscious. Righteousness-consciousness produces victory! Jesus gave His righteousness to you!

*Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Romans 5:17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

*Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.*

*Hebrews 10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:*

*12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.*

*Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*

*17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

*18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

*20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.*

10. Sin-consciousness will exist in you, even though you are born again, if you do not know what belongs to you in Christ. It will also exist in you if you have not renewed your mind with the Word of God.

*1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

*Amplified Bible*

*1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake [from your drunken stupor and return] to sober sense and your right minds, and sin no more. For some of you have not the knowledge of God [you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant, and continue to be so, lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him]. I say this to your shame.*

Wuest Translation

1 Corinthians 15:34 *Return to soberness of mind in a righteous fashion and stop sinning...*

First Corinthians 15:34 is saying to awake from looking and acting like the spiritually dead that are in the world. It is difficult to tell some Christians apart from sinners (spiritually dead). Awake to righteousness and enjoy the rights and privileges of being in right-standing with God!

11. Put away sin-consciousness. Develop righteousness-consciousness. Being conscious of righteousness is being increasingly aware that you are the very righteousness of God in Christ.

Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from **dead works** to serve the living God?*

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## **DEAD WORKS**

**lifeless observances**

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Hebrews 1:3 *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

*Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

Once God has forgiven you of sin, do not let the enemy beat you down with condemnation. Begin to **think** that you are no longer under condemnation. You are now clean, pure and in right standing with God. Renew your mind to think what God says about you.

*Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*

12. Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. You receive righteousness by believing in Jesus Christ, and your faith is credited to you as righteousness.

*Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

*4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*

*5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

*Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

13. You are not righteous in your own self or by the law. You are righteous through faith in Christ.

**Righteousness comes from God and is by faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

*Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*

*Wuest Translation*

*Philippians 3:9 ...that righteousness which is from God on the basis of faith.*

*Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

*22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.*

The only way to become righteous is by believing in and accepting Jesus Christ as Saviour.

14. Your righteousness is a result of God's doing, not your own.

*Isaiah 54:17* No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

15. Through Adam's disobedience, many were made sinners. Through Jesus' obedience, many are made righteous.

*Romans 5:18* Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

*19* For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

You are made righteous in your new birth by faith in Jesus Christ. Only the power of Jesus Christ can do this. Righteousness cannot be produced by just having good actions and right behavior. **It is a change in the nature of your spirit.**

**After the fall of man, if God could not make man righteous and as free from sin as he was before Adam sinned; then, Satan's work in Adam would be more effective than God's work in Jesus Christ.**

When you lack understanding of your own righteousness in Christ, you are hindered in your spiritual growth. You are still an infant and unskilled in the teaching of righteousness.

*Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

*13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Hebrews 5:13 For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!*

*14 But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law.*

16. Seek to be right with God according to **His** standard of rightness, not according to man's standard.

*Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Amplified Bible

Matthew 6:33 *But seek for (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom, and His righteousness (His way of doing, and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.*

17. Righteousness is a spiritual law just as gravity is a natural law.

Romans 9:30 *What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 9:30 *What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness [who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God] have attained it by faith [a righteousness imputed by God, based on and produced by faith],*

31 *Whereas Israel, though ever in pursuit of a law [for the securing] of righteousness (right standing with God), actually did not succeed in fulfilling the Law.*

18. Look at the effect righteousness has on your life.
- a. You are freed from a sense of guilt and unworthiness. Jesus was made sin with your sin. Believing on and trusting in Him frees you from sin and from the guilt of sin.

*Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

*Amplified Bible*

*John 3:18 He who believes on Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him] is not judged [he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation—he incurs no damnation]; but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already [he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence] because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. [He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name.]*

b. You are freed from the frustration of struggling to be accepted by God.

*Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

c. You are freed from oppression and fear. Terror is far removed and will not come near you. Adam lost God-consciousness and gained sin-consciousness when he sinned. He became motivated by fear rather than by faith.

*Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?*

*10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.*

*Isaiah 54:14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.*

- d. You are freed from the consequences of sin. You are justified by the blood of Jesus and saved from God's wrath. You are established in righteousness and have nothing to fear.

*Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

- e. You are freed from a sense of inferiority and inadequacy. You know that you are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do the good works He prepared for you to do. You are complete in Him and can do all things through Christ who gives you strength.

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Amplified Bible

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

Colossians 2:9 *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*

10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.*

Philippians 4:23 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

f. You have a sense of peace and security in your relationship with God and man. If God is for you, who can be against you? You are not afraid because the Lord is with you. What eternal harm can man do to you?

**Righteousness produces peace. The effect of righteousness is quietness, confidence and peace.**  
You are confident and, therefore, at peace!

Romans 8:31 *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Isaiah 32:17 *And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.*

*Psalms 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:  
what can man do unto me?*

- g. Your whole being comes into peace with God through Jesus Christ. You are justified through faith.

*Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- h. You have great freedom and confidence to enter the Father's presence in prayer. You enter by the blood of Jesus and can come boldly to the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. You know God hears and attends to your prayers.

*Hebrews 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

*18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

*19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.*

*Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].*

1 Peter 3:12 *For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

James 5:16 *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

Amplified Bible

James 5:16 *...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].*

i. You have boldness before the enemy (Satan) who accuses you.

Ephesians 6:14 *Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.*

j. You are free from sin. You are a servant of righteousness. When you yield to the power of righteousness, sin is inhibited and your actions are caused to be right.

Romans 6:13 *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 6:13 *Do not continue offering or yielding your bodily members [and faculties] to sin as instruments (tools) of wickedness. But offer and yield yourselves to God as though you have been raised from the dead to [perpetual] life, and your bodily members [and faculties] to God, presenting them as implements of righteousness.*

Romans 6:18 *Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

Amplified Bible

Romans 6:18 *And having been set free from sin, you have become the servants of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in thought, purpose, and action).*

Hebrews 12:11 *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

James 3:18 *And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.*

- k. You are in position to receive everything God has to give you. Righteousness fertilizes your faith and opens wide the door to the blessings and benefits that He has for you.

*Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

- l. You have access by faith into the grace in which you now stand. In the gospel, the righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith in Jesus Christ. The righteous live by faith. Rejoice in the hope of the glory of God!

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

*17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*

*Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

## **BENEFITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

1. You receive righteousness by faith and not by works.

*Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.*

2. Righteousness causes you to flourish and to be stable.

*Psalms 92:12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Psalms 92:12 The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible].*

3. The city is blessed because of the righteous.

*Proverbs 11:10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: and when the wicked perish, there is shouting.*

4. God delivers the righteous.

*Proverbs 11:21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.*

*Psalms 34:17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.*

5. God watches over the righteous and hears their prayers.

*1 Peter 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

6. God's protection and favor are upon the righteous.

*Psalms 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.*

7. God meets the needs of the righteous.

*Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

8. The righteous have inheritance from God.

*Psalms 37:29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein forever.*

9. The Lord loves the righteous.

*Psalms 146:8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.*

Many Christians are encumbered and weighted down with a sense of inferiority, unworthiness and undeservedness. This low self-esteem can be a big hindrance to the operation of faith. Understanding righteousness, God's way of being right with Him, will remove a sense of inferiority in your life and give you confidence and assurance in your walk with Him.

Renewing your mind to being righteousness-consciousness instead of sin-consciousness will give you the right mental attitude for a victorious life of faith.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON SEVEN

## **RENEWING YOUR MIND**

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Renewing your mind to God's Word is absolutely necessary for you to walk in victory.

*Romans 12:2 And 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.*

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### **TRANSFORMED**

(Greek – metamorphoo; English – metamorphosis)

**a complete and total change from one life form to another**

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A caterpillar becomes a butterfly through metamorphosis. Unlike the caterpillar's one-time transformation, your metamorphosis as a Christian is an ongoing process.

When you get the Word of God involved in everything you do, you are in the process of renewing your mind.

A Christian without a renewed mind will appear much like an unsaved person in dealing with life's problems. Being born again and a citizen of heaven does not mean that things just work automatically for good here on earth.

Being born again assures you of heaven when you leave this earth; but, **in order to walk victoriously, you must take charge of your thinking and bring it in line with God's Word.** What you think is up to you! The devil can bring thoughts to your mind; but, **you choose** whether you allow those thoughts to stay.

*2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

*5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

Take charge of what you think! You are responsible to take control of the thoughts you allow to stay in your mind!

*1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. You are a three-part being made up of spirit, soul and body.

Your soul consists of your mind, will and emotions. As a free, moral agent, you are in charge of your mind, will and emotions. It is your decision what you choose to think about. The Word of God is able to save your soul.

Your spirit is the part of you instantly born again when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Your soul gets saved over a process of time as you receive and act on the Word of God.

*James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*Amplified Bible*

*James 1:21 So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.*

*Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]*

*29 Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.*

2. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

*Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the **spirit** of your mind.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 4:23 And be constantly renewed in the **spirit** of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude].*

**“Spirit”** in Ephesians 4:23 refers to attitude. You are to bring your thoughts under control and have an attitude that agrees with God’s Word.

3. Serve the law of God with your mind.

*Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

Serve and obey God in your thoughts, as well as in your actions and deeds.

4. Gird up (secure) the loins of your mind.

Loins can refer to emotions and feelings. Emotions and feelings always follow thoughts.

*1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

First Peter 1:13 is saying to be like men striped for action, to be perfectly self-controlled, to brace up your mind and to keep cool. Concentrate your mind

with the strictest self-control. Prepare your mind for action and with perfect calmness fix your hope on the mercy you are to experience and the blessings that are coming to you.

*Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.*

As you receive and act upon the Word of God, your emotions will be under control.

5. What you think has a direct effect on your health and entire body.

*Proverbs 14:30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Proverbs 14:30 A calm and undisturbed mind and heart are the life and health of the body, but envy, jealousy, and wrath are like rottenness of the bones.*

Proverbs 14:30 is saying that a relaxed mind makes for good, physical health. The life of the whole body is a tranquil mind. A benevolent (kind, charitable, good, forgiving) heart heals the spirit. What you think about has a great impact on your physical health. Make a quality decision to bring negative thoughts into captivity. Choose to think on good and positive thoughts that agree with the Word of God.

6. Spiritual warfare takes place in your mind and is a determined, committed attitude to think in line with God's Word. It is not outward physical fighting.

*2 Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

*5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

Spiritual warfare is not so much a momentary emotional gust of action against the devil. It is a life-long, determined, committed attitude. There is not a quick fix or instant cure for a deep-rooted, habitual, self-imposed problem. The enemy will use the unrenewed areas of your mind to gain a foothold in your life.

7. Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge according to God's Word.

*Colossians 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Colossians 3:10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.*

It is up to you to put the thoughts of God's Word into your mind.

8. You must take the helmet of salvation.

*Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

Ephesians 6:17 is speaking to believers (already saved) and telling them to put the Word of God into their thinking.

9. Be spiritually minded. Do not be ruled by your five senses (sight, smell, sound, taste, touch). Your senses tell you what is happening in the natural realm. **The spirit realm can change what is happening in the natural realm!**

*Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Romans 8:6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].*

*James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

*James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

Being double minded is thinking in line with God's Word one minute and thinking in line with circumstances the next minute. **Discipline your thoughts to stay in line with God's Word!**

*Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.*

10. Learning and acting on God's Word will produce stability.

*Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Philippians 4:11 Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am.*

Learn to be independent of circumstances! Stability does not come instantly. It involves learning to act on God's Word. Difficult situations will change as you act upon the Word.

11. Take charge of your thoughts and see to it that you think in line with God's Word.

*Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

*Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

*Proverbs 4:20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

*21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

*22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*

*23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

Above every charge, keep your heart, for out of it are the outgoings of life. The springs of life flow out of your heart.

Medical science has discovered that your brain secretes thousands of chemicals that affect your entire body. What you choose or allow your mind to think about has a great effect on what chemicals your brain secretes.

12. Health and prosperity are directly related to your soul. It is God's will for you to have health and prosperity. As your mind prospers in the Word of God, so will you. Your mind prospers as it is renewed by the Word.

*3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

13. God gives you a sound and well-balanced mind.

*2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

*Amplified Bible*

*2 Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.*

Your mind is the battleground! Your will is the gate, the decision-maker! Your emotions are a direct result of what you think. Your emotions always follow your thoughts! *If you do not like the way you feel, change what you are thinking!* Do not allow your thoughts to wander in any direction they want to. Bring them in line with God's Word.

14. You are commanded to serve God with your mind.

*Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

God is not commanding you to serve Him with your mind to be hard on you. It is for **your benefit!**

15. Meditating on the Word of God is essential to renewing your mind.

The Word of God is given to you to straighten out your thinking.

*Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

*3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

*Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Your state of mind determines how you perceive others and the world around you.

16. What you believe is a result of your thinking.

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

*9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

17. Wrong thinking causes wrong believing. Wrong believing causes wrong confessions. If you think wrong, you believe wrong!

*Mark 11:23 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.*

**What you say with your mouth and believe in your heart is what you will have, whether positive or negative!**

*Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our **profession**, Christ Jesus.*

*Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our **profession**.*

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**PROFESSION**  
(Greek meaning)

**confession**

**CONFESSION**

**the affirming of something you believe**

**witnessing for a truth that you have embraced**

**saying the same thing that the Word of God says**

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Constantly confess your redemption from Satan's dominion.

*Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).*

Confessing what you believe creates the reality of what you believe in your life. You cannot say right until you think right.

18. You have the mind of Christ.

*1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

How do you develop the mind of Christ? Study the Word of God. Believe it in your heart and act on it. Receive the Word as the wisdom of God to guide you.

19. Some examples of **wrong** thoughts:

- a. If I pray harder, maybe God will hear me.
- b. I have to speak in tongues to be saved.
- c. God can do anything He wants to on earth.
- d. God brings sickness to chasten and teach His children.
- e. It does not matter what you say or do just so long as you are sincere.
- f. You can pray and receive answers for others regardless of their obedience or faith.
- g. You can receive answers to prayer even if you pray one way and talk another.

20. God's people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

*Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

**You cannot believe beyond your knowledge of the Word of God!**

21. In the New Testament, war and warfare primarily have to do with crucifying your flesh and taking charge of your mind. War and warfare are mentioned five times in the New Testament involving believers and **always** refers to the mind or flesh, not doing war with the devil.

## **THE MIND**

*2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:*

*4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

*5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

Take charge of your mind! You are a free, moral agent. It is up to you to decide and choose what you will think. Thoughts can come to your mind; but, you can control those thoughts and use your will to think of what you want to think of. You do not have to meditate on thoughts the devil brings to you.

**Wrong thinking is what allows strongholds to get into your mind.** Thinking in line with the Word of God will pull those strongholds down. You must be persistent and determined to bring your thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Allowing thoughts of doubt, fear, negativity, inferiority, agitation and worry will only produce undesired results.

*1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck.*

Stay committed to the call of God on your life regardless of the cost.

*2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

*2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

*3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

*4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

*5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.*

*6 The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.*

*7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.*

## **THE FLESH**

*James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?*

*2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

*1 Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.*

22. Keep your mind and body under control. You have the power to control your flesh and mind. The devil wants to control them. God will not control them. *It is your responsibility!* It is up to you to bring your flesh under subjection and to think thoughts pleasing to God.

*Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And 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.*

*1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

*Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

*13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

*14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

The members of your body can lead you into sin. Your tongue is the biggest challenge. Thoughts unspoken die unborn.

Being born again is absolutely necessary for you to go to heaven when leaving this world. Without renewing your mind to the Word of God, however, you cannot enjoy the benefits and successes in this world that God intended and provided for you. **You** must take charge of every thought and bring it into captivity to the obedience of God's Word. Being transformed by the renewing of your mind to His Word is the way you can prove what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God for your life.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON EIGHT

## THE NAME OF JESUS

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All power and authority is invested in the name of Jesus. Jesus obtained a more excellent name by inheritance.

*Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,*

*2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;*

*3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

*4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

1. All the power and authority Jesus possesses is invested in His name. Find out how much authority and power He has.

*Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*

*10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

*11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

2. All that is invested in the name of Jesus belongs to you. Jesus has given you unqualified use of His name.

*Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

*19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

*20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

You do not ask in prayer for Jesus' sake. **You** need answers to prayer.

3. Signs accompany believers that use Jesus' name.

*Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

*16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

*17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*18 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.*

When you pray in Jesus' name, you take His place here on earth, and He takes your place before God, the Father. Now, it is not so much up to God what happens on earth; but, it is up to you because you have been given authority and use of Jesus' name.

Giving you the right, or power of attorney (authority to act for another person in specified matters), to use the name of Jesus is like giving you a signed check on the resources of heaven, and you fill it out. Too often you sell yourself short, thinking you are being humble and ask for little when God wants you to ask for much.

*1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

#### 4. Gather together in the name of Jesus.

*Matthew 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.*

*20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

It is not so much gathering together, but gathering in His name.

5. When did Jesus inherit His name?

*Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.*

*5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?*

*6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

*7 And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

Jesus did not inherit anything in heaven before He came to earth because He had already created all things. He did not inherit the authority in His name when He was born on earth and took upon Himself a body. He was God in the flesh. Paul said in the book of Philippians that Jesus stripped Himself of all honor and glory and laid aside His power as deity.

*Hebrews 10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.*

Jesus was not born when He became a baby. He just took on flesh at that time. Begotten or born does not refer to when Jesus took on a body.

*John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*Acts 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

Jesus was begotten the day He was raised from the dead. The reason He needed to be begotten was because He became like mankind, separated from God. He tasted spiritual death for all of mankind.

*Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

*Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.*

*Acts 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.*

*30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;*

*31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*

*32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

6. God wants you to know the greatness of His power toward you when Jesus was raised from the dead. This includes the authority given to you to use His name.

*Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

*18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

*19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

*20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

*21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*

The value of the power of attorney depends on how much there is to back it up. It depends on how much authority and power the name represents.

*Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

*Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Jesus has already put to nought (nothing) these principalities and powers as far as you are concerned. Jesus rose on resurrection morning and said, "*All authority is given unto Me.*" **He then gave you authority to use His name. When you use the name of Jesus, it will bring into reality in your life what He has already accomplished!**

Some people are born to a great name, such as a king. Some have a great name because of their achievements. Jesus has a great name because of His achievements. His great name is conferred (granted, bestowed) upon you. *As the Word, He made all things. As the Son, He inherited all things.*

7. Jesus delivered you from the authority of darkness and gave you authority over the enemy.

*Colossians 1:13* *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

Satan has no authority to dominate you or the church (body of Christ). Jesus set you free!

Just repeating the name of Jesus does not work. You must know and believe what the Bible says is in the name of Jesus; then, it works.

*Luke 10:19* *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.*

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## **POWER**

### **authority**

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#### *Moffatt Translation*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-8 We do discuss "wisdom" with those who are mature; only it is not the wisdom of this world or of the **dethroned powers who rule this world**, it is the mysterious Wisdom of God that we discuss, that hidden wisdom which God decreed from all eternity for our glory.*

*1 Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are **perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.*

*1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made **perfect**, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.*

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## **PERFECT**

### **mature**

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*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*

## 8. Pray in the name of Jesus.

*John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing.  
Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask  
the Father in my name, he will give it you.  
24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name:  
ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

You have been given the blood-bought right and power of attorney to use the name of Jesus. You have been given the authority to speak the Word of God as though it was Christ Himself doing the speaking. Using the name of Jesus with faith in His name causes the power of God to be released in your life and in the situation at hand.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON NINE

## **PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD**

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The Apostle Paul, by the Holy Spirit, explains God's provision for you to protect you from attacks of the enemy. This is described as a heavily armoured soldier ready for battle. It includes everything you need to be successful, both defensively and offensively, when waging warfare against the enemy.

*Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

*11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:*

*18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Ephesians 6:10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].*

*11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.*

*12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.*

*13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].*

*14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,*

*15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.*

*16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].*

*17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.*

*18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).*

Asking God to put the armour on you or praying for someone else to put the armour on you will not work. **You have to put on your armour yourself!**

*Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;*

*10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old (unregenerate) self with its evil practices,*

*10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.*

*Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Amplified Bible

Ephesians 4:24 *And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.*

James 1:21 *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*  
22 *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Amplified Bible

James 1:21 *So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.*  
22 *But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].*

Matthew 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

26 *And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

27 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

*Amplified Bible*

*Matthew 7:24 So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock.*

The storms of life come to everyone. Those who obey God's Word are victorious! Wishing, hoping and wanting does not bring victory. **Acting on God's Word brings victory!**

*Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also **helpeth** our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

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**HELPETH**

**takes hold together with us against our infirmities**

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The Holy Spirit is your Comforter and Helper. It is up to you to obey the Word. He does not do it for you; but, He helps you do it.

**Reasons Why You Should Wear the Whole Armour of God:**

1. Wearing the armour enables you to be able to stand against the strategies of the devil.

*Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil.*

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## WILES

strategies

traps

schemes

deceits

plans

plots

methods of operation

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God wants you to stand against the wiles and attacks of the devil. You must have on your armour to do this! It is **your** responsibility to put on the armour and stand.

In Ephesians 6, Paul mentions standing four times:

- verse 11 – to stand
- verse 13 – to withstand
- verse 13 – to stand
- verse 14 – stand therefore

God would not have told you to put on the armour if you did not need it or if He would do it for you.

*2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

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## **DEVICES**

**wiles**

**intentions**

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2. Wearing the armour enables you to wrestle effectively against evil powers.

*Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Ephesians 6:12 names the four ranks (principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, spiritual wickedness in high places) of evil powers that oppose the progress of the body of Christ.

3. Wearing the armour enables you to withstand the attacks of the devil.

*Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

The “**evil day**” mentioned in Ephesians 6:13 is the day when the devil tests, tries, tempts and attacks you.

*Living Letters by Kenneth Taylor*

*Ephesians 6:13 So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy when he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up.*

The devil does not test, try, tempt and attack you every day. God wants you to have on His armour so you will be ready when the devil attacks. You deal with ordinary demons every day; but, Satan plans special strategies and attacks at certain times to come against you. The whole armour of God enables you to be able to withstand these attacks and come through victorious.

**Attacks from Satan come in two ways—through circumstances and through people.** The purpose of his attack is to pull you away from the Word of God. He cannot handle the person whose life is based on God's Word. Your reaction in certain circumstances will show whether your faith in God is strong or weak and if your trust is in God or in man's ability.

### **There are six pieces of armour:**

1. helmet of salvation
2. breastplate of righteousness
3. shield of faith
4. sword of the Spirit
5. loins girt with truth (belt)
6. feet shod with the gospel of peace (shoes)

## **The Helmet of Salvation**

*Ephesians 6:17 And take the **helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

The book of Ephesians is written to Christians (already born again).

The helmet of salvation is having your mind renewed to the Word of God. Your mind is the battleground!

*Romans 12:2 And 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.*

*1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

*2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:*

*4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

*5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

*Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

## **The Breastplate of Righteousness**

The breastplate of righteousness is being righteous according to **God's** standard of righteousness.

*Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**.*

You are in right-standing with God based on the works of Jesus, not based on your good works and right conduct.

*Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*

Righteousness is a gift. You cannot earn it by good works.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

*1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

*Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

Amplified Bible

Hebrews 5:13 *For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced and unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!*

It is important to get a real understanding of true righteousness. Becoming skilled in the doctrine of righteousness will cause you to grow up spiritually. If you lack an understanding of righteousness, you will live defeated and condemned with a sense of unworthiness and inferiority.

## **The Shield of Faith**

The shield of faith covers and protects all the other parts of the armour.

*Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our **faith**.*

Faith is the victory!

*Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

It is up to you to fight the good fight of faith. *This is the only fight God says to fight!* Jesus has already defeated the devil!

## **The Sword of the Spirit, Which is the Word of God**

*Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*

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### **WORD**

(Greek word – rhema)

say

speak

confess or declare the same things God's Word declares

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You are to put the Word of God in your mouth and speak it. When you speak the Word, you are putting yourself **in agreement with God. Say what God says!**

The only offensive piece of armour is the sword of the Spirit, which is speaking God's Word.

*2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.*

*1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

*Romans 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.*

## **Loins Girt About With Truth**

*Ephesians 6:14* Stand therefore, having your **loins girt about with truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

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### **LOINS**

**emotions**

**affections**

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Putting the Word of God in your heart, mind and mouth will cause your emotions and feelings to unite with it. Speaking and acting on God's Word will enable you to control and keep your emotions in line the way God wants you to. He gave you emotions to enjoy, not to be a hindrance.

*John 8:32* And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

*2 Corinthians 6:12* Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

*New International Version*

*2 Corinthians 6:12* We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us.

*1 Peter 1:13* Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

## **Feet Shod With the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace**

*Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*

*2 Corinthians 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;  
19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Have your feet firmly planted on God's Word so nothing can move you from it. The Word of God will give you stability and steadiness to stand strong and do the will of God.

It is your responsibility (not God's) to put on the whole armour of God! Being clothed with God's whole armour will protect you from attacks of the enemy and equip you to advance in His plan for your life. There must be a daily and continual inspection in your life to make sure every piece of armour is in place and ready for use.

NEW CREATION REALITIES  
LESSON TEN

## THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

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Understanding the authority God has given to you is of utmost importance in order to live a successful, Christian life.

1. Man (mankind) was given dominion and authority.

*Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Man was created to dominate, not to be dominated.

*Psalms 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*

*5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the **angels**, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

*6 Thou **madest him to have dominion** over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.*

In Psalms 8:5, the Hebrew word for “**angels**” is Elohim. Elohim means God.

“**Him**” in Psalms 8:6 is referring to man (mankind).

*Hebrews 2:6* But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

*7* Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

*8* Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

*Hebrews 2:14* Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

*15* And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

*16* For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Jesus Christ, the Word, the second person of the God-head, has always existed from eternity past. In the Old Testament, He appeared in different forms, such as the burning bush, the angel of the Lord, the Rock that followed Israel in the wilderness and others. In these instances, He always returned to His original form. In Hebrews 2:16, however, He took on Himself the seed of Abraham. “**Took**” in Greek means the

person of the Godhead came as the seed of Abraham and dwelt in human flesh. He did not return back to His original state. He has a glorified, human body and always will have a glorified, human body with the wounds in His hands, feet and side.

2. Man was created a speaking spirit.

*Genesis 2:7 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**.*

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**LIVING SOUL**  
(Hebrew meaning)

**another speaking spirit like God**

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Mankind is the only creation of God given the authority and ability to believe His Word in their heart, speak it with their mouth and see it come to pass.

3. Adam had authority and dominion to name the animals.

*Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*

4. Adam died spiritually when he disobeyed God.

*Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

*16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

*17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt **surely die**.*

**“Surely die”** in Genesis 2:17 means in dying thou shalt die. When Adam died spiritually, that opened the door to cause him to die physically.

*Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*

*Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

Adam turned his authority over to Satan. God could not make another man from the dust because the ground was now cursed.

5. God originally planned for mankind to have dominion and authority over the earth. When Adam sinned and committed high treason, he turned his authority over to Satan. Satan became the god of this world.

*2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

6. Jesus did not disagree with or contradict Satan when he told Him (Jesus) that the kingdoms of this world had been delivered unto him (Satan).

*Luke 4:5 And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*

*6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*

*7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*

7. Dominion and authority was restored to man through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Authority is the right to use the power. It is delegated power from God to you. You have authority over the enemy. God has delivered you from the control and dominion of darkness.

*Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

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Colossians 1:13 [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

Acts 13:31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Psalms 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Jesus paid the penalty for sin. When that penalty was fully paid, He regained the authority that Adam had lost!

Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6 And **again**, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

**“Again”** in Hebrews 1:5 and 1:6 indicates that there was an interruption in the relationship between God and Jesus.

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

When Jesus took your sin upon Himself on the cross, He lost connection and fellowship with God, the Father.

Matthew 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Jesus went into hell in the heart of the earth. He had no sin of His own. He took your sin upon Himself and suffered the penalty of sin for you.

Acts 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

*31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*

*32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.*

*Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

When Jesus was raised from the dead, He became the first-born of a whole new race and nation called the church, which is the body of Christ (believers around the world).

*Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*

*16 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:*

*17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*18 And he 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.*

*John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.*

Jesus was judged as a sinner because He took your sin on Himself. He had no personal sin of His own.

*John 16:11* Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

*Genesis 3:15* And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and **her seed**; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The “**seed**” of the woman in Genesis 3:15 was the Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 2:7* But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

*8* Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Satan did not understand the wisdom of God in allowing the sinless Lord Jesus Christ to take your sin and pay your penalty. This was God’s way of providing salvation for all humanity and restoring man’s authority.

8. Jesus transferred His earthly authority to His body, which is the church.

*Matthew 28:18* And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

*19* Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

*20* Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

*Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.*

Satan has been put under the feet of the members of the body of Christ through the authority restored to them by Jesus Christ.

*Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

*14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

*15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*

*16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

*17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

*18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

*19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

9. You have been given authority over the enemy through Jesus Christ.

*Luke 10:19 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.*

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*Luke 10:19 Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*

*Psalms 8:6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.*

The authority that you have been given is yours whether you feel like it is or not. Feeling has nothing to do with authority at all. People try to get the power to defeat the devil. Do not seek the power! Seek to understand your authority! You have been given authority over the devil! God Himself is the enforcer of the authority that you exercise in the name of Jesus!!

*Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

Be strong in the Lord, not strong in yourself! When you are thoroughly conscious of the divine power behind you and your own God-given authority, you can face the enemy without fear and without hesitancy.

10. You have overcome because Jesus has already overcome and given you authority.

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

*Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

The kingdom of God is likened to a palace. Keys are the authority of admitting into and excluding from the palace, the kingdom.

11. You have the authority to resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will **flee** from you.*

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*James 4:7 So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will **flee** from you.*

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**FLEE**

**run from in terror**

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You must first submit to God and obey His Word; then, you can resist the devil and he will flee from you.

12. God has done all He is going to do about the devil until He puts him in the bottomless pit. Now, it is up to you to do something about the devil and demons by using your authority and the Word of God.

Many Christians are trying to get something from God that He has already given to them. He has given believers the legal right to exercise authority over the devil on earth.

*1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*

*Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.*

Do not give the devil a foothold or handle in your life! Fear, disobedience and doubt can open a place for the enemy to get in. Walk in obedience and love. If you miss the mark, receive forgiveness as quickly as possible. Refuse to hold any unforgiveness or resentment against anyone that has done you wrong.

*Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

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*Colossians 1:13 [The Father] has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.*

*Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.*

God wants you to exercise the authority He has given you.

13. Fight **from** victory, not **for** victory!

*1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

Warfare is to hold your faith unceasingly in the power of the finished work of Christ against any attack or work of the enemy until victory comes.

Prayer is very important; but, it cannot substitute for or take the place of acting upon God's Word.

14. You must wear the whole armour of God.

*Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

*14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

*15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

*16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*

*17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

*18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*

By wearing the armour, you are unhampered and protected in your ministry of authority. Keep the armour ready and well secured about you.

15. Exercise the authority God has given you.

*John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall **ask** in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

*14 If ye shall **ask** any thing in my name, I will do it.*

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**ASK**

**demand**

**require**

**call for**

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**"Ask"** in John 14:13 is not referring to prayer. It is referring to exercising your God-given authority.

## **Examples of Exercising God-Given Authority**

*Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

*Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

*John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

*Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*18 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.*

There is a time for prayer, and there is a time to exercise the authority God has given you.

### 16. Ask in prayer.

*John 16:23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*

*24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: **ask**, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

**“Ask”** in John 16:24 means to pray.

17. Authority belongs to you, whether it is known about or not.

Some Christians walk in victory because they have learned how to exercise authority over the enemy. Knowing about authority, but not acting on it will not help you. Knowledge must be acted on to bring results!

*James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

The devil recognizes your authority and does not want you to know about it.

*Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.*

Even the least member of the body of Christ has the devil under their feet!

18. Jesus delegated power and authority to His disciples.

*Matthew 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.*

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*Matthew 10:1 And Jesus summoned to Him His twelve disciples and gave them power and authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to cure all kinds of disease and all kinds of weakness and infirmity.*

19. Paul exercised his God-given authority when he cast the evil spirit out of a certain damsel.

*Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:  
17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.  
18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

20. Jesus exercised authority over the natural elements.

*Mark 4:37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.  
38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?  
39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.  
40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?*

21. Jesus took authority over the fig tree.

*Mark 11:14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.*

*Mark 11:20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.*

*21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.*

*22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*

*23 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.*

In Mark 11:23, Jesus has given you authority to have what you believe in your heart and speak with your mouth.

22. Jesus taught His disciples how to exercise authority.

*Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.*

*6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might **say** unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

The way to exercise authority is to release your faith by saying.

23. Understanding authority will help you exercise faith.

*Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,*

6 *And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.*

7 *And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.*

8 *The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

9 *For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

10 *When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

The centurion understood authority. He believed Jesus had authority and could release that authority by speaking words. Understanding authority brings you to a new level of faith!

24. Eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil gave Adam the ability to use his tongue to produce human good, as well as calamity.

Genesis 2:15 *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

16 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:*

17 *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Adam and Eve knew about divine good; but, eating of the forbidden fruit gave them understanding of human good and evil.

Many people today are trying to please God and walk victorious through human good. Many false religions are based on human good. Your good works of self-righteousness cannot save you and cannot accomplish the will of God. Only the works of Jesus can save. Only the works that are of God can bring true victory.

*Galatians 4:30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture?  
Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the  
bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*

That which is produced by the flesh and human good without the Spirit of God will not be heir with that which is produced by faith in God and His Word.

25. Your tongue is the means by which you exercise authority.

*Mark 11:23 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.*

*Proverbs 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.*

*Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.*

*Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

*Proverbs 3:13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,  
and the man that getteth understanding.*

*14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.*

*15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.*

*16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.*

*17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.*

*18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.*

26. Adam's disobedience led to Eve's deception.

*1 Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

If Adam had obeyed God, Eve would not have been deceived.

The victory Jesus Christ won was **your** victory! You partake of that victory by your faith in Him!

*Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*

27. Paul, by the Holy Spirit, prayed for believers to know and understand what God did for them in His defeat of Satan.

*Ephesians 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;*

*17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

*18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

*19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

*20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

*21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*

*22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

*23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

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*Ephesians 1:17 [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,*

*18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),*

*19 And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,*

*20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],*

*21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.*

Jesus died spiritually for you in His humanity, but not in His deity.

28. Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ is quickened (made alive) together with Him.

*Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

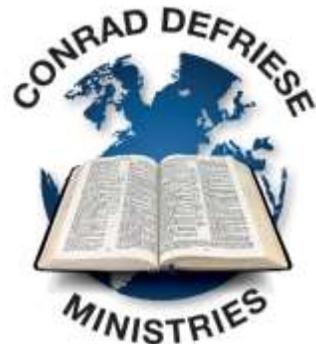
*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

Many Christians are asking God to do things and provide things for them that He has already promised and that already belong to them. Learning to use and exercise your God-given authority is the planned method for you to possess and enjoy what He has already provided for you.

It is my prayer that the lessons in this study guide will bring you greater understanding and revelation of God's Word. The more you meditate and spend time in the Word of God, the more real and alive it will become to your heart and mind.

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