

# Are You In? Experiencing the New!

The foundation of experiencing the new life is in relationship with God.

## A Heart to Heart

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 King James Version**

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I've grown frustrated with my walk at times with Christ, when I don't see the fruit or the power the bible says we're supposed to experience. It's not that something is wrong with God, or the new life that He has for us in Christ, I'm just not always in! Fully committed, fully faithful, fully in love! We know all about the new life God has for us but are we in? When you're in there should be evidence and transformation. Are we in love, in identity, in faith, in purpose? How will we know we're IN the new?

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So we're surrounded by all these new promises of God and of what life should look like. But our marriages doesn't always look like a wonderful picture of what God presents marriage to be, why? Because are we both in? In what? In obedience to do what the bible says husbands and wives are to do. And the kicker is, if we're not in obedience, what are we in? Sin! Sin is doing what God says not to do, all that which is outside of obedience to His commands.

What IN are we in, in obedience or IN sin? That will be the determining factor of whether we experience the new, or keep experiencing the old, on the outside of Christ. If we are honest with ourselves and see more old than new, we look and still see the effects of sin in our lives what are we to do?"

- Pastor Damian Tibbs

## IN Love With God

### ***Read aloud together:***

1 John 2:1-6 New Living Translation

2 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world. 3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- The first thing God said to me today was “The foundation is in relationship”
- The evidence of our complete love for Him is our obedience to His word!
- When our lives are IN God, we will experience living life as Jesus did.
- Jesus Beings!

## IN Love With The World

1 John 2:15-17 New King James Version

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Melissa - Pastor do you ever go looking to drive your old car that burned up on the side of the road?

- A brand new freezer, full of brand new meat, is going to be a major issue if you later find out it wasn’t plugged in. “He lied!”
- So we must evaluate the conditions of our lives, and if something stinks it’s not plugged into Christ.

- Nothing stinks more than our flesh/old sinful nature and lies (“He lied”), because God requires spirit and truth!
- Only what we do in spirit, and in obedience to His truth pleases God. True worshippers, not liars.

## IS, is the evidence of IN

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- Is, is the evidence of in.
- In order to experience the new condition of my life IS IN the state of old things passing away and becoming new, we must be IN Christ!
- Is, is the evidence of in.
- Our expectation must be the demonstration
- Just as nature testifies, our nature testifies.

Romans 1:20 New Living Translation

20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

1 John 4:7-8 New Living Translation

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

- The ONLY reason we love is because we are in God, and God is in us, and God is love.
- So whatever God is, we will be too, when are in!
- Our new nature will testify that God is in us!
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1 Peter 1:2 New Living Translation

1 This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. 2 God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have

obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.

Leviticus 19:2 New King James Version

2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

- Because we are a new creation in Christ God can speak and bring us into new being!
- Because He is God, His "Let there Be's" create the new state we are to become.
- Be made whole, be healed, be holy, be fruitful.
- God himself is in you, and has the authority to command and create within you.
- One of the reasons the Holy Spirit had to come back was to continue hovering over us, ready to recreate!

Genesis 1:1-4 New Living Translation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

- God's spirit & water

John 3:3-8 New Living Translation

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again,[a] you cannot see the Kingdom of God."4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" 5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.[b] 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.[c] 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You[d] must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

- God's spirit & water
- In the beginning, created in His image and likeness, placed in the garden
- Once sin entered, life exited and they were no longer in the image and likeness of God. Is God a sinner, wicked?
- Who told you, you were naked. Nakedness OUTSIDE of purity (the image of God) is shameful.

#### John 3:16-21 New Living Translation

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. 18 "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. 19 And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. 20 All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. 21 But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.[b]"

#### 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 New Living Translation

21 So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. 22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

- Through the sin on one death and sin entered all
- Through the righteousness of one life entered all that will enter

Rocky Brown- "Christian's are choosing not to be in Christ."

- Only two places to be in Christ or in Adam

#### Galatians 5:16-25 New King James Version

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [a]adultery, [b]fornication, uncleanness,

lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, [c]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 [d]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- IS, is the evidence of IN!
- Walk IN the Spirit, nad you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh, because the fruit of the Spirit IS!!!
- So are you in the Spirit of are you in the lust of the flesh?

#### Psalm 23 New King James Version

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not [a]want. 2 He makes me to lie down in [b]green pastures; He leads me beside the [c]still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will [d]dwell in the house of the Lord [e]Forever.

- We cannot say the Lord is my Shepherd, unless we are in Him, and He is in us, the foundation to experience the new life is in relationship with God.

