

I. Review of Session 1 – Understanding Greater Things

John 14:12 (NKJV) – *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*

John 14:12 (AMP) – *I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father*

John 14:12 (CEV) – *I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father*

A. Jesus declares that saved people will not only do the works things that He did, but we shall do greater things!

B. Three Questions to consider

- 1.** How is it possible that you and I could do greater works than Jesus?
Jesus never ministered to anyone who was born again. He dealt with people who were still in the dark spiritually.
- 2.** What are the greater things that we shall do?
*The greater things include personal inward things that are now available to us – the inward work of the Holy Spirit.
Greater things include everything that we put our hand to in action.
We have God’s supernatural wisdom, solutions and ability working on the inside of us.*
- 3.** What is the qualifier for us to expect to do these greater things?
Jesus’ part was to take his own blood and offer it in the heavenly holies of holies so we could be made righteous. Through His blood, we now have no condemnation, fear or inferiority in the presence of the Father. Our part is to believe.

Pastor's Note: We can now expect GREATER THINGS in our life because we have been given *NEW LIFE – GOD'S LIFE – GOD'S NATURE! WE are new creations.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP) – *Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]*

II. Demonstrating the new you!

The greater things manifest in our life as we become more conscious of who we are – who we have been made as a new creation in Christ.

Who am I?

A. There are many in the body of Christ who do not really know who they are.

1. The early church experienced the new birth but did not know anything about who they were.
 - a. They knew nothing about being made righteous.
 - b. They knew nothing about receiving eternal life.
 - c. They knew nothing about being born into the family of God.
 - d. They knew nothing about their becoming a new creation.
2. It is possible to be born again and never come to realization of WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
 - a. Many are like the disciples of Jesus when the women returned to report that Jesus had arisen from the dead.
 - b. **Luke 24:1-11 (NKJV)** – ¹*Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.* ²*But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.* ³*Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.* ⁴*And it*

happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. ⁵Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’” ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them

- c. **Luke 24:11(NIV)** – *They did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them as nonsense.*
- d. **Pastor’s Note:** *These men spent 3 ½ years with Jesus watching everything He did and personally listening to every sermon He taught, YET they still lacked an ability to believe that He had actually arisen from the dead.*
- e. **TODAY:** *There are many who have been born again, joined the church, who believe totally that Jesus arose from the dead, but they do not understand that WE who are SAVED spiritually arose to NEW CREATION STATUS when were got saved.*

B. What does it mean to be a new creation?

1. In the church we often refer to getting saved as – forgiveness of sins, being converted or getting religion.
2. New creation means – God has imparted His own nature, eternal life to me.
3. I became a new species, a new man over which Satan has no dominion or authority.
4. I am truly a NEW CREATION in Christ.

C. Greater Things require great thinking.

Romans 12 declares the necessity of RENEWING OUR MINDS lest we be conformed this world's ways thinking and doing.

NOTE: Most churches focus attention on correcting people's actions. They miss the key – THE RENEWED MIND.

They are attempting to ascend in their actions without ascending in their thinking.

- **When I get saved – My Spirit is re-created – The NEW ME!**
- **Now my mind must come under the dominion of my recreated spirit**
- **HOW? Through renewing my mind in the Word of God – The washing of the word**

1. God's word on man's thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV) – ⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts

Note: Most of the time this is quoted out of context. This passage is speaking of people who are not serving God – sinners – non-covenant people. It is also important to consider that this is Old Covenant being contrasted with what will come to us in the New Covenant.

Isaiah 55:7 (NKJV) – Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts.

- **God declares that his thoughts are HIGHER**
 - a different level of thinking
 - Greater thinking that ascends to higher plain
 - The unrighteous – ungodly – think on a different plain
- **God says my ways and thoughts are HIGHER.**

Isaiah 55:11-13 (NKJV) – ¹¹So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall

accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

- God declares that He will send His word.
 - The Word is going to change you!
 - How you think!
 - How you act!
 - You will have joy – instead of sorrow!
 - You will have peace instead of turmoil!
 - You will have the cypress tree instead of the thorn!
 - JESUS IS THE LIVING WORD who came to change us!
 - He changes the way we think – and act!
 - When we are born again we no longer think like the unrighteous – WE HAVE GREATER THINKING!
 - COVENANT THINKING – vs UNRIGHTEOUS THINKING!
 - *Jesus the living word changes our thinking.*
 - *The written word changes our thinking.*
2. How do I see myself?
 3. How do I think of myself?
*Unworthy? Unqualified? Lacking? Poor? Detestable? Wretched?
Unholy? Guilty? Blamable? despicable?*
 4. If we are going to ascend to great things, we must allow our minds to ascend to a higher level of thinking.
 5. We must allow “NEW CREATION THINKING” to ascend above the “POOR OLD ME” thinking

6. **Proverbs 23:7a (KJV)** – *As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.*

Proverbs 23:7a (GNT) – *What he thinks is what he really is*

Proverbs 23:7a (ERV) – *For as he reckoneth within himself, so is he.*

Pastor's Note: We must ascend in our thinking if we are going to ascend in our actions. We must ascend to a higher level of thinking if we are going to ascend in life to GREATER THINGS! Greater Things require Greater thinking.

D. Two areas of greater thinking

1. Greater thinking regarding my Identity – Who I AM.
2. Greater thinking regarding my abilities What I can do since God's Spirit is always at work in me.
3. It's time to become "GOD INSIDE MINDED"!
 - a. *The God of ability is now in me.*
 - b. *The God of love is now in me.*
 - c. *God and I are linked up together.*
 - d. *He is the vine – but I am a branch.*
 - e. *Because I am connected to Him – I expect greater things*

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) – *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.*

Ephesians 3:20 (AMP) – *Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us.*

Note: Become "POWER MINDED" vs "POWERLESS MINDED".

E. Start with Greater Thinking about who you are! YOUR NEW IDENTITY in Christ!

1. You are a child of God (Galatians 3:26).
2. You are loved (Galatians 2:20).
3. You are not a slave anymore (Galatians 4:7).
4. You are blessed (Psalm 118:26).
5. You are alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5).
6. You are precious (Isaiah 43:4).
7. God knows you (Psalm 139:1).
8. You are an ambassador of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
9. You are God's special possession (1 Peter 2:9-10).
10. You are created in God's image (Genesis 1:27).
11. You are a friend of Jesus Christ (Yahshua the Messiah) (John 15:15).
12. You are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
13. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-15).
14. You are redeemed (Galatians 3:13).
15. You are a saint (Corinthians 1:2).
16. And so much more!

1 John 4:4b (KJV) – *Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.*

F. Continue to renew your mind to greater thinking by thinking about what you can in Christ.

1. I can overcome the things of the enemy.
2. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
3. I can be more than a conqueror/victor.
4. I can be a person of faith.
5. I can use the name of Jesus against demons.
6. I can lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.
7. I can stand in the presence of God – without fear, inferiority or condemnation – because I am clothed in Jesus.
8. I can be victorious in every area of my life because the greater one is in me.

III. Closing Thoughts: As I being to ascend in my thinking – bringing my thinking into alignment with God’s thoughts, I will ascend into greater things.

A. I am redemption minded.

B. I am not circumstance minded.

C. I am not sickness minded.

D. I am not failure minded.

E. I am victory minded.

F. I have looked into the mirror of God’s Word and saw Who I AM and What I can do.

James 1:22-25 (NKJV) – *²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”*

TAKE YOUR THOUGHTS HIGHER

Greater Thoughts = Greater Things

Keep looking into the mirror of God’s Word and see yourself as He sees you – as He created you to be!

By continual looking at TRUTH/REALITY of who we are now in Christ – we are transformed!

What you look at continually – determines what you become!