

## OUT OF THE GRAVE

I don't know if you've ever noticed, but people that are dying of thirst, don't have to be encouraged to drink water.  
And  
People who're starving to death don't have to be encouraged to eat food.

In the same way someone who has been raised from the dead, doesn't have to be encouraged to live his new life.

In the Bible the Apostle Paul told the Roman believers, (now these are people who had already accepted Christ as their savior) to, offer and yield yourselves to God AS THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO ETERNAL LIFE and offer your body members and faculties to God, presenting them as tools of righteousness.

Why did he tell them to go after God like someone who had just come out of a grave?  
and  
What really happens when we surrender ourselves to God as tools of righteousness?

Let's look at the scriptures, which are statements of reality from God.

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SUBMIT OURSELVES ENTIRELY TO GOD.

We are transferred out from under the authority of Satan and this world.  
Colossians 1.18

We receive His eternal life in abundance. John 10.10

We become completely new creations in Christ, old things are passed away and all things become new.  
2 Corinthians 5.17

We receive everything necessary for His life and His godliness. 2 Peter 1.3

We receive His divine promises so that we can have His divine nature in Christ. 2 Peter 1.4

God makes all grace abound to us so that we can be fully equipped for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9.8

We receive His power when His Holy Spirit comes upon us to be His witnesses in the Earth. Acts 1.8

God makes us completely one with Him and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. John 17.22

The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit come to dwell within us, so that the kingdom of God now dwells within us.  
John 14

Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit so that everything that He has in God will be given to us. John 16.14

And if that wasn't enough, God gives us things which our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and have never even entered into our heart, because He loves us so much. 1 Corinthians 1.9

Jesus also said, whoever believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also and greater works than these. John 14.12

WOW! HE'S NOT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK FROM HIS CHILDREN!

God's commitment of Himself to us as His children is beyond natural comprehension.

In conclusion, let me summarize in my own words what I believe that Jesus is saying to us today.

Jesus is saying,

I came to earth and put on a body that is just like yours, with emotions just like yours, a brain just like yours, I got tired, I got hungry, and I got sleepy just like you do.

Let me show you what these bodies were actually created for.

Take your spirit, your soul, and your body and completely surrender them to God, and allow Him to fill you to overflowing with His Eternal Life

so that you can fulfill your calling as His son, His heir, and a joint heir with Christ, and so that you can also fulfill the Father's desire to reach this entire world and make them members of His family and citizens of His kingdom.

I've shared with you 12 statements of reality from God.

He is not asking you to make them happen in your life.

He has already spoken them, already done them.

He is the only one in the universe who can do them.

God's plan is pretty simple. It has no frills, no fluff, and no flash.

When we receive His Living Word into our spirits, we are receiving the leaven of the kingdom. It will fill and swallow up our whole life and make us the expression of His Kingdom in this earth.

It's a simple exchange.

Our short lived, spiritually dead lives inherited from Adam and Eve, for His Eternal Life.

In America, we call that a no-brainer. A simple decision that should be obvious to everyone.

God bless you.

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