

LET IT GO

I'd Like to start by sharing a few statements of reality from God, about His amazing commitment to His children's inheritance.

John 1.12 states that as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a man, they are born of God.

We are re-born of God's supernatural nature.

His divine power has granted to us EVERYTHING pertaining to life and godliness... 2 Peter 1.3

That's His life and His godliness.

He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature... 2 Peter 1.4

His nature is the only one that's supernatural.

John 16.14 amp speaking of the Holy Spirit, He will glorify and honor Me, because He will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal, disclose, and transmit it to you.

It's everything that the Jesus has.

Romans 6 declares that because of God's supernatural work on our behalf we can consider ourselves to be dead to sin [and our relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. John 14.17

Jesus and the Father make their permanent dwelling place in us. John 14.23

We're completely one and filled with the Godhead.

The Holy Spirit has been given to us to guarantee our possession of this inheritance. Ephesians 1.14

God's commitment of Himself and everything that He has to His children as their inheritance is way beyond any natural comprehension.

It should be obvious to everyone that God is the only one in the universe who could make these things available to natural men who were born into a nature that is spiritually dead, and separated from God, with no way to change it.

Our natural life, that we inherited from Adam and Eve, because of the fall, is self-conscious, self-loving, self-directed, and self-preserving.

Let's look at a few scriptures that explain more about our natural life.

Proverbs 14.12 There is a way which *seems* right to a person, but its end is the way of death

Matthew 7.13 the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Romans 8.6 The mind set on the flesh is death...

Jesus said, unless anyone loses their own natural life, they'll never find My eternal life.

So, how can self-loving, self-preserving people willingly lay down their own lives?

Our minds protest, this is all I am and this is all I have, this is all I've ever known, I can't let this go.

If I die to myself, life as I know it will be over.

God knew that we were incapable of laying down our carnal lives.

Here is God's solution to that question.

Matthew 4.17 states that, Jesus came preaching, repent, for the kingdom of God is here. He didn't say, repent of murder, lying, stealing, and adultery. He was telling us to repent of the nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve, that creates those things, because the one that we were originally created for was available to us now.

So, how did God make His incredible commitment of Himself to us the reality of our inheritance.

As I've said many times, the Gospel is supernatural and only God Himself can do it.

He put us in Christ and crucified us with Him, and raised us from the dead with Him, by His own supernatural doing.

1 Corinthians 1.30 and Romans 6

Colossians 2.9 states that, in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over every ruler and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision performed without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him THROUGH FAITH IN THE WORKING OF GOD, who raised Him from the dead.

Religion teaches people to ask God to forgive their sins and then set out to try to serve God and be a better person.

The problem with this is, without our death and resurrection with Christ, we are merely forgiven sinners who are trying to serve God with the spiritually dead nature that He has delivered us from.

We then spend our lives in the futility of trying to wrestle our flesh into being like Christ.

Jesus told Nicodemus, that which is born on the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

Our flesh will always be flesh. It will never get any better.

Jesus also said, it's the Spirit who gives Life, your flesh profits absolutely nothing.

The Apostle Paul exhorted the Ephesian believers to, put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth. Ephesians 4.22

In Peter 1.14, he exhorts, as obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; because it is written: "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

As a young Christian, I used to read these scriptures and say, you've got to be kidding me!

I can't change my attitude, my speech, or my actions from one day to the next. How am I going to get rid of the only nature that I've ever known and be like Christ.

That's the beauty of the gospel. It's done by God and for God, and He's the only one who can do this for us.

He paid the penalty in full for man's sin and restored mankind into oneness with Him.

Paul explains to the Roman believers,

Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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.

For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [He subdued it, He overcame it, and He deprived it of its power OVER ALL WHO ACCEPT THAT SACRIFICE.

So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live *and* move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]. Romans 8.1

This is the beauty of the Gospel. God knew that we could not change ourselves or even die to our old nature. So, He took it upon Himself to pay our penalty for sin and redeem us back into the family of God, as His children, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

It's His supernatural work on our behalf that accomplishes it. There is no religion required.

Regardless of our culture, our skin color, our education or lack of it, whether rich or poor, this inheritance is available to every person on this planet by faith in God's incredible work.

Because God wanted us back in His family, He put us in Christ and crucified our old nature with Christ, so that we can now possess His eternal life.

Let it go and put on the life that He originally created for you to have and live it in this world as a testimony of His greatness.

God bless you.

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