

ONENESS

I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you about our relationship with God.

Man was originally created in God's image and dwelt in God's presence in the garden.

Although Adam and Eve fell from God's presence in the garden because of Satan's deception, God's plan, the Gospel, restored man back into oneness with Him.

Let's look at a few scriptures.

God put us in Christ by His own doing, and Christ became our wisdom from God, our righteousness, our sanctification, and our redemption. 1 Corinthians 1.30

Because God put us in Christ, Christ's perfect sacrifice gave us the same relationship with God that Jesus has.

Romans 6.10 amp explains,

For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].

Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin *and* your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

In John 17.22, Jesus spoke with the Father, I have given to them the glory *and* honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one...

"Just as We are one," shows that it actually is the same relationship that Jesus has with the Father.

Hebrews 13.5

I will never leave you, nor will I ever forsake you.

This statement of reality from God makes it quite clear that this is an eternal oneness with God.

Jesus explains what happens to us by this spiritual and supernatural work of God.

John 15.4

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

We've been empowered by His presence in us to bring forth much fruit for God.

The Apostle Paul instructed the believers in Corinth.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body. 1Corinthians 6.19

In the past God filled Solomon's temple with His glory.

Today we are the temples that He wants to dwell in and fill with His Glory.

Jesus declared God's reason for redeeming us back into His family.

I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. John 17.23

Let's look at a few more scriptures that show the transforming effect that dwelling in His presence brings to our lives.

God is love, and he who dwells *and* continues in love dwells *and* continues in God, and God dwells *and* continues in him. In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion *and* attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment [with assurance and boldness to face Him], because as He is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4.16 amp

Colossians 1.21amp

And although you at one time were estranged *and* alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities.

Yet now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence.

[And this He will do] provided that you continue to stay with *and* in the faith [in Christ], well-grounded and settled *and* steadfast, not shifting *or* moving away from the hope [which rests on and is inspired by] the glad tidings (the Gospel),

God put us in Christ by His doing. He wants us to stay there, and live from the oneness that He redeemed us into.

Colossians 2.6 exhorts us

As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with *and* conformity to Him.

Have the roots [of your being] firmly *and* deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed *and* established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding *and* overflowing in it with thanksgiving.

God has made us His children and restored us into His family. This qualifies us to possess all of these things as our inheritance IN CHRIST.

These things have been paid in full by Christ's perfect sacrifice and God has given us His Holy Spirit as our guarantee.

In Him (Christ) you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in *and* adhered to *and* relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit.

That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the first-fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption *and* our acquiring [complete] possession of it—to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1.13amp

God wants us to be fully convinced that He will do this. Look at Hebrews 6.16amp.

Men indeed swear by one greater [than themselves], and with them in all disputes an oath taken for confirmation is final [ending strife].

Accordingly, God also, in His desire to show more convincingly *and* beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose *and* plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath.

This was so that, by two unchangeable things [His promise and His oath] in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false *or* deceive us, we who have fled [to Him] for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength *and* strong encouragement to grasp *and* hold fast the hope appointed for us *and* set before [us].

[Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it—a hope] that reaches farther *and* enters into [the very certainty of His Presence] within the veil,

God has made ALL of these things available to us by covenant. Which is His promise to commit everything that He is and everything He has to us as Christ's bride.

So, why does the possession and expression of God's eternal life seem so sparse in His church and why is the church, which is His body, having so little effect on the world around us?

Christ radiated God's Glory, perfectly represented His nature and spoke God's word with power. We were born of the same supernatural seed and made one with Him and the Father. Why is our expression of His eternal life so different?

The Apostle Paul was wondering that about the Corinthian church.

For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness *and* a divine jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted *and* seduced from wholehearted *and* sincere *and* pure devotion to Christ. 2 Corinthians 11.2

James also scolded his church.

You [are like] unfaithful wives [having illicit love affairs with the world and breaking your marriage vow to God]! Do you not know that being the world's friend is being God's enemy? So whoever chooses to be a friend of the world takes his stand as an enemy of God. James 4.4

All of the benefits, blessings and empowerments from God are ours by being IN CHRIST. As you read through the New Testament, you'll find that every time these are mentioned they are always, in Christ, in Him or with Him.

God's supernatural power created for us unbroken fellowship and oneness with Him and He has made an everlasting covenant to never leave us or forsake us.

Jesus came to Earth preaching repent for the kingdom of God is here. He was saying to repent and discard the old nature that we inherited from Adam and be reborn into His family as His children, His heirs, joint heirs with Christ, and citizens of His Kingdom.

God is not asking us to visit Him once a week, sing to Him and pay homage to His greatness.

He's asking us to accept his supernatural work that makes us one with Him and live His supernatural eternal life here in this world as a testimony of His greatness.

There is no dual citizenship in God's Kingdom. He left us here in this world to be the ambassadors of His Kingdom.

We are IN this world, but we are not OF this world.

God bless you.

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