

WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

Let me start this video with a scripture. It's Romans 8.31. It reads, What then shall we say to these things?

Hold that scripture in your mind while I share a few statements of reality from God about us.

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5.17

This is one of those favorite scriptures that we love to hear preached and we say a hearty amen to it.

The problem is that sometime later, we look in the mirror and say, but I don't look like a new creation, and I sure don't feel like a new creation, and everything in my life doesn't seem to be new, and I'm still troubled about old things in my life.

The scriptures are not Bible teachings for us to ponder and process with our mind. They are statements of reality from the creator of the universe.

He is saying this is exactly what my Son's perfect sacrifice made available to you as my child.

This is who I re-created you to be in Christ.

The God of Heaven and Earth who cannot lie says that this is our new reality, but we look to our flesh for confirmation and our flesh just doesn't agree.

Here are three more of those statements from God.

Truly, truly, I say to you, except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it remains just one grain: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal. John 12.24

The Apostle Paul added,

in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Ephesians 4.22

Peter states that, you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from you're your useless way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1.18

These 3 scriptures from Jesus, Paul, and Peter show us that the life that we inherited from Adam and Eve is useless to God to fulfill His plan of manifesting His Kingdom in the entire Earth.

Jesus said, it's the Spirit who gives life, your flesh profits absolutely nothing. John 6.63

But our minds protest that my life isn't useless. I've been a great worker for 30 or 40 years. I built a successful business that employs a lot of people. I'm a good husband. I paid my kids way through college. I've gotten rid of a lot of my bad habits and I attend church faithfully every Sunday.

Jesus said, that no man can serve two masters. He'll either love the one (God), and hate the other (ourselves), or he will serve the one, (ourselves), and despise the other, (God).

We don't have to do anything to serve ourselves. We were born into it. It's our fallen self-centered nature that is a product of Satan's lie and man's fall from God's presence.

We could probably show how our flesh reacts to just about every statement that God has made about us in His word. But let's take a look at 3 more of these statements of reality.

For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8.29

...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects, into Christ Himself, who is the head. Ephesians 4.15

As obedient children, do not conform to the passions of your former ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all that you do, for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy". 1 Peter 1.14

These 3 scriptures show God's original intention for creating man. Jesus is the first fruit from the dead. We are the rest of the crop that is born of the same imperishable seed and resurrected with Christ. That seed is the supernatural nature of God that He allowed us to receive to be redeemed into His family. He wanted many sons and daughters filled to overflowing with His life. Not just Jesus.

Again, our natural minds protest, saying you've got to be reasonable! That was Jesus and nobody could be like Him. We're only human. Nobody can be holy because we're only sinners saved by grace.

Please don't misunderstand what I'm trying to say here. I'm not being critical of other Christians or the church. I'm talking about myself. I inherited the same fallen nature that everyone else on the planet received. My flesh resists God's word just like everybody else.

Let me tell you a little bit about my story and how I got to where I am now.

I've been a Christian since I was 12 years old. I gladly received God's word that said that Jesus' perfect sacrifice paid for the forgiveness of my sins and I asked Jesus to be my Savior. But, that's about all that I was taught.

So, I set out like every other Christian that I knew to try and wrestle my flesh into being more like Christ. Needless to say, it was a very frustrating and failed effort.

After several years, I became so frustrated that I told God that I must not be one of "those kind" of people. I just can't do it.

I told him that you're either going to have to be real to me or I'll never mention your name again. I was helpless and desperate and I knew it.

Thankfully God is not intimidated by an honest prayer and He graciously baptized me in the Holy Spirit.

I had never been taught anything about the baptism of the Holy Spirit so it was some months later before I realized what had actually happened to me.

From that time on God's written word came alive to me and I began to get revelation from the Holy Spirit. My walk with God went from a religion that I tried to do in my own strength, to a relationship with the living God by His Holy Spirit.

I was then, as I am to this day, in the process of allowing the Holy Spirit to renew my mind and transform me into what God originally created me to be.

I then went on for quite a few years receiving ministry from others and ministering what God had given me. I was in fellowship with other believers and continued to devour God's written word.

I had surrendered enough of my life to God to be able to receive the Holy Spirit's revelation of the incredible inheritance that He has made available to His children, but I was still pretty powerless to be able to manifest those realities through my life for others.

As I continued to read the word, I saw that Jesus put aside His heavenly dignity and glory and put on the same nature as a human being that I have. Philippians 2.7

He radiated God's glory, perfectly represented His nature, and spoke His word with power. Hebrews 1.3

I read God's testimony that He has given me His eternal life and that life is in His Son. He who has the Son has that life.
1 John 5.11

I read that I was predestined to be conformed to the image of God's first-born Son, Jesus. Romans 8.29

Jesus said that everything that the Father has is His and He gave me His Holy Spirit to give them to me. John 16.14

These scriptures created a very, very, strong hunger and expectation to possess and express God's eternal life in and through me.

God knew that we could never change our old nature, nor could we die to life as we'd known it our whole lives. So, He took it upon Himself to put us in Christ, He crucified us with Christ, He buried us with Christ, raised us from the dead and seated us at the right hand of God in Christ. 1 Corinthians 1.30, Ephesians 2.6 and Romans 6

I've said many times that the gospel is not a religious teaching. It's the supernatural work of God that only He can do, because what is impossible to men is possible with God. Matthew 19.26

For the last few years I have been in a continually expanding revelation from the Holy Spirit.

Man is God's supreme creation to manifest His eternal life and His kingdom in this Earth. He has made us the Ambassadors of His kingdom and given us the ministry of reconciliation to invite all men to be redeemed into His family by faith in His perfect work on our behalf and to become citizens of His kingdom. He wants His children back and He has done everything necessary for that to happen.

He wants everything and every person on this planet to be filled with His Glory. So that the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord will cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2.14

This won't happen by the exercise of our natural minds and our wills, or by some well thought out plan of ours to try and reach the nations by conventional means. My flesh trying to convince your flesh will never produce God supernatural transformation. Unless it's God's Holy Spirit working through us, nothing will change.

It will only happen when we reject the nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve and say a total yes to God and allow His Holy Spirit to fill us to overflowing with His eternal life and His supernatural power.

The Apostle Paul was one who abandoned his religious efforts and received Christ's life in exchange. He said, my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Mere words won't do it. Let's say yes to God and follow Paul's exhortation to the Colossian believers in chapter 3.

Try inserting your name and speaking this as your reality.

Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value].

For Jim Fuller has died [to this world], and Jim Fuller's [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is Jim Fuller's life, appears, then Jim Fuller also will appear with Him in glory.

Then our expression to this Earth will be the life that God originally created us to have.

The same one that Jesus demonstrated here on Earth and redeemed us into.

So,
What shall we say to these things?

God bless you.
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