

ARE YOU AWARE

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

In Genesis chapter 1, God breathed His eternal life into a pile of mud and created Man in His image and likeness. Man received God's Spirit and became a living being. He was then the possessor of Spirit Life. God's life. He lived in God's presence with God. God was his reality.

In Genesis 3, Satan got Eve to doubt God's word and lied to her. He told her if they disobeyed God they would not die, they would become wise, be completely free and independent, and be like God. Satan's deceitful sales pitch produced the opposite.

Man's spirit died and he found himself apart from God's presence. Apart from reality. He began to live in the sense realm. His reality became only what his 5 senses could perceive, instead of God.

This world continually reinforces that only what we can see is reality. But the scriptures say, what is seen is temporary, and what is not seen is eternal.

Adam and Eve lost the eternal reality which is God, to scuffle in this temporary world by their own senses.

Romans 8.6 states that the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life.

The Greek word translated as "flesh" is "sarx". It generally means "unaided human effort". Decisions and actions originated and empowered by our senses.

Man living a natural life, by his senses, in this world apart from God produces only death. We are dying a little more every day that we live.

Jesus explained to His disciples about His Holy Spirit saying, when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

The Greek word translated as "truth" meant reality.

Jesus also said, "I am the way, I am the truth (the reality), and I am the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. John 14.6

There remains a realm of Reality that man, living by his senses cannot perceive. It's the realm of the Spirit. It's God's realm.

Let me share a few scriptures from the Old Testament.

In Gen 28.16 is the account of a dream that Jacob had.

Jacob saw a ladder ascending to heaven with angels going up and down on it. When he woke up he said, surely God is in this place and I did not know it. I was not even aware of it.

In 2 Kings chapter 6, is the account of the King of Aram fighting against the Israelite army. Elisha, the prophet was telling the Israelite army where the attacking army would be.

The King thought he had a mole in his ranks, but they said, no way King, it's Elisha telling them what you are planning in your bed room. Elisha was in Dothan. The King was angry and by night surrounded Dothan with his troops. Elisha's servant went out in the morning and seeing the troops surrounding the city, said, Master what shall we do?

Elisha said, do not fear, greater are those for us than those for them. He prayed, "open his eyes" and his servant saw the angels and chariots of fire of God completely surrounding the army.

In Matthew 26, when the mob came to arrest Jesus, Peter struck one of the mob and cut off his ear. Jesus said, put your sword away. Do you not know that I can call 12 legions of angels right now. A legion was 6,000 men. That's 72,000 angels that these men were completely unaware of, standing ready and available. This source of power is immeasurable. One angel completely destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah!

The Apostle Paul declared it is written,
"Things which eye has not seen and ear not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.

For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God..... 1 Corinthians 2

This entire realm of reality that is not visible to man's natural senses can only be perceived and accessed by revelation from God's Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. John 6.63

So, if our senses can't comprehend or even grasp this reality, how can we ever lay hold of it. God had a plan for this problem. It's called the Gospel.

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. He preached, repent, for the Kingdom of God is here. The Kingdom of God is not a physical place. It's wherever the King is. That's where His Kingdom reign is.

He told everyone to repent. Repent of what?

Repent of the spiritually dead life that we inherited from Adam and Eve, because the one that we were originally created for is available to us now.

It's the life that God first breathed into man. God's life. The one that Jesus demonstrated on here on Earth.

Here is God's testimony about it.

God has given us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

So how does this eternal life of God become ours?

God's plan, the gospel, is not a religion. It's the supernatural work of God to put all of mankind in Christ.

So when Christ was crucified, man was also crucified with Him, buried with Him, raised from the dead with Him and seated with Him at the right hand of God.

He was redeemed back into the family of God as God's son, His heir, and a joint heir with Christ.

You can read 1 Corinthians 1.30 and all of Romans 6 to confirm this.

Christ paid the penalty for Adam's sin and whoever will accept that sacrifice can be redeemed back into God's family and be a citizen of His kingdom. The place where God dwells.

Paul exhorted the Roman believers to consider themselves dead to sin, but alive to God in unbroken fellowship because of this perfect sacrifice of Christ and our death and resurrection with Him.

God is the only one in the universe who could accomplish this for us.

He did it before we even asked because He loves us and wants us back in His family.

Paul asked the Corinthians, what shall we say to these things? I believe the answer God is looking for is, thank you daddy, I receive it.

We've all heard that God accepts us just as we are, and this is absolutely true. But he has no intention of leaving us that way. His intention from the beginning was to conform us to the image of His first born Son, Jesus.

Romans 8.29 explains how He does it.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

All these things are past tense. And we can see from this scripture that God has already done these things by our death and resurrection with Christ.

I don't claim to be an expert in the things of the Spirit and I don't want to speak beyond my experience.

But I do feel led to share several statements of reality from God that He has already made.

The scriptures say that we were created by Him and for Him.

Paul also asked the Corinthians, do you not know that you are the temple of God and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6.19 + 20

God created us to be temples that He can dwell in and manifest His life through.

So, what steps can we take to make this our everyday reality? Here are 6 of them.

Repent of our old life inherited from Adam and Eve. Matthew 4.17

That which is born of the flesh is flesh. It only produces death.

Accept our death and resurrection with Christ that recreates us as new creations. 2 Corinthians 5.17

We need to receive and begin to walk in this new identity

Give ourselves completely to God and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds to this new reality. Romans 12.1+2

The Holy Spirit will re-program our minds to the reality of our new life in Christ.

Set your mind continually on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3.1-5

If we've been crucified and resurrected with Christ, our life is no longer in this realm. We need to focus on the source of life and allow it to continue we grow within us here

Give the Holy Spirit our full attention and allow Him to transform us. 2 Corinthians 3.17 + 18

We tend to get more of what we focus on. The life in Christ is our inheritance as God's children.

Abide in God's presence. 1 John 4.15

He doesn't want us to visit him once a week. He put us in Christ by His own doing. He wants us to stay there and live from there in this world.

God has transferred us out of the authority of this world ruled by Satan and into His kingdom, into His presence. Colossians 1.13

Although we still live in this world, we are definitely not of this world anymore. We've been re-created as new creations in Christ, we've been made members of His family, and citizens of His kingdom, enjoying unbroken fellowship with Him by His Holy Spirit.

Jesus has made us one with God. He said,
I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one just as We are one— I in them and You in Me—that
they may be perfectly united, so that the world may know that You sent Me and have loved them just as You have loved
Me. John 17.22 + 23

We need to ask God to expand our awareness of who He is, who we are in Him, and who He wants to be in us and
through us to this world.

Let God love you like only He can, and love Him back with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind. Then love those
around you the way that He has loved you.

Then we can make this unseen reality visible in this world.

God bless you.

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