

A LIFE OF OUR OWN

Psychologists have studied and deduced that all people will move away from pain and will move towards pleasure. Ever since the fall of man from God's presence, mankind has utilized his natural senses and his reason to make these kinds of rational decisions.

Man surveys his options and tries to make decisions that will benefit him the most.

Religion was created by natural men who in their fallen state have also utilized their senses as their supreme decision making tool to determine their perception of reality.

But, God said in Isaiah 55.8, that My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My way says the Lord.

God created all things by merely speaking His word. As the creator of reality He has a completely different perception of what our reality really is.

Modern Christian religion these days seems to be all about praying the sinner's prayer to have our sins forgiven so we can go to Heaven when we die, then choosing a denomination that we prefer, getting involved in a church that we like, and working on relentless behavior modification, followed by chronic repentance for all the times it doesn't work.

The Gospel is completely different. It's not a religion. It's just like God. It's spiritual, eternal, and supernatural. It's God's supernatural work on our behalf, to redeem us back into His family and make us totally new creations in Christ. God is the only who can do it.

Let's look at some statements of reality from God that show how God sees our reality.

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. Psalm 24.1

All things (that includes us) have been created by Him and for Him. Colossians 1.16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you bear much fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

John 15.16

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. 1 Corinthians 6.19

Nothing in this universe works without him. Water doesn't boil or freeze, the sun doesn't come up and go down, grass doesn't grow, plants don't bear fruit, and babies aren't born everyday on the planet without God.

Yet, we've been conditioned all our lives by this world, to live our own independent lives, to totally ignore God, and live like He's not even there.

Adam and Eve acted on Satan's lie that independence from God was the thing that they really needed. Instead of freedom, that decision created separation from God, Who is the source of life, and produced death.

They were then destined to live a life of their own making riddled with frustration, futility, sickness, and ultimately death, instead of experiencing the eternal oneness with God that they were created for, enjoying His eternal life and the joy and supply from His presence.

They had freedom from God by their own doing, instead of freedom in God by His supernatural doing.

Here are a few statements of reality from God that show how He remedied this separation from Him, by His supernatural sacrifice of Christ and our death and resurrection with Him.

Romans 6.3

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (His life)

Here is the response that He wants us to have to Christ's supernatural sacrifice.

Colossians 3.1

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, WHO IS OUR LIFE, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

The Apostle Paul shows the result of accepting Christ's perfect sacrifice as his own reality.

Galatians 2.20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 1.12 amplified explains how anyone can receive the reality of God's perfect work to redeem us back into His family. It reads,

But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]

And this is God's testimony about what that perfect sacrifice did for us.

1 John 5.11

And the testimony is this, that God has given us 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.

The same thing that makes God, God, His supernatural, eternal nature, is the same thing that has made us His children. Only the God of heaven and earth, Who created all things by His word, could re-create us back into our original state as His children, and members of His family.

In conclusion;

God has prepared a life for you and me of His own making. It has a future within it that's beyond anything that we can comprehend with our natural mind, our reason, or our understanding. It contains things that our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and things that have never entered into our heart, and God has already prepared it for us to walk in. The Father has paid everything that He has, His highest price to initiate it and create it for us. He has committed everything he has to expand it, and be its unlimited supply. He is committed to defend it with every bit of his authority and power against all comers. He has committed His Holy Spirit and his entire host of angels to guarantee the fulfillment of his desired purpose, to fill the Earth and everyone and everything in it with his glory.

This Eternal Life is available to anyone and everyone who will accept Christ's perfect sacrifice for themselves and there is no religion required. Just a childlike faith that says "thank you Daddy."

We would be extremely foolish to accept religion as a substitute and continue trying to live a temporary life of our own making, apart from Him, by our own effort.

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

Don't accept any substitutes.

God bless you,
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