

ADDICTED TO US

I'd like to share a lot of statements of reality from God about His commitment to His children as their inheritance. I'll also share a few thoughts about the greatest hinderance to having them become our reality.

God has blessed us lavishly.

The scripture reads;

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with EVERY spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ... Ephesians 1.3

He has planned for us to know Him and become like Him.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; **3**seeing that His divine power has granted to us EVERYTHING pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1.2

He intends for us to possess His supernatural nature.

Peter continues;

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

God has also given us His eternal life.

And the testimony is this, that 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. 1 John 5.11

Hebrews 9.12+15 and 10.10+14 declares that Christ's supernatural sacrifice on the cross purchased for us; Eternal redemption Eternal inheritance Complete sanctification And Total perfection

Making us Holy and blameless in His sight.

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach... Colossians 1.22

Jesus has made us completely one with He and the Father. He said to the Father;

"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 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 17.22

Jesus gave us His Holy Spirit to impart to us everything that He possesses.

"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 reveal, disclose, and transmit it to you. John 16.14

God's commitment of EVERYTHING HE HAS to His children is truly mindboggling.

But, let me ask a question.

If all these statements and commitments from God are available to ALL of His children, have you ever seen anybody in your life or known anyone that ever walks in all of them?

For generations Christians have been praying the sinner's prayer, faithfully attending church, reading Christian books, going to Bible studies, and attending conferences and no one seems to emerge from a lifetime of these activities manifesting these realities that God Himself has created for us.

The oneness with God, His supernatural nature, the complete sanctification and perfection that Christ's sacrifice paid for, His eternal life and the manifesting of everything that Christ possesses seems absent in the church, which is His body on this Earth.

I've had the Holy Spirit take me through all of these scriptures and totally excite my heart about God's commitment to me as His son. But then He's made me very aware that I am the biggest resistance to that becoming a reality in my life.

He explained to me that we are addicted to ourselves. We give him just enough of our attention to get a partial revelation of these things. We give Him enough of our time to pray for, minister to and help other people, but we always seem to revert back to our old identity, like a heroin addict to the needle, living a life of our own making in this world under the curse of separation from God.

We often act like independent contractors for God. We take on assignments for Him, but, then we quickly return to being sons of Adam and citizens of this world.

We cheer our favorite sports teams, we complain about the government, and we work relentlessly on upgrading and maintaining our homes and our possessions just like the rest of the world. We take advantage of everything that this world has to offer to make our life as enjoyable and comfortable as we possibly can under the curse. Even though God has given us His life in exchange for ours.

Now, some will protest, but I thought Jesus came to give us abundant life?

Our natural life in this world, that is ruled by our own senses, produces only death. He loves us so much that He came to deliver us from ourselves and give us His eternal life in abundance.

It's very clear from the scriptures that I've shared, that God is fully intent on adopting all of His Creations back into His family as His children, His heirs and joint heirs with Christ. And He's done everything necessary for that to be our reality.

These scriptures make it abundantly clear that He wants us incredibly more than we want Him. The rub is, that He wants ALL OF US. Spirit, soul and body.

Jesus declared in His parable that the kingdom of God is like leaven that a woman put in three measures of dough until the whole lump was leavened. Matthew 13.33

Jesus proclaimed everywhere, "repent for the kingdom of God is here now."

Repentance is not just for when you sin, but it is a daily perpetual embracing of God and His ways and leaving our old life behind. Matthew 4.17

The Apostle Paul explained to the Corinthian believers that we are the temples of God that He wants to fill with Himself and that we are not our own, we've been bought with a price. God doesn't want us to visit him once a week at the church, He wants the run of the house, 24/7 and 365 days a year.

He also exhorted them to put off their old nature that they inherited from Adam and Eve and put on the new nature that God has made available to them. Colossians 3.9 and Ephesian 4.24

Jesus explained that unless we die to our old life we can't possess His Eternal life. He also said, that you can't serve two masters. You will either love one and hate the other or you will serve the one and despise the other. Luke 16.13

When we function as natural men, instead of re-created sons in complete oneness with the Father, we continually petition God to help us, to change other people, and repair our circumstances to our liking. Instead of proclaiming His will for this world as the Ambassadors of His Kingdom.

Jesus radiated God's glory and was the perfect expression of God's Eternal life on this Earth. Hebrews 1.3

He only said what the Father said, and only did what He saw the Father doing.

He prayed to the Father, "not my will, but yours be done."

He exhorted His disciples to pray for more laborers to spread the gospel, and that His kingdom would come on this Earth as it is in heaven.

God has predestined from the very beginning that all of His children would be conformed to the image of His firstborn Son, Jesus. Romans 8.29

Jesus directed His disciples to seek His kingdom first and God would supply everything they needed to fulfill His destiny and calling for them. Matthew 6.33

The Apostle Paul added the following exhortation.

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 you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Colossians 3.1amp

Although we profess that Christ's perfect sacrifice set us free from sin, transferred us out of the authority of Satan and this world, and set us free from our old self-loving, self-serving, and self-preserving nature, few of us actually believe it enough to accept it as our present reality and walk in these things that God has made available to us

Jesus told a parable in Matthew 13, about a man who found a treasure hidden in a field. Then the man ran and gladly sold everything that he owned so that he could buy the field that was full of a treasure beyond his wildest imaginings.

The Apostle Paul rejected everything of his former life that he thought was valuable to him, for the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ as his Lord and Savior. Phillipians 2.8

He prayed for the Ephesian believers that they would receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation that they could comprehend the incredible calling, the mind boggling inheritance, in the awesome power that God has made available in us and to us.

We need a clear revelation of how deadly our old self-loving, self-serving, and self-preserving nature is to our receiving, and manifesting, everything that God has committed to us to fulfill His Great Commission and see His Kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven.

Then we can reject our natural life inherited from Adam and Eve, which is completely temporary, and received His eternal life and inherit the Kingdom prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

God bless you.

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