

FAMILY REUNION

Christians today attend church faithfully. We come and we sing and praise God and proclaim who He is and how great He is. The Bible, God's written word also declares many things about Him. It also contains statements of reality from God about who we are in Him, and who He wants to be in us and through us to this entire world.

Hebrews 1.1 states that, God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

The expression of God's Word to this world is not a teaching. It's Christ. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1.1

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

He also said, "you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Please note, he did not say my teachings will set you free. It's the truth that sets you free. The Greek word translated as truth in this passage, meant reality. So Jesus was saying I am your way, I am your reality, and I am your life. Jesus sent His Holy Spirit to lead us into all Truth. To lead us into the experience of Christ as our life.

In Colosians 3.1 is the Apostle Paul exhortation to believers.

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 Holy Spirit was not given to try to help us fix our old life inherited from Adam and Eve. He will lead us into our life that was created for us by our death and resurrection with Christ. Our new life which is in complete oneness with Jesus and the Father by Christ's supernatural sacrifice.

There is an egregious misconception nowadays of the Holy Spirit's role in our relationship with God. He is often portrayed as a Spirit that sneaks around trying to catch us in secret sins. That He is trying to convict us of everything that we are doing wrong so that we will straighten up our old disobedient life.

Romans 6 states that our old nature inherited from Adam and Eve was crucified with Christ and that we've been raised up with Christ to walk in the newness of His life.

The Holy Spirit has not been given to focus on something that God already considers dead. He has been given to lead us into the reality that we are new creations in Christ and expand our capacity to know Him and the Father.

Jesus said, this is eternal life, that you know the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom he has sent. John 17.3

I was taught as many Christians were, that eternal life is what you get after you die.

But what is our experience on the planet now supposed to be? Let's look at some more statements of reality from God about His children.

Peter confirms that knowing Him affords us everything pertaining to His life and His godliness and His promises make His supernatural life available to us.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 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. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *His* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 2 Peter 2.1

Let's look at a few more statements of reality from God about us, His children.

Our reality has changed drastically because of our death and resurrection with Christ.

We've been transferred out of the authority of this world and into the kingdom of God. Col 1.13

We've been seated with Christ at the right hand of God. Eph 2.6

We've been made complete in Christ. Col 2.10

We are now sons, heirs, and joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8.16

We are completely one with God. John 17.22

In John chapter 1.14, John reveals that Jesus, God's Living Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory.

Heb 1.3 confirms that,
He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Romans 8.29 declares about us that,
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.

Jesus said, "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. John 15.16

Our bodies weren't created for food or any other thing they were created for the Lord to fill with His glory and His eternal life. To fill us with the same life that Jesus demonstrated on Earth.

In the end, when Jesus comes again, He will be glorified in His saints and will be marveled at in those who have believed Him. 2 Thessalonians 1.10

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 1 John 3.2
So what should we do until that happens.

The Apostle Paul explains;

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 scriptures talk about the great and terrible day of the Lord when Christ returns to the earth. To those who have not accepted him and who have resisted Him, it will be a day of total judgment. But for those who have accepted Him as Savior and Lord, and trusted in Christ's perfect sacrifice to make us members of His family, it will be a glorious family reunion.

Then we will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of our Father according to Matthew 13.43

Don't miss it.

God bless you.

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