

RENEWING OUR MINDS

Jesus came preaching; Repent, because the Kingdom of God is here now.

It wasn't repent, because you're a bunch of foul sinners, full of lust, greed, selfishness, pride, arrogance, anger and murder.

It was repent. Change your mind. Get a revelation of what God has made available to you and put on the new identity that He paid in full for you.

Most Christians believe that repentance is what you are supposed to do after you sin. That we are supposed to spend some time in self-loathing and introspection, and ask God for mercy and pardon for our flesh's failings.

The problem with this approach is that we become more aware of our flesh's weakness and helplessness and confirm our identity as a sinful son of Adam and Eve, instead of growing in a greater revelation of what Christ's perfect sacrifice already paid for us to possess. The reality of our new identity in Christ.

The scriptures state that;

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7.10

Worldly sorrow over our sins leads to condemnation and guilt. It enforces the idea about my flesh, that I am a sinner and always will be.

Godly sorrow leads to salvation through the revelation of what God has made available to us.

Let me share just a couple of scriptures about our new identity in Christ.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]. 2 Corinthians 5.17amp

And although you were at one time estranged *and* alienated and hostile-minded [toward Him], *participating* in evil things, yet Christ has now reconciled you [to God] in His physical body through death, in order to present you before the Father holy and blameless and beyond reproach— [and He will do this] if you continue in the faith, well-grounded and steadfast, and not shifting away from the [confident] hope [that is a result] of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which [gospel] I, Paul, was made a minister. Colossians 1.21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5.21

These realities of Christ's perfect sacrifice, happened long before we ever sinned or were even born. Our repentance is not God giving us a way to avoid punishment. It's God giving us a way to enter into the reality of Christ's completed work on our behalf.

Christ's perfect sacrifice that set us free from our old sinful life inherited from Adam and Eve is past tense.

God spoke it into existence, Jesus Christ performed it, and the Holy Spirit has been given to us to make it our reality.

Let's look at few more statements of reality from God.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, Romans 8.1

It is because of Him that you are IN Christ Jesus, who has become our wisdom from God, our righteousness, our sanctification and our redemption. 1 Corinthians 1.30

His divine power has given us everything we need for a Godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1.3

I've said many times that the Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus preached is completely supernatural and God is the only one who can do it.

It should be obvious to us from these scriptures that these are not the result of bible study, behavior modification, and church attendance.

Christians today are continually encouraged to faithfully attend church, participate in Bible studies, go to Christian conferences, and read popular Christian books.

We do these things because we believe by doing them we will acquire greater victory in our lives and become powerful Christians.

But these things were all designed to give us the revelation by the Holy Spirit of what Christ's perfect sacrifice has already done for us and empower us to lay hold of it.

For example, Jesus scolded the pharasees saying, "you search the scriptures thinking that in them you will have eternal life, but you won't come to me that you could actually have that life."

The Bible is statements of reality from the God of heaven and earth, the Creator of the universe, to redeem us back into His family and give us a revelation of the life that He's already paid for His children to inherit.

Jesus told us to repent. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds and transform our identity as sons and daughters of God, members of His family, and citizens of His Kingdom.

His Holy Spirit will lead us into the life that God actually created for us to live here on this earth.

Jesus said,

"I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life."

I'll conclude with one more statement of reality.

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

Let's allow the Holy Spirit to give us the revelation of our new identity as a member of God's family, and one of the many brothers and sisters of Christ.

Then we can manifest the life that He created for us, instead of continually trying our best to modify the old one that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

God bless you.

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