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And He who sits on the throne said,
“Behold, I am making all things
new.” And He said, “Write, for these
words are faithful and true.”

Revelation 21:5



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Renewing the Newness in You

Brothers and Sisters, I want to remind you that one of the main purposes of the Church is: the Building Up and Encouragement of the Saints. Edification for the Sanctified!

I want to remind you that you're saved. You've been bought by the Amazing, Atoning Blood of Christ Jesus. You are His. And He is yours. We have security as long as we are walking with Him (*Even if we're sometimes clumsy*).

But what you might not be so sure about today, is your way forward.

If life has left you wearied and worn, you're probably tired of trying. And honestly, just plain tired.

I know I am sometimes. We all feel it. And for many people, it's getting harder to find a good enough reason to get out of bed some mornings.

If you are finding yourself discouraged and overwhelmed—and if you are yearning for certainty that you belong to Jesus Christ—I'm here to tell you that there is a real and realistic way to Recharge - Refresh and Renew the Newness Already In You.

The newness in you—that new creation that God made within you the moment you believed in Christ Jesus and was washed with His Atoning Blood in the waters of baptism. That righteous you—called out of a world of darkness, to live in His marvelous light!

The Real You. Christ In You.

God Breathed these Words to Us Newley Reborn Children of His:

“And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Romans 12:2

God is pleased to prove His good, acceptable (pleasing to Him) and perfect will, in you.

And I can tell you from personal experience, that He likes to start early.

God is a morning person, it seems. And each new morning is a brand-new opportunity for Him to get your attention.

If you possibly can, make the time to meet with Him early—before the responsibilities and hassles of your day begins to pile up. I know. It's not easy to discipline ourselves to make this kind of change, if we're used to plowing into our day (and our social media accounts) right after the alarm goes off.

But we need to. **We really need to.**

There's a world all around you, that wants you to conform to its altered and ungodly version of reality. And you're going to need a Renewed Mind (a Christ-centered attitude) to deflect the compost that will most certainly be flung your way.

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;
but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 14:15-17

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Loving God is directly connected to keeping His commands. And Jesus, as He fulfilled God's law, boiled it all down to just two: Loving God with all of our being, and loving our neighbor as much as ourselves. Pretty simple, right?

But if we're honest with ourselves, we realize how difficult it is to **consistently** and **faithfully** do these two, perfectly simple things. And in light of what Jesus has done for us—painfully simple things.

Through what He did on the cross, paying the penalty for our Sin, Jesus spiritually perfected us. But our flesh has to live in this world. And our flesh isn't perfect yet.

Life comes at us. People come at us. And at the end of the day, we realize that we have made some grievous mistakes. In our words. Our actions. Our attitudes. And if we managed to get through the day without completely blowing it in these areas, there's always our thoughts! Ahhh we are toast right!

Thankfully, God understands. And He didn't leave any of us Christ-followers to our own devices. He has purposely sent His Holy Spirit to teach us, and to reach us with everything we'll need—**With A Daily Diet of His Truth.**

But we need to make the time and take the time to listen. The Holy Spirit is as real as each new day, and He is waiting for us to find that quiet place, where we get an opportunity to hear His still, small voice.

The more time you spend with Him, the easier it gets to tell the difference between your own thoughts, and His. He is the Spirit of Truth the world doesn't know Him, and cannot receive. (*Jn 14:17*)

But you can. Each and every new day that you arise—and meet with Him.

A New Day for the Light to Break Through the Darkness

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

If you were anything like I was, your old self wasn't pretty. You may have ridden high for a while, and thought you were doing just fine without God.

But now, you and I know the truth: our world fills us with folly.

Satan takes fragile people and makes them believe they are not in any great need. Or in any danger.

Darkness is *deadly*—claiming the lives of its victims, daily. But Christian, you are not in darkness. And that shouldn't be the way your day begins or ends.

God's magnificent LIGHT breaks right through the darkness of your world. A light that penetrates and illuminates the heart of any true believer in Christ Jesus!

A light that is so able to take the old you—who fought and feared and faked your way through—and transform you into that new, living, and loving creation that God is faithfully molding you to be.

-But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world,
that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.
I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world,
just as I am not of the world.

I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that
You should keep them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth."

John 17:13-17

Renewing the Newness in You - *Continued*

It was a pivotal moment in human history, as Jesus breathed out a powerful prayer, to His Father in Heaven. He spoke tenderly of each of His disciples—those who were alive then, and every believer who has lived since His monumental sacrifice upon the cross.

Jesus prayed specifically that we would not simply be taken not of this world, but rather, be kept from the evils of this world.

But how can you or I expect to be guarded from such evil? We simply can't be victorious in spiritual warfare on our own—no matter how frequently or fervently we pray and proclaim. We must do it **God's way**.

And what is God's way? Jesus prayed "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth." (Jn 17:17) We are to be sanctified (set apart—in every aspect) through His Word.

God's strong and stable words of truth are absolutely imperative for any good soldier of the cross, heading out to these daily battle-fields that we call "life."

So, dig in, brothers and sisters. Feast Upon His Holy Word.

And don't leave home without it.

The Power and Potential of Your Prayer Time

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.

"But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light,
for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,

Arise from the dead,

And Christ will give you light."

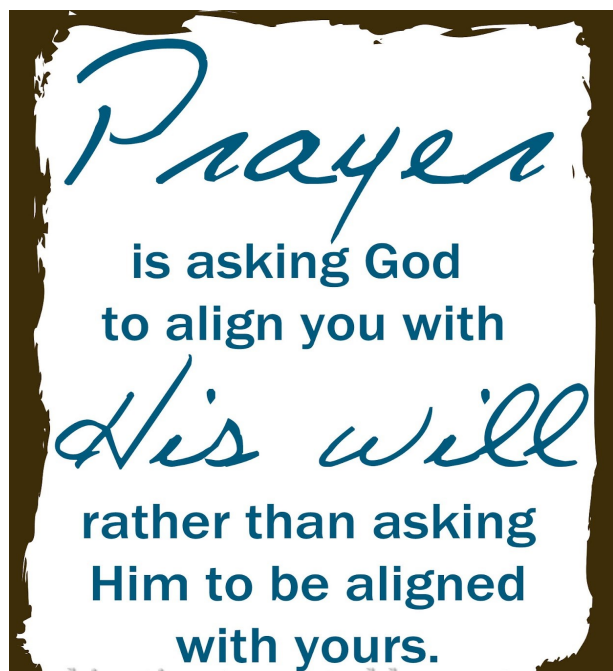
See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:11-12-16

You wake up in the morning, pray about your day, and open your Bible. Are you distracted with everything you need to do that day?

Do you have this nagging doubt in your soul, that this will accomplish anything? And do you wonder if your sleepy prayers are even getting through?

Your enemy would like you to believe that they aren't, and that Bible study and prayer are just a waste of your precious time.



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Don't Allow Those Lies to Pull You Away

This is your time—of LIGHT. Your redeemed time. Your sanctified time—set apart, for Him. There is no possible way that this is a waste of time. In fact, this moment is the most important action of the day that you will take.

Listen to the One who knows you best. Your sleepy prayers are not duds. And God's word isn't any less powerful, just because you are behind on your Bible reading plan.

Don't focus on your words, your feelings, and your failures in the spiritual disciplines. Simply allow God to set the tone for the day, as you are led by His words. A day that will be influenced by what you will be proclaiming in faith, according to His Truth. Agree with that truth you know to be true—despite what you may feel.

Then, as you begin your day, continue to stand on that firm foundation of what He has revealed to you, in His Word. God has drawn and rolled out the blueprints of His will for your day, because you have allowed the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers.

And God's Light of Truth will prevail in power—throughout the circumstances of your day—exposing and dispelling any lying, unfruitful works of darkness that the enemy may present to you.

*“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“Therefore I hope in Him!”
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him,
To the soul *who* seeks Him.”
Lamentations 3:22-25*

God's great compassion. God's great gifts. God's perfect portion—given to whosoever will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and partake of such wealth and provision. They are new every morning!

So be on the receiving end of His glory, and start your day with a healthy heart—one that is full of the Holy Spirit, and Truth. Come boldly into His throne room of Grace, and grab on to His mercy.

It's going to require some faith on your part, to believe that God is actively working on your behalf, in this very fallen world. Your Bible declares that your eternal home—your actual home—is in Heaven. Christ Jesus is now seated in this heavenly place, interceding for you.

So as you place your hope anew in the Lord, ask Him to help you keep these truths in the forefront of your mind. He will enable you to walk by faith, no matter what you may see around you.

Praying Your New Day into Focus

“Therefore we do not lose heart.

Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Undoubtedly, our failing world is steadily passing away, as is every human being. Physically, each one of us is losing the battle.

But the Apostle Paul brings us an amazing word of comfort and clarity, amidst a blurry storm of confusion: Although our outward life is surely passing away, our inward life, in Christ, is flourishing—as it finds the Father's will in each new day that we live.

Any troubles that you are going through can't possibly compare to the wondrous glory that will one day greet you. So don't allow yourself to become discouraged by what you see, feel or hear in these moments of time—these temporary tests and trials.

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Renewing the Newness in You - *Continued*

You possess a reality that cannot yet be seen, but only believed in, by faith: God's approaching kingdom—eternally yours, in Christ Jesus! And by acknowledging this in prayer, it aligns your mind for the day ahead.

"We then, *as workers together with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain.
For He says:

*"In an acceptable time I have heard you,
And in the day of salvation I have helped you."
Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
2 Corinthians 6:1-2*

In those life-giving, soul-strengthening moments of your first waking hour—while the world is still quiet enough to hear God's still, small voice—you come boldly into the throne room of God, being led by His Spirit, as He leads you in how you might pray.

As you bask in the serenity and greatness of this gentle encounter, what you pray is making a real impact on people's lives. Whether its your neighbors, or strangers halfway across the world. Your obedience, in living up to who God says you are in Christ Jesus, will surely and steadily bear much fruit.

Because you see, today is truly the day of *salvation*. And not only for others, but for yourself, as well.

To be "saved" and set free from your own way of thinking. To be stopped from taking some wrong course of action, that you might have otherwise taken, if you hadn't prayed and lingered for a while in God's presence.

Truly, God will save us from ourselves, if we will let Him—and allow Him to speak His truth into our brand new day.

"..that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Ephesians 4:22-24

"For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."

1 Corinthians 2:16

Be wise enough to remember that the enemy of every soul on the planet is watching you, waiting for the opportunity to trip you up, any way he can. So begin your new day on God's terms.

Grab on to His mercy. Reclaim our spiritual ground. And stand upon the promises on His living Word. Line up your thinking with your heavenly position.

Remember Christ's prayer to His Father? Not that we should be taken out of the battle, but that we are kept from the evil. So claim your rightful place in God, from the get-go.

Can you feel the expectation of this new day?

Awaken To Receive Your Assignment

"Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us:

we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Renewing the Newness in You - *Continued*

Praying your day into focus may sound like silly nonsense to some folks. But you are not “some folks.” You are the new person that God Almighty has created anew for Himself, to be His servant. You are a carrier of the Light, in this dark world. You are the new you, with a new and living language—a messenger of hope and Truth to a lost and confused world.

It is a high calling, and it is your daily assignment—if you trust God to perform it, both in you and through you.

Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is God’s own mission and ministry of “reconciliation.” The restoration of sinners, leading them into God’s favor, through Christ Jesus.

I can’t emphasize this enough: *You are the new creation of God!* The enemy (and all of his minions) are so old-school. They don’t have anything new—just the same old deceptions and fear-mongering B.S. (That stands for, “battle strategy”) they’ve been working and reworking since day one.

But you are the very newness of life itself, in Christ Jesus. Bought and bled for. A new creation, never to be the same. And you have open access to the mighty, truth-telling Holy Spirit within you, *every day*.

Each one of us must realize that rediscovering our new selves in Christ Jesus is essential—not just for our own survival and victory, but for the many who still yearn for that word of true hope, instead of disillusionment. For the many who so need that Light of Truth to shine into the darkness of their lives.

Starting your day with God’s purpose in mind properly aligns your mind and heart with the One who is drawing you into His own perfect will.

And makes you quick to agree with God’s loving, life-giving assignment to you. YOU, His highly favored, new creation.

Start Now

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Ephesians 4:22-24

Tomorrow morning, as we open our eyes to a new day—let’s not pick up our phones. Let’s not begin plowing into our daily tasks.

Let’s shut ourselves up with the King.

Let’s put off the world, and all it pretends to be. Let’s put off any corruption that comes our way, or that we may be holding on to.

Let’s be renewed in our minds. Let’s put on the new man—who was created by God, in righteousness and holiness. Let’s be intentional about that, and let’s believe it.

Everything true and wonderful that His mercy brings, is waiting there for us. Our reality. Our Light. Our Truth. Our focus. Our assignment. Right there—in those first and formative moments of each and every new day.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving. And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him and bless His name.

For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting.

And His truth endures to all generations.

Psalms 100:4-5

In the presence of the King.

~Aaron Jones

Out of the Desert Into New Life

The Word of God is powerful and true. It is full of promises from God. The Word transforms lives. The Word brings us hope.

There is one piece of God's Word which is very special to me. It is a passage which I cling to for several reasons.

That passage is Psalm 51.

Several years ago, I was going through a valley. I had been serving in a preaching ministry for several years. But something happened which eventually caused me to abandon the preaching ministry.

As a result, I endured some years of desert living. I call it desert living because my life and my experience was desert like. The area in a desert is very much without much life.

One can wander through a desert place - a place without water and food and eventually waste away.

Without going into details on the cause of my exit, I want to focus here on how God used His Word to bring me back to Him, and to serving Him in the work He called me to several years before. During this time in the desert, I found myself working at four jobs at the same time to take care of my family. Although I had to question God as to whether this is where He wanted me at this time, I never lost sight of who God is and who my Savior is and the fact that He had called me to serve as a minister of His Word.

Now at this point in my life I needed something new. I needed renewal. I craved a renewed purpose with my life in Christ.

After some time, I was reading Scripture, of all places, in my bathroom. I always kept a Bible there and, in my despair, began reading it regularly there. And, for some reason I may not have understood then, I was drawn to one particular Chapter in the Psalms.

That was Psalm 51. I read it over and over again. Once I had read it so many times, I even memorized it.

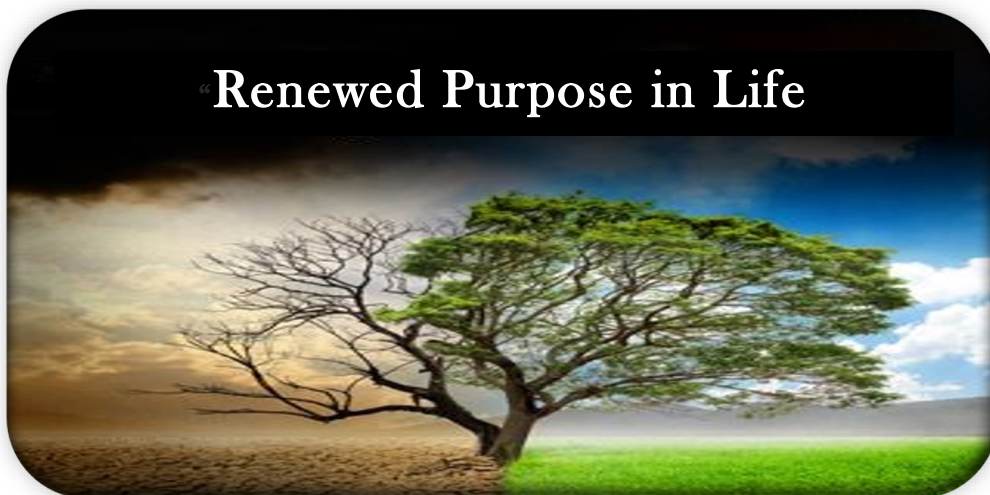
I mentioned above that I craved a renewed purpose with my life in Christ. That craving was satisfied by a portion of that Scripture - Psalm 51. David, who, by the way, at that time I could very much identify with, says something that struck me like a lightning bolt.

Here is what he says in verses 10-13: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to you."

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Renewed Purpose in Life



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Now, what caused David to come to this place in his life was nothing remotely like why I was in a state of confusion and despair. David had committed the sin of adultery and conniving to cover up his sin. In my case, it was my feeling and reaction to my belief that I had been betrayed by other Christians. Still sin on my part.

But David realized his great sin. He called upon God for a renewal of his relationship to God, and a return to the ministry to which God had called him earlier.

That is why the 51st Psalm is so very vital to my life and ministry. In my private reading over and over again for weeks of David's begging God's forgiveness, I found that I had wasted enough time in my pity party. It was time for me to seek renewal of the calling to which God had entrusted me so many years before.

I realized that I needed my heart cleansed. I knew that God has a steadfast spirit and that He wants me to have that as well. I knew full well that I did not want to be cast from the presence of God. And, above all else, I did not desire to live without His Holy Spirit living within me and guiding me through this life.

I needed the restoration of the joy of His salvation, the joy I had known for years before.

It was at this time that I was given the opportunity to join the staff of Master's International University of Divinity as a student recruiter. God found a way to allow me to re-enter ministry. That was 25 years ago. In 2004 I was made a Vice President of the school and remain in that position. What is so rewarding about this is that I have had the desire to work in two areas - education and ministry. God heard my cry, just as He heard David. He restored in me the joy of salvation and my love for His Word and His people.

God called me to ministry in 1976 at the age of 31. I moved my family to Knoxville Tennessee so that I could attend Johnson Bible College in preparation to accept that call to ministry. I can only assume that in the years prior to then He was preparing me for ministry without my knowledge or understanding. I finally came to understand that what God orders, He makes a way for it to happen.

The purpose of this article is under the heading of "All Things New". And you may wonder how all that has been said above relates to "All Things New". This is how it does. God took me through the desert - a dry and thirsty land. All hope seemed to be lost. But God sent David to me through the inspired Word in Psalm 51. He sent David because He knew I could relate to David's cry to his God for a New Life in Him.

And I am so thankful that God has the answers of life for each of us. He is in the business of renewal and restoration. Trust in Him even during your days in the desert.

~Gary Fair



**Growing in
God's Grace**

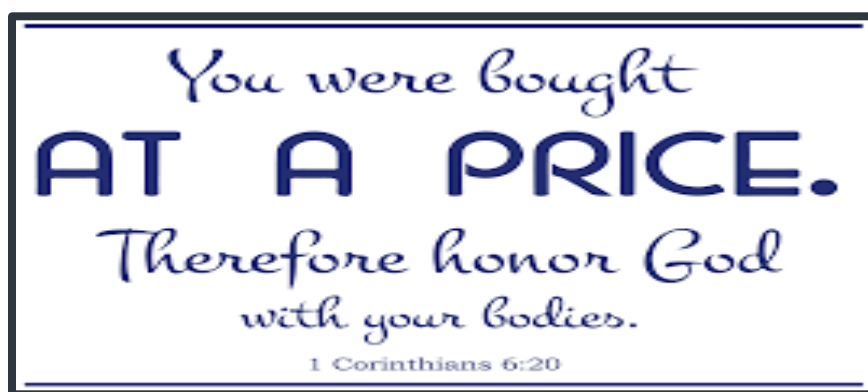
New Beginning In Christ

Having repented from your sins and surrendered to Christ, something new has begun in you. You have been ushered into a new life entirely since the day you believed in Christ and were baptized into His death. His death on the Cross of Calvary was to take away your sins and save you.

Having repented from your sins and confessed Him as your Lord and Savior by surrendering the control of your life to Him, you have been born again – a new creature with a new beginning.

Your first birth into this world gave you the natural human life, but this second birth (the new birth) gives you a spiritual birth in Christ Jesus. You have now become a child of God. (John 1:12). And you are welcome into the family of God.

The kingdom of God is now yours (John 3:5-6). You are no more the person you used to be. There is a great change inside of you now.



What is this new beginning in Christ?

In Christ, a new beginning means a new life of faith, hope, and love. The term “beginning” is the same as the word “birth.” We don’t only get something added to us when we’re reborn. We’re transforming into something completely new, a new person with a new purpose in life: to live for the glory of God.

So, how did that happen? God’s grace and our faith are two things.

God’s grace alone can transform us into the new people we need to be, for it is only by His grace that all things are made new (Revelation 21:5). And it is by faith that we receive that grace.

But exactly what is faith? Trusting God as He has shown Himself in Christ is what faith entails. Faith is more than just accepting facts about Jesus; it is also putting our faith in Him and entrusting ourselves to Him. “He did not waver through disbelief regarding God’s promise, but was fortified in his trust and gave glory to God,” the Bible says of Abraham’s faith (Romans 4:20).

So faith entails trusting Jesus as revealed in Scripture and then living for His honor and glory.

What happens when anyone becomes born again?

2 Corinthians 5:17 *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away, behold all things are become new.”*

What are these old things that have passed away?

You need a clear understanding of what God has accomplished in your life to maximize what has already occurred!

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New Beginning In Christ *(Continued)*

Previously you Were A Sinner Before God, Being Continually Under God's Judgment.

Psalm 51:5 - *Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

Romans 3:23 - *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Romans 3:5-6 - *But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.) Certainly not! If that were so, how could God judge the world?*

You were a sinner not just because of the sinful things that you did but because you were born a sinner. Every man born naturally by human parents inherited the nature of sin and so cannot please God. All have sinned and come short of God's glory.

Being Enslaved By Sin And Sinful Habits, You Were Unable To Please God.

Romans 8:8-9 - *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

Anyone who sins is a slave of sin, is bound to sin, and is unable to please God. It is sin that brings separation between God and man. As a servant of sin, you were bound to commit sin by nature.

You Were In Darkness Under The Dominion Of Satan.

All sinners are under the kingdom and control of Satan. He keeps them in darkness so that even if they stumble, they would not know what makes them stumble.

He blinds and covers people's minds so that they will not see the light of the gospel of Christ and be free. That was your condition before now.

God is faithful, just, and merciful. Having confessed your sins to Him, He has forgiven you. No matter how terrible your sins have been, He has had mercy on you and forgiven you as He promised.

You Have Been Cleansed By The Blood Of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:7b - *and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

Hebrew 9:13 - *How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!*

Soap and water cannot wash away sin. Neither can the blood of bulls, goats, and rams. Having come to believe in Christ and have come to Him for forgiveness, you have been cleansed by the blood He shed for you at Calvary.



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New Beginning In Christ *(Continued)*

You Are Now Declared “Not Guilty,” i.e., You Are Now Justified Before God.

Romans 3:24-25 - *and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.*

As far as God is concerned, because of what Christ did for you on the cross in taking your punishment upon Himself, you are free. You have been declared “not guilty” before God. You have been reconciled with God. You are now free to walk closely with the Lord and serve Him with nothing between.

Your old self, your old life (nature) has passed away. Christ lives in you now. And He did not come into you as a visitor. He came to dwell in you. All you need to do is to allow Him. Let Him talk, sleep, wake up, sing, eat and work in you. It is such a glorious life that nothing can compare with it.

As soon as Christ saved you, He did not leave you in the kingdom of darkness and under the control of Satan. And He did not just stand and command you to move out by yourself.

He has delivered you from the power of darkness and translated you into the kingdom of God in the light. There is Christ, Satan cannot reach you.

He Himself removed you and completely planted you in His own kingdom. You are free from Satan’s control.

Having repented from your old ways and received Christ into your life, you have been given the right, the power to become a child of God. You are now God’s child, a member of God’s family.

In that family, Jesus Christ is the firstborn. All other believers, including yourself, are brothers and sisters. You now have the Almighty God as your Father. You can now call Him “Father”. Praise the Lord!

Your name is written in the Lamb’s book of life. Though you live in this world, you are no longer of this world. You are a citizen of heaven. Heaven is your home and Christ is there, preparing a place for you, Hallelujah!

You were predestined to become like Jesus. Every baby has the potential to become great in the future if he grows steadily. In the same vein, as a baby in Christ, you need to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of God is the spiritual food (milk) for your new life in Christ Jesus. Study it prayerfully every day.

Conclusion

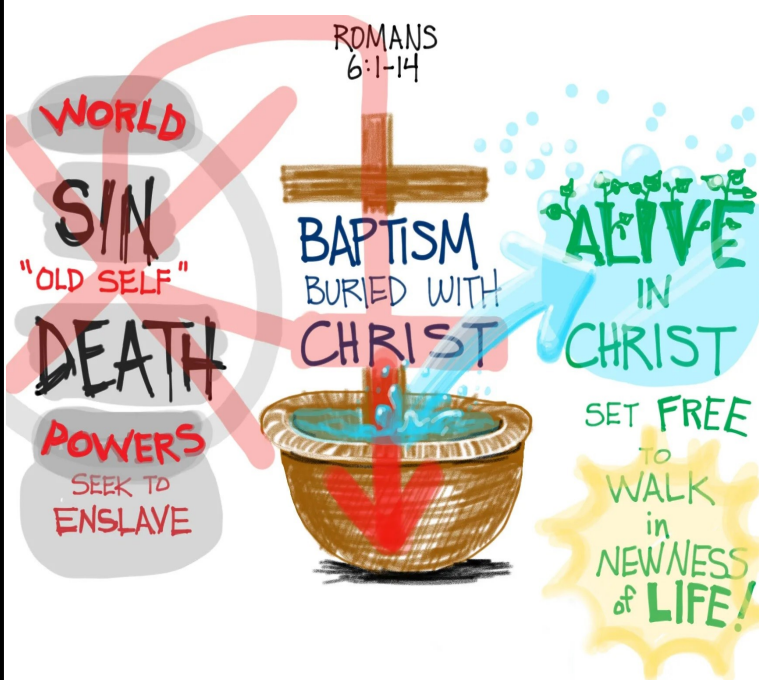
All of these, God has already done for you as a true believer. And He did it for you free of charge. You must learn to give thanks to God for the free gift of salvation.

The essence of a new beginning in Christ is a changed life. It is being born again and having a life that is pleasing to God through surrendering our lives to Jesus.

Relate with your heavenly Father day by day in prayer, in the study of His Word, and in obedience to Him. In doing this, you will be growing in conformity to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible is clear: we can receive a new and right standing with God through believing what the Lord Jesus has done on the cross.

~Robin Fortner



S.O.S

*“Meaningless! Meaningless!”
says the Teacher.
“Utterly meaningless!
Everything is meaningless.”*

*What do people gain from all their labors
at which they toil under the sun?*

*Generations come and generations go,
but the earth remains forever.*

*The sun rises and the sun sets,
and hurries back to where it rises.*

*The wind blows to the south
and turns to the north;
round and round it goes,
ever returning on its course.*

*All streams flow into the sea,
yet the sea is never full.*

*To the place the streams come from,
there they return again.*

*All things are wearisome,
more than one can say.*

*The eye never has enough of seeing,
nor the ear its fill of hearing.*

*What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun.*

*Is there anything of which one can say,
“Look! This is something new”?*

*It was here already, long ago;
it was here before our time.*

[Ecclesiastes 1:1-10](#)

Meaningless ! Meaningless ! Everything is meaningless!

Same old stuff. Same old problems. Same old routine. Satan uses the same old schemes to ensnare people in the same old sins. There is absolutely nothing new under the sun.

Cain introduced the sin of murder to the world. Samson struggled with the sin of lust. David's lust led him to commit adultery and conspire to have Uriah murdered. And Solomon led Israel into idolatry. All of these sins are still a plague on humanity today. And under the old sacrificial system the only

hope that these men had was to repent and present an animal to the priest to offer as a sacrifice. This did not take away their guilt, it only rolled it forward looking ahead to the perfect sacrifice that would cleanse sin and restore our relationship with God.

We are blessed to live in the Christian Age . Jesus' death, burial and resurrection canceled the old written code and perpetual sacrifices.

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

[Colossians 2:9-14](#)

And so He is able, now and always, to save those who come to God through Him, because He lives forever to plead with God for them.

Hebrews 7:25



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We are the beneficiaries of Jesus' atoning sacrifice. His ambassadors, the custodians of the gospel, messengers of the new covenant.

When Jesus issued the Great commission he charged us to do 4 things

GO! Don't just sit around the dinner table or hang out at the church house talking about the good news. People of all nations and walks of life need to hear it.

Make Disciples

Teach people who Jesus is and what he has done for you and wants to do for them.

Baptize them by his authority. After you have told them the good news that Jesus' blood purifies all who obey from unrighteousness. Baptize them so they can receive the forgiveness of sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Teach Now take your newborn baby Christian and teach them to obey all Jesus commands. Mentor and encourage them until they are mature in their faith and ready to raise more baby Christians.

We have it much easier today than Peter, James, John and Paul. They had the old testament scriptures and the empowering of the Holy Spirit to help them preach the good news. We have the entirety of scripture and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us use the whole bible to teach people about Jesus.

Peter, James, John and Paul had to use their mouths to preach or write letters to share the good news. Today any one of us can reach more people in a few minutes than Paul could in a week of preaching.

Satan uses radio, TV, and social media to entice people to

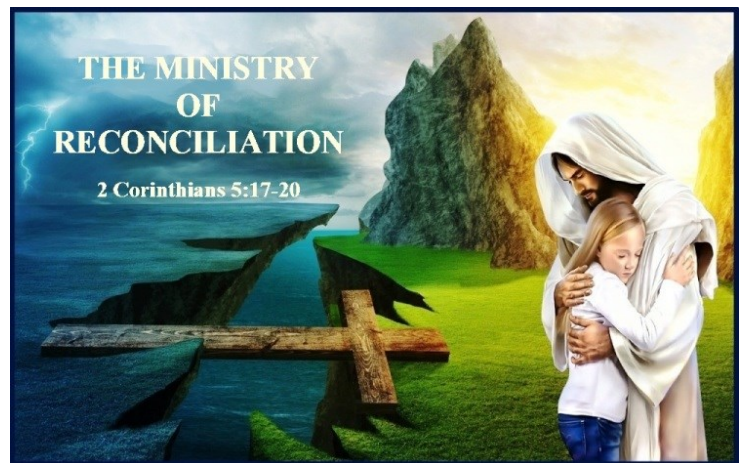
murder, lust, adultery and idolatry. However what Satan uses for evil can be used for God's glory.

Before you read any further, take out your phone and open your contact list or social media friends list.

I dare to say that those lists contain 3 types of people.

- 1) **People that have never obeyed** (possibly not heard) **the gospel and are dead in their sins on the road to Hell.**
- 2) **People that have obeyed the gospel but wandered from the faith and are on the road to Hell.**
- 3) **People that have obeyed the gospel but are burdened by a load of care need encouragement to stay on the narrow road.**

These are not strangers in the checkout line at Walmart. These are your friends, people that you have a relationship with that are within your sphere of influence. And Jesus has given us specific instructions on how to care for each one.



Be Reconciled to God

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For the first group, use that new technology that you carry in your pocket (after you pray) and invite them over for a BBQ or take them out to lunch. Be genuinely interested in them as you model Christ before them. And listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit as to when and how to work the gospel into the conversation.

For the second group (after prayer) call/text them and tell them you missed them at church. Schedule a time to get together and catch up. Then let the Holy Spirit lead. Remind them of the importance of not forsaking the assembly , that iron sharpens iron and that bad company corrupts good character.

The third group needs comfort and encouragement. They might even need physical help. This might be a brother or sister that is struggling being a caregiver and needs help with housework or meals. They might be burdened with health issues. They might even have marital problems and need to be reminded of Jesus's teaching. Whatever the case they need you to be the conduit of Jesus's love.

You may not realize it but your actions or inaction can determine someone's eternal destiny. When you see someone on the wrong road and you point them to a new, better road and they follow it , you have obeyed Jesus and changed their eternal destiny.



"Anyone Who Is Not For Me Is Really Against Me; Anyone Who Does Not Help Me Gather Is Really Scattering.

Luke 11:23 gw

When you see someone that has gotten off the narrow path and is running with the traffic on the road to destruction and you guide them back to the narrow way, you have obeyed Jesus and changed their eternal destiny.

And when you see someone struggling in their Christian walk and encourage them to stay the course, you have obeyed Jesus and helped secure their eternal destiny.

The technology that you carry in your pocket can transmit the loving concern in your voice to someone who desperately needs to hear it. It can share a personal note. It can share a passage of scripture , devotional or sermon with a friend or with a much broader audience through social media.

We hold in our fingertips a tool to share the gospel with a lost and dying world. With just one click it is possible to put the gospel in front of a bigger audience than the one that heard the first gospel sermon on Pentecost.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 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 5:16-21

I am extremely thankful that many years ago someone pointed me to a new road that led to a new life as I am sure each of you are also. Jesus loved us enough to suffer immensely for his death was not quick and clean but instead brutal and inhumane. It is his blood that our sins are washed clean and made new. All he asks of us is to show people the way to a new and better road that leads to new creation and eternal life.

Reach out and touch someone and show them the way.

In His Service

~Ron Smith

Opportunities For New Beginnings

Opportunities To Connect With Us

Sunday School - 9:30 am Spiritual Warfare

Morning Worship - 10:30 pm

Sunday Prayer Meeting - 5:30 pm A Special Time to Talk to God and Intercede on Others Behalf

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 pm Investigating Jesus Series

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:00 pm The Godhead Bible Study Series

Monthly Events

.. FRIENDS & FAMILY .. SUNDAY

Held Every First Sunday Of The Month

We encourage everyone to invite their friends and family to join us in worship. Excellent time for visitors to feel comfortable attending as they will most likely will not be only new faces there, thus not felling singled out.



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Women's Ministry Group

S.O.S Women's Ministry

Meets Every First Tuesday Of The Month at 6 PM
At Church Fellowship Area (*Handicap Accessible*)

Meal and or Snacks Provided



WatchMen Men's Ministry

Meets Every Second Saturday Of The Month at 8 AM
At Church Fellowship Area (*Handicap Accessible*)

(*Manly Sized*) Breakfast Provided



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**GET
IN**

- Be Baptized Into Christ
- Partner With PCC
(By placing membership)



**GROW
UP**

- Feed On God's Word:**
- Personal Bible Study
 - Group Bible Study



**GIVE
BACK**

- Contribute Your:**
- Time
 - Talents
 - Treasures



**GO
OUT**

- Tell Others About Jesus
- Invite To Worship / Study Time
- Being The Hands & Feet Of Christ

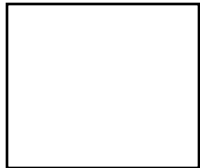


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