

Living From the Inside Out

The reborn spirit of a Christian is created to produce the desires of God. There are some Scripture verses pointing out that there is an inward man as well as an outward man. Let's read them.

1 Peter 3:4 KJV But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Romans 2:29 KJV But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Romans 7:22 KJV For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

2 Corinthians 4:16 KJV For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

In all of these scriptures we see a common theme: there is an inward man. Peter called this man the hidden man of the heart. I've meditated over the years on this subject, and I'm so excited to share with you today the way that a born-again Christian can live the powerful life of Christ Jesus. We must live from the inside out and not from the outside in. There are many things that come at us from the outside, such as sickness and disease. These come from the outside in. The healing to stop the sickness is in our spirit man where God lives. Every work that Jesus did in His earthly ministry was done from the inside out. Look at this verse, and you can see it.

John 14:10-11 KJV Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. [11] Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake.

Every Christian has a new spirit given to them by God; I call this the re-born spirit. When we accept Jesus, at that very moment we become a new person on the inside. This verse proves what I'm saying is true.

2 Corinthians 5:17 AMP Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

This inward man can be developed and mature into a full-grown Jesus person on the inside. Hear what Jesus said,

John 14:12 AMP I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

I would like to close this week's Newsletter with this thought: you cannot develop this inward man into a mature Christ spirit without acknowledging that He is there. Most of the Christian world sees the person on the outside as the real person. In other words, they only identify with the body and the intellect of a person. The revelation that God wants to give us comes from His Spirit into our spirits. Look at this Scripture that bears this out.

Romans 8:16 AMP The Spirit Himself thus testifies together with our own spirit, assuring us that we are children of God.

The Holy Spirit was sent to dwell in our reborn spirits to teach our reborn spirit what He knows. Then, in turn, our reborn spirit will teach our minds.

John 16:13-14 KJV Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. [14] He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Speaking in tongues is a big part of this process.

1 Corinthians 14:14 KJV For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

2 Peter 1:4 KJV Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Remember that your reborn spirit has the same divine nature as Jesus. With this nature, we can develop into all that God wants us to be. You and I are spirits, not just bodies and minds. We are just like God on the inside. We can cast out devils, raise the dead, heal the sick, and many other things; but it must come from the inside out.

Love you,
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