

In Christ

From a Spiritual Perspective

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Foundational Text

Acts 17:28 Amplified Bible

For in Him - - we live - - and move - - and exist [that is, in Him we actually have our being], ... as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

Foundational Revelations

You Are What You Believe

Proverbs 4:23 Easy English Bible

Be very careful - to keep your mind safe. ... The thoughts that you think - - make you the person that you are.

Throughout this series – I'm sure you will hear me say the same things over and over ... Why is that?

2 Peter 1:12-13 New Living Translation

Therefore, - I will always remind you about these things - - even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. ... 13 And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live.

Remembrance gives Opportunity to Chip Away the Old

I am trusting that each week – you are examining your thought life / belief system and are making adjustments accordingly ... I trust you are opening yourself up and allowing the Holy Spirit to renew your mind ... When you are open to the Holy Spirit – He will reveal a new understanding of the truth you thought you already knew ... How does this happen?

Remembrance lends Opportunity for Greater Revelation

There are many layers of revelation contained within truth ... So, each time you hear the same truth – you have the ability to receive and allow your heart to be expanded by the new ... Open-mindedness is the key to heart expansion ... You will never change without the thought of the possibility that you can actually be changed ... Let me throw in this thought here ... You will never become a new creation in Christ – if you never open your mind up to that very possibility.

Let me share with you this text where Jesus shares this concept of – Expanded Consciousness

... Which is basically allowing the Holy Spirit to expand your heart so that you may comprehend the realities of the spiritual realms.

John 6:62-64 New Living Translation

Then what will you think - if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? ... 63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. ... Human effort accomplishes nothing. ... And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ... 64 But some of you do not believe me.” ... (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, - - and he knew who would betray him.)

Spiritual Truth - Ascension

New creation ascension ... The ability of a Kainos Being to ascend into the heavenly realms ... The ability for a Kainos being to engage with the various realms of the spirit ... This ability can function in both a spiritual and physical manner ... The Son of Man clearly functioned in this manner – both physically and spiritually and so did others

Luke 24:50-52 The Voice

Then He leads them out to Bethany. ... He lifts up His hands and blesses them, ... 51 and at that moment, - with His hands raised in blessing, ... He leaves them - - and is carried up into heaven. ... 52 They worship Him, then they return to Jerusalem, filled with intense joy,

2 Corinthians 12:1-2 New Living Translation

This boasting will do no good, - but I must go on. ... I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. ... 2 I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. ... Whether I was in my body - or out of my body, - - I don't know - - only God knows.

John 5:19 New Living Translation

So, Jesus explained, - “I tell you the truth, - the Son can do nothing by Himself. ... He does only what He sees the Father doing. ... Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

Mindset – What do you Think about It?

Did you catch Jesus’ question – What will you think? – If you actually see this occur – while I am speaking ... Let me ask you – what would you think if I started rising up to the ceiling while preaching? ... With your present state of mind – is it even possible for you to conceive such a thing? ... Would you even give Holy Spirit the freedom – to radically change your mindset – to even conceive such a possibility? ... Our programming has so earthly grounded us – that it is robbing us from experiencing all the Spirit of God has for us ... You know – the more than you can imagine or think stuff ... If you never allow yourself to entertain the possibility – how can Holy Spirit expand your consciousness to the place when spiritual things actually occur in your life.

Proverbs 23:7 Amplified Bible

For as he thinks in his heart, ... so is he [in behavior—one who manipulates]. ... He says to you, “Eat and drink,” ... Yet his heart is not with you [but it is begrudging the cost].

Jesus’ Revelational Nugget

Verse 63 ... The Spirit alone gives eternal life. ... Human effort accomplishes nothing. ... And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Notice – Jesus draws a contrast between spirit and flesh ... Jesus states that human effort accomplishes nothing ... How can we understand this statement ... First – there is a life of the flesh and a life of the spirit ... We must stop blurring those lines ... We will live life functioning as a spirit being or a fleshly being – you can’t do both ... Second – human effort – especially as it relates to the intellect – profits the spirit nothing ... Our human intellect nor personal experiences will help us in the expanding of our spiritual consciousness of the heart ... Let me put it this way ... You can’t read more – pray more – give more – or any other spiritual

discipline you want to add – will do anything to expand your heart consciousness ... Then how does this expansion occur? ... Well Jesus tells us:

The Spirit Alone ... I don't want to get religious with this – but I want you to understand what I am saying – so I will use religious terminology ... You must fully surrender your soul man to the Spirit of God and allow Him to transform you ... It all simply comes down to a decision ... Will you make Jesus your Lord – and do what He tells you to Do?

Luke 6:46-47 The Voice

What good is it to mouth the words, “Lord! Lord!” - - if you don't live by My teachings? ... 47
What matters is that you come to Me, - - hear My words, - - and actually live by them.

“Come to Me”

Here is where you make a decision ... This coming is not a one-time event ... It is a decision you make regularly throughout your entire day ... Until it becomes such a habit – **“nugget alert”** – that He becomes your habitation – you become “In Christ” ... Remember – human effort accomplishes nothing – so you must realize this is a mingling of your spirit with His.

1 Corinthians 6:17 New Catholic Bible

But anyone who joins himself to the Lord ... becomes one spirit with Him

“Hear My words”

Remember – Jesus said “the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” ... Again – human effort accomplishes nothing so focus spiritually ... The words that Jesus spoke – are for the express purpose of expanding our heart consciousness – not expanding our intellectual knowledge base ... This is a critical point to understand ... God's words are “spirit” as they proceed from Him because He is Spirit ... Let me go deeper to draw a distinction.

Your words have absolutely no power at all ... Remember – Human effort accomplishes nothing ... The words that flow from your mind – out your mouth are completely powerless ... Let me share with you what the Spirit showed me last week as I sat in my first committee

meeting in the State House ... He showed me – fallible people – are making fallible laws – for fallible people to live by ... Human effort accomplishes nothing.

Now in contrast – God’s word – that proceeds from your spirit – that come out your mouth – have creative power ... Jesus understood this as He said: “the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” ... Jesus also said that He only speaks what He hears the Father saying ... Let me give you one more little nugget:

Psalm 103:20 New Living Translation

Praise the Lord, you angels, - - you mighty ones who carry out His plans, - - listening for each of His commands.

“Actually, Live by Them”

You will never live according the word of God – until you do the other two parts first.

TAKE AWAY

Breaking the Matrix Mentality

2 Corinthians 4:4 New Century Version

The devil who rules this world - - has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. ... They cannot see the light of the Good News - - the Good News about the glory of Christ, who is exactly like God.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 New Living Translation

We are human, - but we don’t wage war as humans do. ... 4 We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ... 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. ... We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.