

OLD NATURE vs. NEW NATURE Pt. 2

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'Lord, we thank you for your Grace. We thank you for all that You are made unto us and we pray that the Holy Spirit would minister unto our hearts: giving us instruction, correction, directions unto the very Life of Christ. And Lord, that we might avoid those things that are not your nature. Father, we realize that you have a New Creation that you've brought within the earth, and it is that creation that you inhabit, dwell. You are manifested in and to the very Person, the very Life that you are: the very nature that you are that it might be manifestly declared in your Church, your Body that is called The Church. We pray God that you would just minister into each one of us, for your Word is given unto us. As the Psalmist said, "A lamp unto our feet, a light unto our paths." And Lord, your Word is that lamp: that light, that light of the Holy Spirit to illuminate us that we might live Lord, and that we might walk by your Spirit and not by the flesh. Lord, that we might find that it's your Life that is to be declared through us, and that it's You Lord, that is Life. And it is You that delivers us from darkness and brings us into light. In Jesus' Name we pray.'

I've shared this before that there is a tug in my heart to look at an ORDER of the Scriptures: an order which God sets

forth in His Word. And in our last lesson we said that some people believe that once we are Born Again we have two natures working in us. And if we do – then it should not be! Let me put it that way: if we do it should not be. We have dealt in a previous sharing with some of that: the Nature of Christ and the nature of the flesh, or the nature of the world, the nature of the Adamic man – the old man. And we saw how the Scripture brings and divides and separates, and shows absolutely and without reservation that there is to be a difference in the People of God and the people of the world. There is to be a different Spirit, there is to be a different conversation. And I have said this ‘conversation’ means a manner of life. And now I want to continue along these lines.

I’ve had to recently sit with a young man and give some Scriptures to turn him from flesh, from self, from destruction to hear The Word of God. And yet it seems of all that you read, and of all that you say he’s bound for destruction. because of not taking heed of The Word of God. I’m not trying to bring this down in condemnation. I bring it in all of the Love and the Mercy and the Goodness of God: knowing that God is Merciful, knowing that His Grace is great. But yet, knowing at the same time that there is a sowing and there is a reaping. And as we sow to the flesh, we shall of the flesh reap corruption. As we sow to the Spirit, we shall of the Spirit reap Life Everlasting. And we dealt with a lot of Scriptures in the first part of this message seeing these differences.

And I want to go now to **Acts 26**. Paul was giving his testimony to King Agrippa. We won’t go through all that was in that chapter, but Paul was giving his testimony of the Light that he had seen and how the Lord had appeared unto him.

We realize the Lord appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus. We read this account in **Acts 9**. The Light was brighter than the sun. That Light was so bright that the Word of God said that he was blinded: he was blinded by that Light. There were scales over his eyes for three days, and God told him to go to Ananias and God would tell him what to do through Ananias. And there his eyes were opened and so forth. But the point I want to come to is **Verse 15**. You'll find the same thing in **Acts 9** because he's giving his testimony. "*And I said, who art thou, Lord?*" Notice how he addressed this. Who art thou, Lord? Because a Voice had spoken unto him and said, "*Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*" But who was he persecuting? Jesus had already died, been buried and raised from the dead and sent back to the Father. And yet here's the Voice of Jesus saying, why are you persecuting me?

He was persecuting The Church: he was persecuting The Body of Christ. That's what he was doing. He was going down imprisoning women, children, men – all of this. Some of them were being stoned to death or put to death. Others were being scattered out from the city to another place, and all of this. So in his testimony here he says, **Verse 15**, "*And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.*" And we really need to pay attention to that: that when we persecute His Body, we persecute Jesus! Now **Verse 16**. This is what the Lord is saying to Paul: at that time he was Saul of Tarsus. "*But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;*" I have appeared unto thee. Now He's already ascended back to The Father when this happened.

In otherwise, He said as I have appeared unto you and the things that you have seen through this Light, through this Voice that you've heard: that you might go and that you might take those things as I appeared unto thee ... and what? **Verse 17**, “*Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee.*” And the ‘people’ here denotes the Jews, the Israelites. There’s a lot to be said here because Paul first went into the Jews to declare the Gospel of Christ and they would not hear. They rejected the Gospel so the Word tells us that Paul turned unto the Gentiles and began to preach the Gospel unto the Gentiles.

And he goes on. **Verse 17**, “*Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness - DARKNESS....*” To open their eyes. What was it here? There’s something I want us to see. God uses people. We must come to that understanding: not just preachers – no! Not just preachers, but people that are in relationship with God: people who have fellowship with The Word of God, who commune with God through The Word. God speaks through people. And there is so much I could go into to show how people reject the Lord because they look at the individual: man or woman, it doesn’t matter. But they look at the individual instead of hearing what The Word is speaking and what The Spirit is saying. God is always... I’m telling you: God is always dealing and speaking to His Body, The Church. John in the book of Revelation said over and over to The Church because it was The Revelation of Jesus Christ to The Church – to be revealed, unveiled to The Church. And he said, “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit says unto the church.*” Now, The Spirit uses men and women to speak through: the Voice of The Word, to speak

through.

And we see this very clearly with Paul. The Lord said I've come to deliver you from the oppression of the people. However they look at you, whatever they think about you: I'm going to deliver you from the people and from the Gentiles unto whom now I send you. And you will be able to open their eyes. **Verse 18**, *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."* Here's the Lord saying all of this to Paul. 'You're going to be my minister. You're going to be my witness. You're going to go down: you're going to open the eyes and you're going to turn them that walk in darkness, and turn them to Life. You're going to turn them from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins.'

Now what does that is the Work of The Holy Spirit. This Word must become a Living Word. And I want to use this as we look at some Scriptures. We said in the first part of this message that the Nature of Christ is absolutely different than the nature of the world. The power of Satan and the power of God are two different things. And some people are bound by the power of Satan. And God has come to deliver all! That's what He said in Isaiah 61 when the prophet was speaking of Jesus when He would come. **Isaiah 61:1**, *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."* That was the purpose of Christ. Not that we would remain in darkness: not that we would be controlled by our own passions, by our

own flesh, by our own desires: not to be controlled by that spirit of lust and all of these things that you could go into. But that there would be a people delivered – deliverance: brought from darkness to light. Brought from the power of Satan: where Satan no longer is the force, the prince of the power of the air of our lives. But now that we come to this place where God Himself – The Word of God is. This must become a Living Word. It must become!

And we're going to go to one place we were in our last lesson. **1 Peter 4**. And this is a hard thing sometimes for Believers: to want to be rejected and forsaken and despised. But if we are going to follow The Lord, then we must prepare ourselves. We must come to the knowledge which Jesus Himself declared: that His Kingdom was not of this world. And that the world hated Him and will hate you also. We must face that realization: that the world loves its own and will speak of its own. It will fellowship with its own. And then the same thing with the people of God. **1 Peter 4:1**, *"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh..."* Where did he suffer? He suffered in the flesh. He was fashioned like unto man: that He might take upon Himself all the sin, all the iniquity of the whole world. But how did He do it? He did it in His flesh. **Hebrews 10** says, *"A body thou hast prepared me."* That body was the body of the sacrificial Lamb that would come, and the shed blood of that Lamb of God before the foundation of the world would come to cleanse us from sin – to forgive us, release us, bring us out from among darkness and let the Light that He is shine forth through us.

So he said in **1 Peter 4:1**, *"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the*

same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;” Mind – what is the same mind? That as Christ suffered in the flesh: that we will have that same mind to allow our flesh to suffer and that we will not yield to the dictates of it. We see this in **Galatians 5**. “*If we live in the spirit...*” And I have made this statement: if you have truly been Born Again of the Spirit of God: if you have truly and if I have truly been Born Again of the Spirit of God, then God’s Spirit is in us. And that Spirit never, never, never leaves us! Now we can quench that Spirit, we can be disobedient to that Spirit. That Spirit is in us but then there’s altogether something else. We must yield to that Spirit and by yielding to that Spirit we will walk in The Spirit and not fulfill the lust of the flesh. Now that’s the Scripture. That’s all I want to do here. I don’t want to try to interpret a whole lot of this. I want the Spirit of God: I want The Word of God itself to speak into each one of us so that we know that this is God’s Word, and we believe that this is God’s Word. And God has sent His Word and He said by the prophet Isaiah that wherever I send My Word it will prosper, it will work that Word wherever I send it. And it will not return unto Me void or empty – without results (**Isaiah 55:11**), without changing our lives, without a Nature that is manifested, which is the Nature of Christ.

We started this sharing in **Romans 8:1**, “*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*” Now you see the two: we walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit – two different things. Then we went down through there and saw that through the Spirit we mortify or deaden: we deprive the animal listed nature, that beast nature that was in the Adamic man: the fallen creation. And only through the Spirit that nature is dead and deprived: by yielding to this Spirit.

The Spirit does the work. And I want you to understand. You can try to sanctify yourself: you can try to purify yourself. But without The Word or without The Spirit of God you'll never be purified: I'll never be purified! In The Word of God Paul tells them. There were some that were fornicators and all kinds of things: but he says NOW you are clean by The Word. I want to show there is an absolute – without reservation: there is an absolute difference in the Nature of Christ and the nature of the world. People live by the Spirit of the world until they come to Christ. Then they should allow the Spirit of God to work in them. We see this in **1 John 2:16**, *“For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”* These are not of My Father, but they are of the world. Whether we want to face it or not, we were controlled by the prince of the power of the air. Satan had power and dominion over us, and we yielded unto that spirit. But now that we have become Believers in Christ, accepted Christ: it is The Spirit of that Living Christ that lives in us, to bring us to the place where He is manifestly declared. The Spirit doesn't bring us contrary to The Word!

We can say it's God all we want: but The Spirit doesn't bring us contrary to The Word. The Spirit always will confirm The Word of God as the authoritative: the full authority of The Almighty God. And we can't take those things just for granted. **1 Peter 4:1**, *“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts,*

excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.” We see this is talking of “time past”: it is not something we should be walking in now as Believers. Remember “the will of the Gentiles” means the heathen and sinners: those that are without God. **Verse 3**, “...*when we walked*” See what’s happening here is here comes a separation: here comes a dividing. The New Creation of God that is created in Christ Jesus and created by Christ is altogether another species, and it must become that species that becomes a Light in the midst of darkness because that’s what He said. You are a city set on a hill not to be hid. Let your Light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. And of course those ‘good works’ is Christ. It’s the Living Word working, manifest in you. **Verse 4**, “*Wherein they think it strange that ye run now with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.*” I’m telling you we’ve got to come out! We’ve got to allow The Spirit of God to lead us out from that world. I’m not saying don’t witness to people, but you need to be a Light, not a partaker of it. You need to be a Light. You need to be different. You need that Christ that’s in you – that Word in you to shine forth in the midst of darkness.

So they will speak evil of you. **1 Peter 4: 5**, “*Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.* **6** *For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.*” And I just want to deal with that point and show you that they think it’s strange. I remember the time: you remember the time that you used to walk after the course of this world. You thought you were living! I meet people today on the job and in various places, and because they go from woman to woman:

they go from bottle to bottle, they go from this and that – all kinds of stuff, they say oh boy, we're living! I'm enjoying life! The truth of it is they don't have life in that. All of that is empty, it's void. Why do you think people use drugs, dope: running from man to man, from woman to woman? Running from bottle to bottle – you can go down the line. There's so many things you can say. Why? They are trying to fill up that void: of the Ever Abiding Presence of The Living God! In whom God has created all mankind to come forth: that He can have a expression of Himself in the earth. And they are trying to fill it all up with these things. And when it's all over it's still nonetheless that great man of wisdom who went down that same road and said in **Ecclesiastes**, "*Vanity, vanity. All is vanity!*"

And Beloved, God has been dealing in my heart. I don't know: I'm not here to pick on anyone. I'm not here to pick even on me. But God's been dealing in my heart – the ORDER, the order, the order. There is an order that God has. And the answer is in His Word! His direction, His instruction, His correction in us, His discipline in us is The Word of God. "*I have given you My Word to heal you. I sent My Word to heal you. I've sent My word.*" There are areas in our lives that we need healing. And God said I've sent My Word to heal you! Oh it's like the balm of Gilead. It's The Living Word. It's a Word, a transforming Word that transforms us from the kingdom of darkness into The Kingdom of His Dear Son because Paul comes and tells The Church that He has translated us from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His Dear Son. And I began to visualize not only just you: but I began to visualize myself – where am I found in Christ? Oh, do I really, really, really know Him?

Is that the very desire of my heart? That God, I want to know Him? We could try to save the whole world: we could run this country wide over from one end of the world to the other, and yet not know Him. We could even preach The Gospel and yet not know Him – so busy, caught up in so many things that we have no time to sit before The Father and to sit at that banquet table of The Living God and let God through The Holy Spirit begin to minister and reveal that Person that He is: that Life He is. Oh yes, they'll speak evil of you. You can't be a friend of the world. That doesn't mean that you don't witness to the world. That doesn't even mean that you don't eat with sinners. But it does mean that you allow Christ to be manifested. I've sat at tables with people drinking beer, I've said at tables with people drinking alcohol: not to partake of it, but to show another Life. I used to never go to a Christmas party because of all of that, but I love to go now. You know why? Because I'm able to witness Christ. In the midst of darkness there is that Christ that can be manifested. Our conversation: everything about us is changed.

Now let's go to **1 Corinthian 6**. I want us to look at a few things. In our earlier sharing we dealt with 'time past'. **1 Corinthians 6:9**, *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."* 'Such were' - that's time past. Those things should NOT be operating in our lives NOW. See it does not matter to God, to

me, and it should not matter to you where anyone has ever been and what they have ever done. If they truly come to God, God forgives them. My daughter-in-law: I'll use her as an example and she just blesses me. She had done all kinds of things, but she just recently said to me, 'Pops, I did all these things.' Of course her son is having a tremendous problem because he was raised in that hell. Some people think hell is just after you die. I want to tell you something: he was raised in that hell. You name it and it was there. And she said, 'Pops, God has come into my heart and I've accepted the Lord.' And she began to go into – 'I used to do this, and I was that.' And I said I want to stop you right there. I said it doesn't matter where you've been, what you've done, what road you took. It doesn't matter. When you come to Jesus Christ He wiped your slate clean as though you never lived there. And I want you to know that you do not have to live in that memory of the past.

Even a Priest recently at a funeral made a profound statement. He blessed me when he said there are people that can forgive others, but they cannot forgive themselves. Do you ever have that problem? I have. Sometimes I still have that problem. Folks, listen to what Paul says here. **Verse 11** – Some of you: that's what you were, but that's not what you ought to be. "*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*" Notice that – sanctified: set apart unto God. See that's what this word really means because the Bible says in **1 Corinthians 1:29**, "*That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*" See, we have no sanctification in our own flesh.

We are sanctified by HIM who is our Sanctification. A lot of times people try to take this word ‘sanctification’ and it’s just on their own merits or goodness, or their works. They try to set themselves apart to God. But you see it’s **Christ** is wisdom: Who is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. **Verse 31**, “*That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*” Let him glory in the Lord – not in the flesh. No flesh shall glory in My Presence, saith the Lord.

And so we see here from this verse there is a line that’s drawn: what are the people of God to be. They are to be a different people. We saw in Peter we are “*A royal priesthood, a chosen generation.*” **Isaiah 62** says you are a royal diadem. See, even natural Israel: God spoke unto natural Israel and said you shall be a Light unto the Gentiles. And that’s what The Church is. The Church is the very Body of Christ in order for Christ to be exhibited in the world. How is He exhibited? I’ve said this before. He’s not coming in a flesh body. He was in a flesh body one time. He’s not coming in a flesh body to get into you, but He has come in you by His Word and by His Spirit. We looked at this in **John 6:63**, “*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*” So we’ve got to take this and realize that God is speaking to His Church, And he that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to The Church. You talk about people converted! **Isaiah 60** shows you that, but that was to Israel. And it’s also to the true Israel of God today.

Who is the true Israel of God? Those who are in Christ! Paul said in **Philippians 3:3**, “*For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and*

*have no confidence in the flesh.” No race, color, creed, gender – no anything. We have no male, no female, none of that. **Galatians 3:27**, “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” So it goes beyond what we are as male and female, Jew and Greek, black and white. None of that is what is found in Christ. So we deal with the soul of man, that Eternal Being, that Eternal walk. That is the man that God deals with: to transform the soul, to enlighten the soul. And that soul is enlightened by The Word of God. As we prayed, “Thy Word is a Lamp unto our feet, a Light unto our pathway.” The prophet Isaiah said, “Come Let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Lord.” And if you’ll really look up this ‘mountain of the house of the Lord’, you know what it is? It’s The Spirit! Now in the natural it’s Solomon’s Temple in Jerusalem: people would “go up”. But it’s in The Spirit. “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Lord. There He will show us His ways and He will teach us His path”.*

How are any of us going to know God’s ways except we commune with Him? Except we have fellowship with Him? And how is this fellowship, this communion coming? Right here – Eat The Book! We were in **Revelation 20** recently and it talks about those “Judged out of the book.” We’re not going to say much about this, but there were those judged ‘out of the books’. And whosoever’s name was not found in The Lamb’s Book of Life: they were the ones who take part of that Beast. And don’t be deceived that that Beast is something other than that old Adamic man! That old flesh man that tries to rise up as **2 Thessalonians 2** says and he

sits in the Temple of God because The Word of God declares that our body is The Temple of The Holy Ghost. And he sat in the temple of God and exalts himself as God!

Friends, many of our questions would be answered and resolved if only we would get in The Book. And if only that Person Himself would really be revealed. Let's look at **2 Corinthians 6:13**, "*Now for a recompence in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.*" We realize that the Apostle Paul was a Spiritual Father to The Church. And he said in one place, you know what? You can have 10,000 instructors, everybody around here telling you to do it this way: do this, do that. You can have 10,000 instructors but not many Fathers. But that's what it takes, Brothers and Sisters. He was a Father: he was like a nourisher to the hurting. He nourished them. He was like a nurse to them that even fell short. And this message is not intended to 'beat up' anybody. This message is only intended to show God has an Order, and that the blessings of God come through the Order of His Word by our obedience, by our yielding to The Spirit. Who is it among us who has never yielded to the flesh in some form? I'm not talking about fornication and all that stuff.

Flesh – anything that is of me is not of God. See, we look at these things sometimes and there are certain things that people pick out and think this is sin. God wants us to avoid that, but I want to tell you it's YOU that has to be gotten out of the way! It's you and me that has to allow that Cross to work daily in US: to allow that Cross, even as Paul said, 'in my body'. **2 Corinthians 4:10**, "*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*" Always. For as much as Christ suffered in the flesh – you've got to let your flesh

suffer! You've got to yield to The Spirit, and not to the flesh. And so he brings that out. He was a father, he was a protector, he was a warner, he was an instructor. He was all that. Why? Because he recognized that these were precious people. Folks, I'm telling you – every one of you, and even people who are not in this building now are God's precious people. What did he mean when he said, "*All we like sheep have gone astray*"? We must have been a sheep - huh? But we went astray somewhere. All we like sheep went astray.

But he goes on here. "*I speak as unto my children. Be also enlarged.*" (**2 Corinthians 6:13**) His heart was to see an enlargement, an increase of this Christ, of this Living Word coming forth. **2 Corinthians 6:14**, "*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*" And that word 'together' really is 'as one'. See, you know there is no communion in darkness and Light. Why? Because we read God said I called you to be a minister and a witness, to bring them who are in darkness to the Light, and to those that are under the power and authority of Satan, to bring them from that unto God. So here again Paul said I speak to you as my children. And we know he said in another place, "*Ye are my epistle, known and read of all men.*" (**2 Corinthians 3:2**) Later on he shows that those epistles was Christ, but through The Gospel which he preached. They heard The Gospel and they believed The Gospel, and he said Ye are my epistles known and read of all men. We've heard that statement for years. We know the only 'Bible' some people will read is you!

I'm telling you: the world is 'reading' you! Every way we act, the way we talk, things we do – the world is reading you.

They are reading the pages of the book that you are. So he goes on. **2 Corinthians 6:15**, “*And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*” Catch that now! For you are the temple of the living God. And he’s coming here out from a Scripture in the Old Testament. “... *God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them...*” You can’t be partakers with them anymore. They think you’re a dummy. They think strange of you because you don’t go along to those riotings and parties and get involved with everything they do. They think you are strange. They speak evil of you. The first thing that happens to a person when they come to the Lord... ‘Oh, now you become a preacher!’ An accusation arises. We all face that when we turn to the Lord, and turn to the Lord with all of our heart. Then they say you’re getting religious now.

King Agrippa said to Paul you’re mad: you’re beside yourself! No, he was just telling what was LIFE to him and what really happened. So he goes on to say, **2 Corinthians 6:17**, “*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*” Isn’t that beautiful news? That God would speak to us and say, “I am your Father, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord. I live in you. I walk in you.” Glory to God! If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 10**. Some of the people thought that Paul was

no doubt in the flesh. **Verse 1**, “*Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you.*” Isn’t that a beautiful way to present yourself? Folks, I want to tell you something. I trust, and I mean this, that God would never allow me to get in my flesh and deal with situations. I trust that God would never allow me to come to a harshness, to beat you with a stick, or even to beat me. We are not here to give a lecture. We are here to hear what thus saith the Lord. And I see this in this man because there was truly something else. Yes, he spoke with authority, he spoke plainly. But there is a manner in which he handled things. You watch Paul’s life when he dealt with people and situations, and see how he dealt with them.

Look what James said, “*Receiving the engrafted word of God with the spirit of meekness.*” (**James 1:21**) Even in **Galatians 6:1**, “*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*” Don’t ever think that you’ve come to the place where you look at someone and think, ‘Oh, I’m so holy. That would never happen to me.’ Let a man think that he knows nothing except God reveals this in us. Oh Beloved, I’m telling you God has been stirring my heart about ORDER. We have preached so long ‘Christ in you’, and I firmly believe that message. But what does it mean? It’s more than words: it’s more than statements. It’s a reality of Christ: the nature, the character, the attributes, conduct – everything! It’s Christ. You cannot be it. You cannot love your enemy – no way. I remember when I came to the Lord a guy had misrepresented me on the job. He even made the statement, ‘I could write a book about you.’ And I was about ready to

write a book IN him! Because I hadn't been Born Again. And it caused me a job, and I was determined, 'Buddy, I'll get you.' Oh my God ... God got me first!

God got me first! My whole idea for him was, 'Father forgive him. He doesn't know what he's done.' That same Spirit that cried, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." That same Spirit that cried out in Steven that said, "Father lay not this sin to their charge." Oh Brothers and Sisters, I just said not long ago to someone: regardless of what that person did to you or did against you, or what you felt – you must loose them. You must release them in order for you to be released. Why would I say that? Because The Word says if we do not forgive one another, neither will our Heavenly Father forgive us our trespasses. If we do not forgive one another, neither will God forgive us! You can quit praying and asking God to forgive you as long as you treasure that unforgiveness in your heart. I've had some dramatic experiences with my grandson. I want to get in the flesh sometimes. I'm telling you I want to tell him... I want to tell him and set him straight. And at the same time all I can hear is, 'As God loved me and forgave me, so I must forgive him.' I don't know what God will do: what it will take to bring him. I don't know, but I'm believing God to bring him.

And oh Beloved, let me tell you this is more than I can do. I can tell you that right now: it's more than I can do. But it's not more than Christ can do. For as much as He has forgiven us... if any man has a fault with another... The Word of God says forgive him, even as **Christ** forgave you. Do you think Christ forgave you? And then every once in a while He comes and says, 'You remember what you've done'? No, that isn't the way Christ works. He came and took upon

Himself our offenses (**Romans 4:25**). He was raised for our justification. And then **Romans 5** comes in. Since you've been acquitted, since you have been justified... how are we justified? By Him who is raised from the dead! By Him who first took our sins in The Cross - in His Death, and freed us and released us from that death and brought us into Life.

Oh Beloved, whatever your thought is today, whatever questions you have today – get in The Word! The answer is there.