

OLD TO NEW – NEWNESS OF LIFE

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“ Let us pray. Father we come before you now and we thank you for your grace. We thank you Lord Jesus for the very power of your Spirit. We just pray that your Spirit would minister unto our hearts now. Let the reality of Christ: let the reality of your Truth – that Word oh God that You are, be a real Life-giving Spirit that is working within, Lord. We just thank you Father that we can come before You because we realize that we are gathered together into You: that You might be praised and that You might be magnified and glorified in our midst. And we pray Lord: give us ears to hear what the Spirit would speak unto us, eyes to see Lord, and a heart to understand. That Lord, we might be able to come to an assurance of that Salvation that You are Lord: that which You have made unto us. That You alone may be praised and magnified and glorified. We ask You to take Your Word and as we study together, that we might come to a greater understanding Lord: the realization of that which we’ve been speaking on. That we might see the reality of our death in Your Death: the reality of Your Resurrection that we’ve come forth in - that Resurrection Life. And we just ask You now Father, that You just minister by Your Spirit. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

We have been going through a book entitled “Lord Jesus Chris” by Brother JW Luman, and it came about because there was someone that was questioning the reality that Jesus actually would become the Adamic man: or did He die as the Adamic man. So we’ve been looking into some scriptures, but I want to go back a little bit. We’ve been looking at the putting off of the old and putting on the New: coming to that reality that in Christ we become a New Creation, we’ve become a New Man in Christ. And that Christ is that New Man that He’s brought us into: to enjoy His Life. So we’ll continue looking at this in Romans. We’ll follow this on and we’re finally going to see that Paul brings us to see that for the Believer that is in Christ, there is no condemnation.

Hallelujah! Isn’t it wonderful to live and have no condemnation, knowing that everything has been covered by The Blood of Christ! And it’s so wonderful, but now I’m going to read some scriptures. **II Corinthians 5:14:** *“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:”* There’s one statement I want to make on this scripture. Now these scriptures are relating to Believers. They are relating to those who have been Born Again of the Spirit of God, and they have come into Jesus Christ. And so in this there is a JUDGMENT that is set forth. We’ve dealt with some of this: in particular in a verse in Hebrews 9:27 when it said, *“it is appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment.”* And we brought back into this that we were in Adam. All man was in Adam. The judgment that came upon that Death when Adam had partaken of The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil: that Death that had come upon Adam came upon Christ in His Death. So this is what we are talking about.

So what Paul is saying here is that the Love of Christ constrains us and we thus judge. Here's the judgment that must be set forth in our hearts to understand what God has done in His Son on The Cross. And that is that we must judge that if One died for all... notice that. One died. Who died? Jesus died. And we've been really expressing this reality: that except we see our Death in Him (and I'm not talking about natural death now: I'm not talking about being laid in the ground). I'm talking about that except we see that our Death: that all mankind was in Death in Adam; except we see that, we will not understand the reality of The Life that comes in The Resurrection of The Lord Jesus. So there is a judgment that is set here: that One died for all. And so if One died for all, then - all were dead. Of course, we could go back to Romans 5 and mention that Paul said from Adam unto Moses all were dead: even those that did not sin after the similitude of Adam; yet Death reigned from Adam to Moses. And what he was saying there was the Death that Adam had brought unto all mankind.

Paul makes that so vivid throughout the scriptures when he's dealing with The Church: when he's dealing with The Body of Christ. We've seen that in different translations. In the King James that's what it said. **II Corinthians 5:14:** *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:"* This is simply showing that as Jesus died upon The Cross, He died as the Adamic man. The Adamic man represents all mankind in the natural: the black, the white, male, female – in the natural. All is summed up in Adam. Adam represents the human race: the natural race. So all man came forth Dead in Adam. So now Christ comes and He dies as unto all because all were dead.

Now in some other translation it says, *“Because we are of the opinion that if One was put to Death for all, that all have undergone Death.”* All have undergone Death. See, ALL have undergone Death.

Another says, *“This is the conviction we have reached. If one man died as all...”* And that’s really good: that’s a good translation. In other words, in the Death of the Lord Jesus, He represented all of man that was in Adam, and He took it to The Cross and He died there as that Adamic man. Then all thereby became dead men. *“We look at it like this: if one died as all man, in a sense they all died with Him.”* And I use the statement sometime that “they all died in Him”. They died in Him because He died as you died. Now there were many years that we preached and that we saw only one view of the dying of Jesus: and that was that He died FOR our sins. And truly He did die for our sins. The scripture tells us that He died for our sins, so that’s not a big thing to argue over. He did die for our sins, but He did more than that! He didn’t die just for some sins that we committed: but He died. He was fashioned like unto man, in that when He died, He died to sin. He died – He took that in Himself. We’ve looked at this in some other scriptures. One is in Psalms 22. When Jesus was being crucified He said this, *“My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?”* And what was happening there was when Jesus was dying there He was taking upon Himself all mankind in Himself: every sin that man would ever commit. He was taking it into Himself in the agony of His Death, and bring in a New Creation.

So then another translation says, *“So then do we understand here that the scriptures are saying, and the translators are trying to say: it is simple that when He died as all men, then*

*in Him all men suffer death.” Can you see the condition of mankind and how that man stumbled along? And how that there are many even today that stumble along thinking that they have a life outside of God. And of course we put so much emphasis on that. But the only person that has Life: that is Life Eternal is those that are in Jesus Christ. We see this in **1 John 5**, showing that Eternal Life is in us. **1 John 5:11**: “*And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12: He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*” Then in **Romans 8** he talks about “*If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, then he is none of His.*” So that simply tells us we are Born Again: we are Born from Above, we are Born into The Kingdom of God by The Spirit of God, The Word of God being The Seed of God that has been planted in our hearts.*

So then when we see all of this, we find that really 2,000 years ago when the fulness of their time was come (that was mankind), God sent forth His Son. That’s what it says over in the book of **Galatians chapter 4**. And **Ephesians 1:10**: “*That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.*” So we find that He summed up in His body: He summed up mankind in His body. In His own soul, in His own being to become like man was: to become like every man, woman, boy and girl that had ever been or would be born. In other words, what Jesus was doing in His Death was He was covering not only that period of time when He died, but whenever and for how long anyone would ever be born. We find that only The Death of The Lord Jesus was sufficient to release man out from under the Death that Adam had brought all mankind

into. So then we see that the Adamic creation – He takes it to The Cross as only The Son of God could do in obedience to The Father. And He took the whole creation to a certain and sure Death. That's the thing that God desires: that we really truly come to an understanding. That what The Father has done in His Son through The Death of His Son was absolutely an ending of one creation, and Jesus coming forth in His Resurrection: coming forth as another Creation.

We must understand that The Cross is the centrality or the center of The Gospel of Christ. There is no true Gospel without The Cross! I'm telling you: **there is no true Gospel without The Cross**. And so all that is before The Cross represents the Adamic man: the condition of man. And we must see how that Jesus died as this man. But on the other side of The Cross He comes forth in The Resurrection. On one side of The Cross is the first: on the other side is the last. *"I am the first and the last."* The natural – the Spiritual. Adam – Christ. The old man, the first man – then the New Man. And we find that man and his corruption: Jesus died in obedience to Death and He took corruptible man in His Death. But in His Resurrection He doesn't bring forth an old man. See this is the thing that we have to come to understand. The Lord Jesus does NOT bring forth the old Adamic man out of the grave! He crucifies him and He buries him. And in His Resurrection comes altogether a New Creation. And that Creation, which is not a creation of the flesh: it's not a creation of gender, race and creed: but it's a Creation now that has come forth in Newness of Life. And it's come forth that The Life of God may be manifested in a people.

I just wanted to mention that. But then we find that there

came a releasing of the sons of God through the receiving of Jesus Christ that He might be made unto us all that He Eternally is. Loosing us, releasing us from death. And by releasing us from death He brings us to The Life that is Christ. Note that: The Life that is Christ. Not your life, not my life: but The Life now that is Christ. And that Life that is Christ comes forth in a New Creation. It's not the old Adamic man. It's a New Creation. And so we find here that He had to die; and that when He died, we died with Him. And that **we died with Him because He died as us**. Now let's turn our Bibles to **Galatians 3:13**. I want us to see something here. And I always like to go up a couple of verses and come down to what we are going to focus on. In **Galatians 3:11**: *"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12: And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them."* And here's what we're coming to. **Galatians 3:13**: *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:"* So what did He to do? Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law being made a curse for us. What did He do to be cursed? It is what He became. And we've really illustrated that. We've really made that so clear that in Jesus dying as the man of sin: as the Adamic man, Jesus Himself had no sin. But being lowered down into the state of humanity (we see that in **Philippians 2**), where He took upon Himself no reputation, but emptied Himself out of what He was, and was lowered down like unto man. So that when He went to The Cross, in His Death He would take that Adamic man in that.

So what did He do? He was made the curse for every one that was under that curse. So He became that one man.

Galatians 3:13: *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”* Cursed is every one that hangs upon a tree. **Galatians 3:14:** *“That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* What Paul does here is he comes and shows that none is ever justified by the Law. So what happens? If He came to free us from the Law: came to free us from the curse, then what happens is we find that even the blessing of Abraham come forth. What is the blessing of Abraham? The Bible says Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. In other words it was the righteousness of God that Abraham had received. And then the Word tells us that Abraham is “The Father of Faith.” So it is showing here, *“That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* We read in **Galatians 2** that is so true in the Word: that faith of the Spirit, where Paul said to the Galatians, *“Did you begin in the Spirit? Were you justified by the works of the Law or were you justified by faith in Jesus Christ?”*

So it was all that we might come forth in the Newness of His Life. And this is something the Lord really for the past year has been making such a reality in my life, in my understanding is that it is HIS Life that I live by. It is His Life. It's The Life that He is: not so much (and I know we use this term) “I live by Him”. We do, but it's really HIM that is living. Well how does He Live? He's Spirit, He's Life: His Life comes with Him and He Lives. It's His Life! We really have expressed this and you really can't carry on these lessons without going back to **Galatians 2:20**. Paul said *“I am*

crucified with Christ...” Paul understood that. Paul truly understood that his death took place on The Cross with Jesus. When Jesus died, He died as me. That’s what Paul was really saying. That’s what God desires that you and I come to an understanding of: that I died, you died – by His Death. So **Galatians 2:20**: *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”* He’s not saying we live “by the flesh.” He says “the Life I now live IN the flesh I live by the faith of The Son of God.” So that’s what’s manifested in the flesh. What’s manifested is The Life of God.

See, I am crucified with Christ so it’s His Life that now comes forth. We use the term sometimes that “we manifest Him”. Well, in one sense that may sound good: but in another sense what sounds greater is when HE manifests Himself – His Life, His Spirit, His Power, His Glory – all that He is. That He manifests Himself through the flesh bodies, through the vessel. We see this clearly in **II 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. 11: For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”* It is His Life being manifest – in our mortal flesh. And this word “manifest” simply means what is being shown forth: what is coming forth from us is that Life – His Life; that Life, that Glory that He is. Paul makes that so plain there in **2 Corinthians 4**.

Let’s go a little further. So we see that the blessing of Abraham came on the Gentiles as well as the Jews, the

Israelites. Again, **Galatians 3:14**: *“That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* It was all so that we would come forth in the Newness of Life: to a New Man which is Christ Jesus: The New Man which is Christ Jesus. I want to read the scripture that will really verify that. In **Ephesians 2** I want us to notice something. In making this statement Paul says is a New Man coming forth in Newness. See everything that is in Christ is NEW: it’s different, it’s new from what we were in the old. So in **Ephesians 2** he brings something out here, and I’m just going to jump in the middle. **Verse 15** is talking about Jesus offering up His flesh, His body. We’ve dealt with that so much: how that “A body hast thou prepared Me.” He came forth in a body: that body becoming a sacrificial Lamb for this sin and death that man was in. *“Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;”* Notice the word “Commandments” here. We’ve mentioned this some time ago: how that people are always in an argument and dispute. There was a big dispute whether “The Ten Commandments” should be kept in the courthouse. I believe it was the courthouse – some building. Some of the religious people were saying those teachings, The Ten Commandments need to be there, but others thought that there was not a need.

Well let’s see what the Word of God says. And some people say as long as you keep The Ten Commandments, you are all right with God. I’m telling you: you can search the scriptures over, and you’ll find there was never a man or a person that could ever keep The Law! There was never a person that could completely obey everything that The Law

said. They were always breaking The Law: they were always. Furthermore, the Word of God says no man was ever justified by The Law. The Word tells us if man could have been made righteous by the works of The Law, then there would have not been a need for another one to come, which is speaking of Christ. So here we find *“He has abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;”* We’ve really got to catch this. *“... making in Himself...”* Not something that’s outside of Him: but “making in Himself” is very important to see. *“... making what? **Peace.**”* Here is the New Man! Here is the New Man, this New Man is Christ Jesus Himself and then he goes on, **Ephesians 2:16:** *“And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:”* It shows plainly. Paul absolutely shows this reality IN CHRIST.

Do you know why the Apostle Paul was able to really be able to speak in boldness and plainness of speech, in reality? And I often tell people that Paul was never preaching just ABOUT Jesus. He was declaring The One that had been revealed IN him. You might think there’s no difference in that, but there’s a big difference, and having an understanding that here Christ came and He died. But Paul understood that there was a time when it pleased God (**Galatians 1:15**): *“It pleased the Father to reveal His Son in him that he may be able to preach Him unto the heathen: to preach him unto the world.”* The “heathen” there is really the Gentile people.

So therefore God revealed His Son IN Paul. He didn’t just reveal Him TO Paul. See, this is why there is a vast

difference when people say God has revealed Himself TO me. That could mean He's outside of me or I'm outside of Him. But what Paul experienced was not something that was from without. He was experiencing a revelation: he was experiencing that Divine Presence of Christ living IN him! That's why Paul was able to teach and preach to The Church in the manner he did, because he fully understood that when His Son was revealed IN him – then he could preach Him. I often say how can people preach Jesus if they've never seen Him? And a lot of people will say, "Well, have you seen Him?" I've had people say I've never seen Him. Yes I'd seen Him. You know how I see Him? I see Him by The Word. I see what He is! I don't see Him as just a man that walked the shores of Galilee – which He did. But I see Him as Spirit and Life. I see Him as the last Adam. I see Him as Paul declared that He was: that He was Spirit and Life! He is The Life-giving Spirit. He is The Living Word of God. And that comes and it is working and being revealed in us.

We behold HIM because we are beholding by His Spirit and His Life and His Word gets inside! So this is what we are saying: how all of this comes forth. Now we are just beginning to come into something else. We are ready to finish with this part of Jesus dying as Adam: dying as the Adamic man, dying to sin. But now we are beginning to see that now there is a Newness of Life! There is something else. And if I can say it this way: after The Cross (on this side of The Cross) when He was resurrected... and actually the Greek says something I love. You see most of our translations like the King James Version will say "*Jesus was raised from the dead*". And there's nothing wrong with that I guess. But the Greek text gives to me a deeper and greater meaning. The Greek says "*He has raised Him OUT from*

among the dead.” The scriptures said God has raised Him from the dead. The Greek says He has raised out from among the dead, which means that when the “death” issue was taken care of by His Death, and in His Burial being buried: is that Adamic man was buried there with Him.

And in His Resurrection He didn’t bring forth Adam. The Second Adam comes forth. And what the Second Adam is – **1 Corinthians 15** tells you the first Adam was a living soul: of the earth, earthy. The last Adam is The Lord Himself from heaven. So he shows there we bore the image of the first Adam – the old creation man, the man of death, the man of sin, the man of judgment, the man of condemnation. **Romans 5** shows you that all of that was in Adam. Well by The Death of Christ, The New Creation Man that comes forth doesn’t come forth in death. It doesn’t come forth in the curse. It doesn’t come forth as that Adamic man at all! It is altogether a New Creation and this New Creation is Jesus Christ Himself, raised up out from among the dead! I like what **Luke 20** says. You know there was a question because there were two groups of people called the Pharisees and the Sadducees. And the Sadducees did not believe that there would be a Resurrection. Well the Pharisees did. And if you search the scriptures you’ll see that to be so.

Well there was a woman: and back under the Old Testament it was that when a woman married a man and she did not reproduce or bring forth the name of the man, what was asked of her when he passed away was she was to marry his brother. Because what it was about was to bring forth the family line: the seed line. Well in Luke 20 you will find that the Sadducees (because they believed in no Resurrection): they come to Jesus actually tempting Him. And because they

didn't believe in the Resurrection they went through this story. You can look it up in Luke, and it's also in the Old Testament. So they come there and they say here is this woman and she's had seven husbands. Now whose wife will she be in The Resurrection? Jesus says in The Resurrection there is neither marriage or given in marriage. And then He goes right on and tells them: *"For I am not a God of the dead, but I am a God of the living!"*

See what I'm saying? So the question is whose wife shall she be? He says she will be as the Angels because what was happening there was Jesus was showing that marriage was only in the natural. It wasn't in The Resurrection. Now we're married to Christ by being in union with Christ, but we are saying that God said I'm not a God of the dead, I'm the God of the living. So He was showing though this woman had naturally died and all the husbands had naturally died, yet she is as the Angels. She lived it. Why? Because God is the God of them that are made alive by His Spirit. They come forth in Resurrection Life – Newness of Life. This is altogether another Life, a Life that you and I never experienced until we were Born Again of The Spirit of God.

All right, we're going to go a little further. It was all that we might come forth in the Newness of His Life. He had to die. **Ephesians 2:14**, *"For He is our peace, who has made both one..."* I'm always jumping ahead of myself, but here it is again. I look at things like I wrote down and the scriptures just come. **Ephesians 2:14:** *"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15: Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so*

making peace;” Oh beloved, this is so wonderful to see, to know and understand that what God brings in Christ, in His Resurrection is He brings One New Man! That New Man is **Christ Himself**, and so that One New Creation comes and it is absolutely the very Body of Christ! This is the reality: that God has brought forth in Christ now altogether a New Man, a New Creation, One Body. **1 Corinthians 12:13**, “*For we are all baptized into one body by one Spirit...*” And I know the natural mind cannot understand. But in reality (I want to make this clear), you may look through your natural eyes and you may count natural bodies here: but you see flesh and blood is not that which enters the Kingdom of Heaven. **1 Corinthians 15**. So what enters there is the very Spirit: the very soul of man that has been united with God. And it is One Body. It is called “The Body of Christ”.

Not only is it called “The Body of Christ”, but it is called “The Church, which is The Body of Christ”. So it’s not a building, a physical building made out of wood, stone, brick with steeples and stained glass windows. It doesn’t matter what is in the natural building. That’s not the building that God dwells in. God’s Anointing is not in a physical building. God’s Anointing in God’s Power and Life and Spirit is in a people, and the people is called “The Church, which is His Body.” And it’s only One Body. That Body is the very Body of Christ – wrought and united by The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus! So you see that’s the important thing of Jesus coming and dying as you and I: not just dying for our sins. One wonderful thing about it: the Blood of Jesus was shed and given for our sins, for the remission of our sins. But His very Death, His very Dying was that you and I would be crucified with Him, and that we would come forth in this New Life, this Resurrection Life, this New Man which is Christ: which is

really neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female. See, Paul tells us all of this.

None of that, but it is a Newness of the Spirit and it is Christ that comes within. And it's His Life: it's Him living, it's Him having expression in the earth. Sure, through you, through me, through others that are in Christ. That's the whole Purpose. We have no other Purpose truthfully of being on the earth except for the Purpose that God may glorify Jesus in the earth through a people. So we become that House of God, we become that Tabernacle, we become that Dwelling Place for God to live and to dwell in. So now we will look at a little bit of this where we find that He's broken down and He's abolished in His flesh the enmity. You can go to **Colossians 2** and see that it is by the circumcision of His flesh, and there we were buried with Him. Folks if it ever dawns in reality: if the Spirit ever makes this a reality, you will have a liberty and a freedom that you have never had! I'm telling you from experience that there will be a liberty and a freedom that you have never had in the entirety of your life when this becomes realty. When this Death of The Lord Jesus becomes a sure death of your dying – your death – as the Adamic man, as the man of sin.

See so many times people look at this word “death” and they think of natural death. And you see Jesus absolutely dealt with this. In **John 11** when Lazarus has died, and Jesus couldn't seem to get them to understand that he was dead because He was telling them he's sleeping. He's asleep! Finally Jesus said, Lazarus is dead. And Jesus raised him from the dead, and I'm not going to get into all of this story but finally it comes to the time when Martha begins to speak and says, *“Lord, I know he'll rise at the last day in the*

resurrection.” Now I want you to notice something in that. **John 11:23:** *“Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24: Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25: Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* Shall never die – see what He’s talking about? Does that mean man will never die in the natural to the flesh? No, what Jesus was saying was a man who had now been in death, He took it in Himself because Jesus said “I am...” Oh, brothers and sisters, one day the Lord just made that like an explosion that went off inside of me! When the Lord pointed that out, I used to preach and say this and that and the other in the name of Jesus. “I am... the True Bread that is sent from heaven. I am this, I am that, I’m the first and I’m the last.” On and on the scripture says these things. Then one day the Lord said, “But son, can you not believe that I am The Resurrection and The Life”? Because you know my view of Resurrection was “one day after I die” I was going to come up out of the ground and I’m going to be resurrected.

That was my whole view for years. I preached that for years. And the Lord said, “Son, can you not believe? If you believe that I am The True Bread that is sent from Heaven: if you believe I am The Way, The Truth, I am The Life: I’m The First, I’m The Last, I’m The Beginning, I’m The Ending. If you can believe that...” And I believed that very strong and preached it very strong. But He said “how come you cannot believe that I am The Resurrection Life? I’m not doing resurrections. I am Resurrection and Life.” See there is a world of difference. Jesus is not doing resurrections. He is

bringing forth a people and HE is Resurrection! That's The New Creation: that's The New Man. That's The One that has come forth in Newness of Life. And it's come forth because it's Christ who is that Life. It's Christ who is that Resurrection. He became our Death, but He also becomes our Resurrection wherein that He might clearly be manifested in this present world.

You know over in **1 John 4:17** it says, "... *as He is, so are we...*" Where? Over yonder somewhere? No, "...*as He is, so or we in this present world.*" **1 John 3:2**: "*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*" Oh Beloved, it ties right in with what Paul said in Colossians that we've quoted so many times and read so many times. **Colossians 3:3**: "*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4: When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*" And the Greek for "appear" says "shall manifestly be declared". Natural death has nothing to do with what we are talking about now. This body is going back to the dust from whence it came. But The Body that we have become by The Lord Jesus, become the very Body of Christ: that Christ inhabits and Christ lives in. Folks, I'm telling you that is an Eternal Body. There is not an end to this Body! This natural body is going to find an end, but The Life that is in This Body, His Body is not going to find an end because that Life is not in me. That Life is Christ! That Life that Jesus is in you is His Life! That's what it is. So He has a vehicle wherein He can manifest Himself in the earth.

See, one thing we need to measure: we need to measure The Father and The Son – their union and their relationship.

John 17. *“Father, you and I are one. Make them one.”* And when we measure it this way, what was in Jesus? Jesus always declared that the works that He did, everything He had done He said it is not I, but it is My Father. He said if you don’t believe I’m The Son of God, He said believe in Me for the Work’s sake. He declared His union and His identity with The Father: that absolutely they were One. So then The Word of God comes and declares the same thing with you and I, and every Believer that is in Christ Jesus; that is Born Again. That now Christ is The Head of The Church. We are His Body, and it is called “The Church”, and that’s the manifestation, the exhibiting of Christ now in the earth. God can’t exhibit Himself through these walls folks. You can make them as pretty as you want. You can spend \$10 million in building a building, and look at it and it might be a beautiful building, but that’s not the building that God dwells in.

God’s not dwelling in buildings that are made by the hands of man. I appreciate having a building to come into, but what we’ve got to understand is that when you come through that door, you are coming AS The House of God. You are coming AS The Building of God. You are coming AS The Body of Christ, and you are bringing it into this building where we can be gathered together unto Him. That’s the whole Purpose. God doesn’t put His Spirit in this wall. His Spirit is in His House: His Spirit is in relationship. Oh Lord! **1 John 1** declares that. Jesus comes – we’ve seen that. And John declares that which we have seen: that which we’ve heard, we come now and we declare that to you. This is the message that we have to tell to you: that He has come from The Father and we have seen Him. We have touched Him, we have handled this Word of Life. Then he says that our joy, our fellowship is with The Father and with The Son. And

John says this is why I declared this unto you: that you also might come into the same fellowship with The Father and with The Son. Glory to God – that your joy, your joy folks, might be full!

What is that joy? The Scripture says in the Old Testament “*The Joy of the Lord is our strength.*” So God is that joy. Jesus Christ is that joy. Peter said it is joy unspeakable and full of glory! That’s why we’re fixing to come over into this Life now. And we should see by now that Jesus died as the Adamic man, and because He was crucified and He died and He was buried, now He comes forth in His Resurrection. And brothers and sisters, He brings with Him every Believer that is in Christ. He brings them forth now in Resurrection Life. We are not waiting for Resurrection: we come now IN Resurrection Life.

Oh Beloved, I know I get beside myself, but this is so real in my heart! And I’m going to be honest with you. It’s not just real because I can take a book and read what someone else would put together. But it’s real because I take the Bible and look into this book, and the Spirit of God takes this book, these words, these scriptures and He begins to write it upon the tables of my heart. And He begins to engrave it in my mind – glory to God! That’s what God said He’ll do. “I’ll make a New Covenant with you. He said not as the Old Covenant that was given to Israel, but He said I’ll make a New Covenant with you. Your sins and your iniquities will I remember no more. And He said no longer shall you say ‘do you know the Lord? Do you know the Lord?’ For all shall know me from the least unto the greatest. And He said I will write My laws into their hearts and I will put them in their minds.’

And **Romans 2** shows us plainly Brothers and Sisters how that God does it. He doesn't do it with ink. The words in the book are written with ink. But God takes these words that are written with ink and they become A Living Word that is written by The Spirit of God in our hearts and in our minds. That's why it's real to me now. That's why it's real to me: because God has revealed His Son out of the scripture. God is not revealing His Son any other way, but out of the scriptures. The Spirit takes and reveals The Son out of The Word, out of The Light that He is, and then it becomes a reality in you, and that's how He is manifested.

I often tell people: look, Jesus never got inside of one of the Disciples that He walked with on the earth. He was WITH them, and they came to believe that God had sent Him, and He was Life and He was Light. But He was not inside of them. They believed on Him. But once He ascended back unto The Father: that's the very promise, the very assurance that Jesus left with the Disciples in **John 14** when He sat with them, just like I'm sitting with you now. He was sitting and saying to His Disciples: He said "*the world shall see Me no more.*" That's the unregenerated world, folks. That's those who aren't in Christ: haven't been Born Again. And they can't see Him. You and I ought to see Him: not only see Him, but know Him. And so Jesus said, "*Look, I am now with you, but I shall be IN you.*" What happened? When He went back to The Father and He left the earth and went back to The Father He comes back. But He comes back not as a flesh man: He comes back as The Spirit. And He gets in them, and He tells them they are in Him. **John 14:20**: "*At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*" That was the assurance that Jesus left with the

Disciples when He went back to The Father. That's why in **Luke 24** He said the very same thing. He said I want you to go to Jerusalem, and I want you to wait for The Promise.

And they were there, and I'm telling you The Promise came! It was Jesus that came in the form of the Holy Spirit now to dwell in every Believer: dwell in His Body. This is not a body folks, that is absent from the Presence of God. Oh Beloved, so many people have Him way up there in the sky and then The Body of Christ on the earth. I'm telling you The Body of Christ and The Head is not separated: they are One. They are brought together in One, and that union comes, and we become One with Him. One by His Spirit. I've quoted this before, but I will again now. Paul said in Corinthians: "*He that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*" One Spirit. Oh Brothers and Sisters, this is so real in my heart. I'm telling you the truth. This is not a story to me. It's not words just written on a page to me: it's a Living Reality of The Person of Christ who is in Spirit and Truth Living. See, The Word of God that has come –and that's what makes it real. It's not a story to me. Its Life, it's Reality: that I know I've passed from death like **John 5** says. I've passed from death unto Life. And we've often expressed that. John certainly could not have been speaking of the people that had died and been put in the ground. He was talking about a people that were dead in sin, dead in the grave. And they heard The Voice of God. And when they heard The Voice of God, they yielded to that Voice and Christ came within them! And then John says we are passed from death unto Life!

And that's what I want to sum up with. So He abolished everything in His flesh – the enmity, the Law of Commandments contained in ordinances for to make in

Himself of twain, One New Man. That's where I guess I got excited! One New Man: that New Man being Christ Jesus Himself! Not just being you and me. Oh my God! God has made us a part of that! He's brought us into that union: He's brought us into that relationship: He's brought us into that fellowship. Oh yes He has. I'm telling you that's what **John 14** actually is saying. **Verse 1:** *"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."* He was going to The Cross to prepare that place. And what it was really saying is in My Father's House are many dwelling places, many souls, and there I will come and I will dwell in them and they will dwell in Me, and we come into union and relationship with The Father through Jesus. Of course Jesus goes on to say, *"I am The Way, I am The Truth, I am The Life. No man comes to The Father but by Me."*

So unto His Body, both Jew and Gentile – there One died for all. For what Purpose? That He might bring forth a New Man who is neither Jew nor Gentile, but Christ all and in all. Now in closing let's look at **Colossians 3**. This is where it's at. Notice what it says regarding Him as bringing forth a New Man – neither Jew nor Gentile, but Christ is all and in all. It's so beautiful. **Colossians 3:9:** *"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"* Now you know how that was done: through His Death, through Him dying. You can't kill yourself. You can try all you want. I remember for a lot of years I preached "You've got to die. You've got to die." And I don't care how much I preached it, I could never die! But when I saw that where HE died and I did die, then it released me from all the confusion and anxiety and guilt that I walked under. Because I could never see a

time or place that I could ever please God: that God would ever accept me. And through all of this God showed me where I am accepted. I'm accepted in His Son! And only in His Son are we accepted.

And so Paul goes on. **Colossians 3:10**, *"And have put on the New Man..."* Again **verse 9**, *"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"* Understand this: the old man is put off by The Death of Christ. **Verse 10**: *"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"* And that New Man is Christ – Resurrection. **11**, *"Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all."* And in **Galatians 3:26**: *"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27: For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."* "Baptized into Christ" is very important. You know people can be baptized into water and still not be baptized into Christ. I'm not against water baptism, but we must be baptized into HIM. **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. 29: And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* If you be Christ's: if you belong to Christ, if you are in union with Christ then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. That's where I want to sum this up. We've come from Death unto Life: come from Burial unto Resurrection. That's what this is all about. The reality of it all is that it's worked in us by the Spirit. Spirit is what makes this real.

“Father we just thank you. Lord we just love Your Word. We thank you because we know you are that Word. And we know that you are that Life. And we know that it’s your Spirit that has come to teach us all Truth in Christ Jesus. He said The Law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ. I ask Father: that You would just open the eyes of our understanding that we might be illuminated by Your Spirit to realize and to know, to enjoy that Life that you are and have given us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen”

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