

Learning to Walk in the Spirit

The change of man at the fall :

Man died spiritually :

Genesis 2:16-17 “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in thday that thou eatest thereof thou **shalt surely die.***”

Ephesians 2:5 “Even when we were **dead** in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved”

Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and **so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned.”

I Cor. 15:22 “For as in **Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Through the Fall man's way of knowing became through his senses:

Gen. 3:6-7 “And when the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And **the eyes of them** both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

The Enemies Lie: we won't die& our eyes will open to see as God

Genesis 3:4-5 “And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye **shall not surely die**: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then **your eyes shall be opened**, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

The Scriptures show us that this was indeed a lie, for the above scriptures show death did result from the fall, and our eyes are not opened to see as God wants us to see until God opens them by His Spirit.

II Cor. 2:9 “But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen**, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

Eph. 1:18 “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.”

FALLEN MAN LIVES BY HIS SENSES (Senses became a means of living and learning)

I Cor. 2:14 “But the **natural man receiveth not** the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

James 3:15 “This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, **sensual**, devilish.”

Jude 19 “These be they who separate (psuchikos) themselves, **sensual**, having not the Spirit.”

***“Sensual” is translated from the Greek word “Psuchikos” which comes from the word “Psyche”. Psyche is the word used for the “soul” in Mark 8:36, Matt. 26:38.

Therefore, the word “sensual” as used in these scriptures refers to the soul of man that functions by its senses and not the spirit.

Luke 9:24 “For whosoever will save his life (psyche / soul life) shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life (psyche / soul life) for my sake, the same shall save it.”

The Life of the Soul Exists in the Senses

The five senses include – Sight, Sound, Taste, Touch, Smell

Senses are an enemy of living and learning by the spirit

Romans 8: 5-7 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

In Spanish the word “Carna” means “flesh”. The “carnally minded” is one who observes the flesh rather than the things of the Spirit in Christ.

The tree of knowledge of Good & evil started man acting based out of his soul:

Genesis 3:7 “And the **eyes** of them both were opened, **and they knew** that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

Fallen humanity’s avenue of knowing themselves was through their natural eyes, bringing them into self-awareness.

Those who are Born Again know themselves IN CHRIST according to what is true in the Spirit.

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

In between Ephesians 2 verses 5 and 6 we can see the change of realms that occurs in New birth. We move from being dead in sin in the realm of fallen man to alive in Christ in the realm of the Spirit.

We now have a new identity that is IN CHRIST and found IN HIM in Heavenly Place of the Spirit.

When the soul is the avenue of knowing, it caused man to have self-awareness ~~

The spirit of man makes him God conscious, and we identify in Christ as those in union with Jesus.

Proverbs 20:27 “The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD”

I Cor. 6:17 “But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”

1 Corinthians 2: 11, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

To be governed by the soul makes us self-conscience

Romans 8:5 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh”.

When We Are Born Again We are Born of the Spirit

John 3:3-8 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is **born of the Spirit**.”

2 Cor. 5: 17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Becoming a new creation in Christ requires us to learn to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh.

Gal. 5:16 “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:25 “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

Romans 7:6, Ephesians 4: 22-24, 5:2, 16, 25

This is not done by refuting the sense reality, which causes the person to become more occupied with it. But rather we walk believing the truth as it is in Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-3 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”

Galatians 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

We don't have to “plug our ears and cover our eyes” to be “spiritual”. It won't be necessary to pluck out the eye, for he/she is motivated by truth in Christ and not what is seen and known through the senses.

Matthew 5:29 “And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.” (Matt. 18:9).

The key to changing what realm you live by is found in determining what life you live by and if your mind is being renewed. *Romans 5:17, 12:12, 2 Corinthians 4:10, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:4*

****The realm of the flesh in relation to the fall is self-centered, selfish, and corrupt. The realm of the Spirit in Christ is full of God's kind of Life, that is selfless giving, sacrificial love...Christ Himself. Therefore to "change realms" is to embrace a new Life in Christ. His Life is based on sacrificial love.*

At New Birth We Received A New Kind of Life

Four words are used for life in the scriptures

Anastophe: *this word for life relates to behavior.*

Gal. 1:13 *"For ye have heard of my manner of life (Anastophe) in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it."*

Zoe: *this word for life is the very Life of God, it relates to our spirit where Christ will dwell when born again.*

John 10:10 *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life (Zoe), and that they might have it more abundantly."*

Psyche: *this word for life relates to the old nature, and functions in our soul through the natural senses*

John 10:15 *"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life (Psyche) for the sheep."*

Psyche can never change behavior; it only modifies behaviour / action but does not change the basic motivation. - Gal 2:16, 5:6

Zoe changes us completely for it is no longer "I"... But Christ Himself in me.

Gal. 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."*

Col. 1:27 *"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"*

We are not just seeking a change of behaviour but a change of nature

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." New species/ person altogether/ being*

Zoe will change the basic motivation. Zoe is the nature and life of God.

Our life must be hid in Christ

Colossians 3:3 *“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”*

Because we are dead and our true life is above in Christ,... we should put our identity there.

Colossians 3:1-2 *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”*

We are in the world but not of it

Galatians 6:14 *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”*

Jesus came to give one kind of life **(zoe)**

John 10:28 *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*

And lay down another kind of life **(pschye)**

Matt 20:28 *“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Mat. 26:38 ...my SOUL is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death...” Jesus as a man walked with a soul and travailed unto sweating great drops of blood in allowing His Spirit to govern and do the will of the Father.

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**MAIN POINTS:**

- We are New Creatures, Christ is our Life and we are one spirit with Jesus
  - (II Cor. 5:17, I Cor. 6:17)
- Our Life is above, hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:1-3)
- We are to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh
  - Gal.5:16 *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”*
  - Gal. 5:25 *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*
- We are to know, live and function by the Spirit and not by the Senses.
  - Acts 17:28 *“For in him we live, and move, and have our being.”*