

KNOWING HIM

I'd like to share an experience with you that I had when I was working in sales and marketing. I was chatting with one of my customers one day and found out that she was a christian and taught sunday school in her church.

As we talked I asked her, what can you tell me about eternal life? She said the strangest thing. She said, I haven't got a clue about eternal life.

I said to her, may I share with you the definition that Jesus gave of eternal life? She gave me a puzzled look that seemed to say, " there really is one of those in the bible?"

I shared with her John 17.3.

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

It was apparent to me that she was one of the many believers that was taught that eternal life is what you get after you die and all she knew about it was a big throne, streets of gold, angels, cherubim, and mansions to live in.

Our natural minds can study and acquire a myriad of facts, and think that we have discovered the truth.

But Jesus declared in John 8.32, that you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

He also said, I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life in John 14.6.

I'd like to share a few scriptures with you that I have read past many times thinking I was getting to the meat of the word.

I'm sad to say that I spent many of my 63 years as a Christian overlooking these scriptures as incidental and not realizing they are statements of reality from God about His desire for His children.

I'll read them from the Amplified Bible.

Even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus. Romans 6.11amp

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1.9

2 Corinthians 13.14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

1 Corinthians 6.17

But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

God is not a mystical concept to be debated, Jesus Christ is not a teaching to be studied, and the Holy Spirit is not a doctrine to be professed.

We can study everything we can with our natural minds about these 3 and still miss the reason we were created by God.

Gods intention from the beginning is for us to have an intimate relationship with all three of them.

Let's look at a few more statements of reality from God.

Romans 8.15

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,

John 14.16+23

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."

Christianity is not a religion to be studied. It's the Creator of the universe, redeeming His children back into His family and imparting His eternal life into their spirits.

Jesus chided the Pharisees of His day saying, " you search the scriptures, thinking that in them, you will find eternal life, but they testify of Me, and you are unwilling to come to Me that you may have the life."

When we got saved we didn't just pray the sinner's prayer, join a church and attend services faithfully every Sunday. We became completely recreated creatures.

2 Corinthians 5.17amp reads;

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

The scriptures state that Jesus was the first born from the dead in Colossians 1.18

It reads;

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Here is the account of how the rest of His children were born from the dead.

In the upper room, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "receive My Spirit". They went out into the street and began to manifest that same Spirit to all those who were assembled in Jerusalem.

In the garden, when God created Adam, He breathed His eternal Spirit into a pile of mud and Adam became a living being.

When Jesus redeemed God's children back into His family, He did the same. He breathed His supernatural Spirit into men to make them life giving Spirits like Himself.

1 Corinthians 15.45+49 state;

It is written, "The first Man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

And

Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

In conclusion, I've said many times that the Gospel of the Kingdom is totally supernatural and God is the only one who can do it.

It should be obvious from the scriptures that I've shared that Christianity is not an academic acceptance of religious teachings.

It's not natural men living on earth, who are subject to all its problems, worries and frustrations, paying homage to an invisible God that lives out in the ozone somewhere.

John 1.12 amp explains that;

to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on)

His name— who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

And God testifies in 1 John 5.11 that He has given us His eternal life. That eternal life is in His Son Jesus Christ, and whoever has the Son has that life.

The very thing that makes God, God, His supernatural spiritual nature, is the same thing that has made us His children.

Let's accept it with childlike faith as our reality and say, " thank you Daddy".

God bless you.

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