

THE NEW YOU

According to Google estimates from 2006, there were 4,300 different types of religions in existence. That number is higher today due to the development of new religious movements and denominations. Broader academic estimates suggest there are roughly 4,000 to 10,000 distinct religions worldwide.

But fortunately, Christianity is actually not one of them.

I say that because religion is done by men and for men. The Gospel of the Kingdom is done by God and for God.

I've said many times that the Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus preached is completely supernatural and God is the only one who can do it.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is not natural men studying teachings, professing doctrines and attempting various behavior modifications.

It's God redeeming mankind back into His family and imparting His supernatural and eternal life to them.

Many people accept the Bible as a book of religious teachings to study and try to perform with their best effort to improve their lives.

Jesus said, "It's the Spirit who gives Life, your flesh profits absolutely nothing. My words are Spirit and they are Life." John 6.63

I'd like to share seven of these spiritual statements of reality from God that show what He supernaturally did to redeem His children back into His family and impart His Spirit into them. I'll read them from the Amplified Bible.

#1. GOD COMPLETELY RECREATED US.

2 Corinthians 5.17

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].

#2. GOD MADE US COMPLETELY ONE WITH CHRIST.

Romans 6.5

For if we have become one with Him [permanently united] in the likeness of His death, we will also certainly be [one with Him and share fully] *in the likeness* of His resurrection.

#3. BECAUSE WE ARE ONE WITH CHRIST WE SHARE HIS SPIRIT.

1 Corinthians 6.17

But the one who is united *and* joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

#4. GOD HAS MADE CHRIST OUR NEW LIFE.

Colossians 3.1

Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your mind *and* keep focused *habitually* on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]. For you died [to this world], and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

#5. TO POSSESS THIS NEW LIFE OF GOD'S MAKING WE MUST REJECT OUR NATURAL LIFE INHERITED FROM ADAM AND EVE.

Ephesians 4.22

Regarding your previous way of life, put off your old self [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupted through deceitful desires, and be *continually* renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God's image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth...

#6. GOD'S SUPERNATURAL WORK MADE US LIFE GIVING SPIRITS WHO SHARE THE NATURE OF CHRIST.

1 Corinthians 15.45

So it is written "The first man, Adam, became a living soul (an individual);" the last Adam (Christ) *became* a life-giving spirit [restoring the dead to life].

Verse 47

The first man [Adam] is from the earth, earthy [made of dust]; the second Man [Christ, the Lord] is from heaven.

Verse 49

and as is the heavenly [Man], so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly [the man of dust], we will also bear the image of the heavenly [the Man of heaven].

#7. AS HIS CHILDREN WHO HAVE ACCEPTED GOD'S INCREDIBLE WORK TO REDEEM US BACK INTO HIS FAMILY, GOD TESTIFIES THAT HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN US HIS ETERNAL LIFE.

1 John 5.11

The one who does not believe God [in this way] has made Him [out to be] a liar, because he has not believed in the evidence that God has given regarding His Son. And the testimony is this: God has given us eternal life [we already possess it], and this life is in His Son [resulting in our spiritual completeness, and eternal companionship with Him].

IN CONCLUSION

None these realities are possible by any of Man's efforts religious or otherwise. They require the revelation of the Holy Spirit to see them and receive them.

They are the supernatural work of a loving Father who did everything necessary to redeem His children back into His family have them share and enjoy His love and His eternal life as our inheritance.

Let's not settle for academic teachinngs about God and Jesus dying on the cross, when we can experience right now the reality of being God's children who He has qualified to enjoy His love, His presence, and His eternal life, by a simple childlike faith in His supernatural work that only He can do.

We don't receive these realities because we are great children. We receive them because we have a awesome loving Father.

Thank you Daddy.

God bless you.

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