THEY DON'T GET A VOTE

I'd like to start by sharing a few statements of reality from God about His children.
I'll read them from the Amplified Bible.

2 Corinthians 5.17 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].

This verse is not a bible teaching to encourage us to continue striving with our best effort to become better people and try to become more like Jesus.
It's a statement of reality from the creator of all things, about what His supernatural sacrifice of Christ and our death and resurrection with Him has created as our reality. Paul e this explains this in Romans 6.

Let's look at Colossians 1.21
And although you were at one time estranged *and* alienated and hostile-minded [toward Him], *participating* in evil things, yet Christ has now reconciled you [to God] in His physical body through death, in order to present you before the Father holy and blameless and beyond reproach.
Again , this is not an encouragement to try harder and do better. It's a statement of reality that only God can do.

Let me share an experience that I had as a very young Christian. I believe that it's the experience of many faithful born again believers.

I went to church one day and heard a powerful message on being made a new creature in Christ by God. I got very excited. I thought to myself maybe my futile efforts to admend my rebellious and sinful life may be over.
Then I went home and looked in the mirror. I thought to myself, I don't look like a new creation and I sure don't feel like a new creation. And I'm still dealing with my personal problems and sins and everything in my life doesn't appear to be new.

My personal perception was, that everything in my life seemed about the same.
So I said to myself, well I can't make that one happen, I'll just go back to church next week and maybe they'll share one that I can actually do.

Even today, I can look in the mirror with my natural senses and see a gray headed, balding, seventy five year old, broken down ball player, with more aches and pains than I ever wanted.

But now, by revelation from the Holy Spirit, I can have my mind renewed to be in agreement with what God says I am and allow His Holy Spirit to transform me into what God created me to be. (Romans 12.2)

Now I look in the mirror and see a man whose old sinful and disobedient Adamic nature was crucified with Christ, buried with Christ and raised with Him to possess and share His eternal life. Paul explains in Romans 6.

I see a man who has been adopted into God's family and transferred out of the authority of darkness. Colossians 1.13

A man who Jesus made completely one with He and the Father. John 17.22

A man who is one Spirit with God. 1 Corinthians 6.17

The view from God's perspective is quite a different picture than my natural senses..

Our senses are very effective at perceiving and possessing the facts of our current circumstances as our reality, but they don't have the ability to see the truth of God's work on our behalf.

Jesus said, "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."
The word translated as truth in this scripture, meant "reality."

Jesus did not say, if you study all my teachings , you'll be free.
I've known many believers, myself included, that knew the teachings of Jesus, but we're still bound and hindered by the rebellious and sinful nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve.
And please note; this truth does not become our reality because our feelings and our thoughts say it's so.

In the beginning God created Adam by breathing His supernatural Spirit into a pile of mud and he became a living soul. God was his reality.
Adam's soul was created to be the expression of his Spirit that was completely one with God, because it was God's Spirit within him.
But because of Adam's disobedience his Spirit died and he was sent out of the Garden apart from God's presence.
Adam's soul then became the preeminent part of his life and his only source of reality.

When Christ came and redeemed Man back into God's family He imparted His Holy Spirit into fallen Man, restoring the reality of his original oneness with God

Our soul and our body we're created to get their reality from our spirit, which was re-created to be in total oneness with God.

Our emotions were created to be the expression of God's life in us, not the judge and jury, deciding whether God's supernatural work to re-create us is our reality or not.

Which begs the question, who are we going to believe, our feelings and our senses or the creator of the universe.

God's not asking us to deny that our feelings, our perceptions, and our circumstances are not real facts. He's telling us to quit giving them authority over the reality that He's already created for His children.

Because of Christ's miraculous sacrifice we've been completely redeemed spirit, soul and body by the blood of Christ. Hebrews 7.25 declares that we have been saved to the uttermost.
I looked up the Greek word translated " to the uttermost".
It means; completely perfectly and eternally.
My paraphrase would be; That we've been set free, never to be bound again.

The supernatural act of Christ, offering His blood on the mercy seat for us, purchased for us eternal redemption, eternal inheritance, complete sanctification, and total perfection.
You can read that in Hebrews 9.12+15 and Hebrews 10.10+14.

When our senses protest;
"But I don't feel holy and blameless, and my current performance agrees that I am not."
We often allow our temporary and fleeting feelings to overrule the supernatural act of God on our behalf, that only He can do.

The reality of our re-creation in Christ and our adoption into Gods family as His sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ, sharing His inheritance, was done by the Creator of the universe who spoke the world into existence with His word.

He did it before we even asked, because of His awesome love for us.
Our feelings and our senses did not get a vote in the matter.

Let me close by sharing one more statement of reality from the Father about the result of His supernaturalwork of re-creating us.

Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do [that is, overcome sin and remove its penalty, and its power] being weakened by the flesh [which is man's nature without the Holy Spirit], God did: He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And He condemned sin in the flesh [He subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son], so that the [righteous and just] requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not live our lives in the ways of the flesh [guided by worldliness and our sinful nature], but [live our lives] in the ways of the Spirit [guided by His power]. Romans 8.1 amp

Lets not forfeit this mindboggling inheritance that God has made our reality by allowing our feelings to over rule God's word.

God bless you.
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