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**Looking Within**

Luke 17:19-21 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. (20) And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: (21) Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (KJV)

No matter how many times that you look to the outward for a peaceable solution you will never find the answer in that realm that will make you whole. Today many of God’s people are being misled by many false prophets that our Lord warned us about ahead of time. Many today are being led by their carnal senses which in reality really makes no sense because our Lord will not be found in that realm. Being born again means you start all over again, this time letting the Spirit lead and guide you into all truth. You’re new found Spiritual senses are the only ones that you should be relying on if you truly plan on inheriting eternal life. Anything or anyone other than the Spirit of God will not get you to the place that you need to be at today.

Romans 7:22-23 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. (KJV)

Jesus Christ came to deliver us from the old law, based on outward works, to a new law of faith that would be dictated from within, based on our hearing the word of God. Not only would faith involve hearing, but then it means we need to step out in faith according to what the new inward man is asking of us. This takes discipline and training, like when we were a newborn learning to walk. However, practice does make perfect, because what seemed like impossibility to us in the beginning now becomes a way of life, walking by faith and not by sight. Oh and yes, there will be opposition people, even your own thoughts and reasoning’s will get in there and cloud your judgment at times.

Romans 7:24-25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (25) I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. (KJV)

You know, when I go to God through His Son Jesus Christ, seeking first His kingdom, then all that is needed is provided, including that inward comfort of knowing that I heard the Lord’s answer and response which then brought an inward peace. However, the flip side of that equation is that my carnal mind is the enemy, and will not come into agreement with God unless I get my mind renewed back to the things above. So with the mind of Christ I can do all things through Him; however, with the carnal mind I stay entrapped and in bondage to whatever this fallen world has to offer.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. (KJV)

That law of sin and death had me on death row, waiting for the sentence to be carried out until God’s lawyer came along and released me from this sentence. The law of faith; the law of the Spirit trumps that old law of sin and death, which then releases me from the carnal prison that I was held in bondage to. A new man is then released, who is rehabilitated and now walking according to a new way of life, totally opposite of what I used to follow in my past. Are old things really passing away in your walk, or does it seem like you are passing away instead, missing out on the new life that you have access to in Christ?

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

Remember that old song “on Broadway”, you know, that one where everyone is hanging out? Yeah well, that is not the path that you want to be pursuing any longer. The reason only a few are actually finding that right path is because only a few are willing to look within the realm of the Spirit, and then actually walk according to what the Spirit would dictate and not the flesh. Oh and when they tell you that their church is the fastest growing church in the community that is a church that I would be leery about myself.