A Study In The New Creation Woman.....

a species that has never existed before



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What is a 'School of Pneumatology'?

John G. Lake made the following statement:

Chair of Pneumatology – (from The Science of Healing)

My soul has grown tired long ago of men treating the whole subject of Christianity as though it were child's play. We have our physical sciences, we have our psychological sciences, the action of the mind, taught in the great schools of the land, but there is something greater.

One of these days there is going to be a new chair. It will be the chair of pneumatology....the science of spirit, by which men will undertake to discover the laws of God. And by the grace of God, man shall know that God is alive, and the living Spirit of God is no dream.

What happens in the spirit of man at the new birth?

What are the operations by which God heals the physical body?

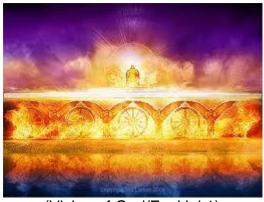
The laws by which the world of spirit – the unseen world – operate.

Spiritual Mechanics.

God the Spirit – Man the Spirit – Satan the Spirit.

Zoe – the Life of God.

All are subject in a 'School of Pneumatology".



(Vision of God/Ezekiel 1)

A prayer for you, my dear student:

Father,

I prayer an earnest, heartfelt prayer for each woman beginning her studies in this revelation of the New Creation Woman. Open her understanding to see that everything written here is achievable through her dear Savior, Who gave Himself so that she could be His New Creation Woman. Jesus, in Your Precious Name, I pray.

Amen



"The New Creation Woman"

"If any woman be in Christ, she is a new creation, the old moral and spiritual condition has passed away, behold all things have become new in her and all things in her new creation are of God, Who has reconciled her unto Himself by Christ Jesus," (2 Cor. 5:17 & 18a)

Eternity is in your new creation.

Mortality is in your womanhood.

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Introduction

Many teachings to women cover the *roles or functions* that you fulfill in this life.

I want to focus on WHO YOU *ARE*.

Fulfilling life <u>successfully</u>, **begins**, **not with your roles or functions as a woman**, **but with** who you <u>are</u> as a spirit who is "IN Christ".

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Foundational Verses for Our Study:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither *male nor female*, for you are all one in Christ Jesus, for in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but *a new creation*."

(Galatians 3:28 & 6:15)

"If anyone be in Christ, they are a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new and all things are of God, Who has reconciled us unto Himself by Christ Jesus," (2 Cor. 5:17 & 18a)

"If any **woman** be in Christ, she is a new creation, the old moral and spiritual condition has passed away, behold all things have become new in her and all things in her new creation are of God, Who has reconciled her unto Himself by Christ Jesus," (2 Cor. 5:17 & 18a)

Chapter 1

The First Creation In Adam

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Then God said, "Let us make a man -someone like ourselves. New Living Version

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Let's begin by looking at some spirit, soul and gender facts in Genesis, the First Creation.

Looking at the two words: *image* and *likeness* is very enlightening regarding what God made you to be.

Image: Old Testament Hebrew: Strong's #6754 (spirit) tselem (tseh'-lem); from an unused root meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure

Think of a shadow, a phantom, an illusion that looks like something else. Another word that we could use for this is 'ghost'. A ghost is a spirit without a body that looks like something or someone. I'm not using that word to say you are a 'ghost'! Just to illustrate to your mind the reality that you are a spirit, by using a term that your mind is familiar with.

Do you know that convincing your mind that you are a spirit is a big challenge? The mind doesn't want to lose its pre-eminence in your life!

Going on.....

God mentioned 'image' first: "Let Us make mankind in our IMAGE".

What is God?

Jesus said God is spirit, or some versions say, 'a spirit'.

If God made you in His 'image' and image means 'spirit' in Hebrew, then God made you a spirit.

James tells us that "the body without the spirit" is dead, (James 2:26).

When you were born again, it wasn't your body, mind, emotions or will that was born again, it was the REAL YOU - the spirit man living inside your body.

Jesus said: "that which gives birth to flesh is flesh, that which gives birth to spirit is Spirit, marvel not that I said unto you that you must be born again", (John 3:6&7).

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Next, God mentioned, 'likeness': "and after our likeness".

Likeness: Old Testament Hebrew: Strong's #1823 (body) demuwth (dem-ooth'); from OT:1819; resemblance; concretely, model, shape

Do you see in the definition of 'likeness' the word *concrete? Shape? Model?*This is referring to the physical body by which you, the spirit, are able to contact this physical world. God had to put mankind the spirit in a physical body in order for us to live in this world that He created for us.

Summing up: image (teselm - spirit) likeness (demuwth - body)

YOU are a spirit.
YOU possess a soul,
and YOU live in a body.
It is YOU the spirit who is born again.

Also:

You the spirit is **neither male or female**.

(if you have any questions on this section, email me because it is very important, as a woman, that these truths are clear in your belief system: annwindsor8@gmail.com)

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Let's do some clarification.

Man in Genesis 1:26 does <u>not</u> mean <u>male</u>, it means <u>mankind</u>.

Any thorough Bible translation states this.

Man: Old Testament Hebrew: Strong's #120 'adam (aw-dawm'); from OT:119; ruddy i.e. a human being (an individual or the species, mankind, etc.)

The reason for pointing this out is so that women will include themselves in the different portions of scripture where the word 'man' is used meaning <u>both genders</u>, or 'mankind'. For example, with our key scripture for this study: 2 Corinthians 5:17: "If any *man* be in Christ, *he* is a new creation." Of course, this is meaning women also.....so an alternate reading would be, "If any of mankind (male or female) be in Christ, he or she is a new creation."

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God called THEIR name "Adam", Genesis 5:1-2.

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It wasn't until after the fall woman became known as "Eve", (Genesis 3:20).

God created male and female as joint-heirs, co-regents: "and He gave <u>them</u> dominion and told **them**.....", male and female.

Genesis 5:2

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created...KJV

God created man and woman and blessed them, and called them Man from the start.

The Living Bible (TLB)

And when they were created, he called them "man." New International (NIV)called them Mankind. New King James (NKJV)

God had 'male' Adam and 'female' Adam...male and female referring to the physical and/or soul.

The real persons inside those bodies were <u>spirit beings</u>. Female (physically) Adam was the same kind of *spirit* that male (physically) Adam was. God made mankind <u>a spirit</u> and put them in a male and female body.

Thinking through this again, how do we know God made us a spirit being? Jesus said, "God is a **spirit**."

"THE FOOTBALL"



Ladies, this is a football!

This may seem very elementary to some of you reading this, but I am very strong on going over the basics again and again. In the battles of life, it is the basics that bring the victories. In the heat of an intense spiritual battle, you sometimes can't think beyond the basics!

In football, a famous coach of the Green Bay Packers, Vince Lombardi, took his team back to the basics every year when practice began again. It didn't matter if they had just won the Super Bowl, he would walk into the locker room, take out the football under his arm and say: "Gentlemen, this is a football!"

Well, ladies, knowing that you are a spirit first, that you the spirit is a new creation and that the new creation is Christ in you, is your 'football' for victory over the world, the flesh and the devil.

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John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. KJV God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. NIV God is spirit. New American Standard (NAS)

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We could then read Genesis 1:26 this way:

"Let us make mankind a spirit, like We are."



(image from ubDavid.org)

Let's think this 'man/mankind' issue through a little more:

God formed a *male* <u>body</u> from the dust of the ground, but it remained <u>lifeless</u> until "God breathed into *it* the breath of life," the spirit. The breath of life for the male body was Adam, <u>the spirit</u>, entering into the lifeless form, <u>the physical body</u>. His body then (animated by the inward spirit) took its first gasp of air and the breath of natural life began.

God put male Adam to sleep, took a portion of his body and from that portion, fashioned a female body. Yet that female body was lifeless until God breathed the 'breath of life', a spirit, into that female body. Woman (female) *did not get her spirit from man*, but from God. Female was made a spirit in God's image just as male. When Adam saw her, he said, "this is now flesh of my flesh and bone of my bones. Her name shall be called, 'woman', for she was taken out of man." Adam recognized her body was of the same substance as his, but he knew that her female body was animated (given life) by God just as his was. Woman means "man with a womb".

The spiritthe real you, is what gives animation to your body. Remember James 1:26: "the body without the spirit is dead"? You have heard people tell of experiences they have had after death.....looking down at their body. This testifies to the fact that the 'real' person that you are is *living inside* your physical body.

Your body is for functioning in this life, on this physical level. It is your 'earth-suit'. It eats food from the earth, wears clothes of the earth, makes a home to live in on this earth, it makes bodies for more spirits to dwell in on this earth. However, this body without **you** (the spirit) is dead, again James 2:26:

the body without the spirit is dead, KJV	
Just as the body is dead when there is no spirit in it	TLB

This shows that your body *isn't you....*.it is the house <u>"YOU"</u> live in. The body stays here when "you" leave. It returns to the dust from which it came (barring the Rapture, of course!)

To make your body, mind, emotions, and will, all they should be, you must live <u>as a spirit</u>. We are usually more conscious of our minds (thoughts), emotions (feelings), desires (will), 5-senses (body), than we are aware of being a spirit and of the quality of life that is residing in who we are. Corinthians says there are many kinds of voices in the world and they are all trying to get your attention (1 Corinthians 14:10). Thoughts, feelings, desires are some of these voices. Then there is the voice of the Accuser, circumstances and other people. You the spirit has a voice also.....it is the 'still small voice', the inner witness, the conscience. All the other voices can be making so much noise that it is hard to hear that still small voice.

To grow in who YOU really are, you must behave and quiet your soul and body, turn your ear off from listening to everything outside your own spirit.

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Psalm 131:1-2

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. KJV

..... Lord, I am not proud and haughty. I don't think myself better than others. I don't pretend to "know it all." I am quiet now before the Lord, just as a child who is weaned from the breast. Yes, my begging has been stilled. TLB

...O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters,
Or in things too difficult for me.
Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child rests against his mother,
My soul is like a weaned child within me. NAS

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You could sum up these verses this way:

I mind my own business and exercise dominion over my own life!



God gave mankind equally - <u>male & female</u> – the Genesis Commission: "be fruitful, multiply, subdue, have dominion."

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Genesis 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

KJV

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them......NIV

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Mankind was created a ruling spirit.

Male and female were ruling together.

Male & female lost dominion when they were drawn from living as spirits (life), to living as souls and bodies (knowledge)...that is the way you still lose dominion.

The choice: life or knowledge....

My goal by including this particular section is to deliver us as women from being ruled by our emotions and reasoning. Eve's mistake was in making her decision to eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge based upon

- what she saw: "the fruit was good to look at";
- what she thought: "it was desired to make one wise" like God;
- and what would be good for her body: "it was good for food".

The Apostle John in 1 John 2:16 sums this up as the lust of the flesh (food); the lust of the eye (good to look at); the pride of life (make her as wise as God). Jesus faced these same three temptations: turn these stones to bread; having the kingdoms of the world given to

him by Satan; proving who he was by casting himself from the pinnacle of the temple and having angels save him, (Matthew 4:1-11).

When God placed Adam the male in the garden, He told him:

Gen 2:17

17 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. KJV

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Adam understood this to mean the 'double death'.

In the Hebrew language the words 'surely die' really mean two ways of dying as in "dying thou shalt die". Dying spiritually (being separated from God and receiving a sinful nature) would result in dying physically.



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When Eve was created, the Serpent approached her with the temptation to eat from the Tree of Knowledge. Ladies, we must always be careful where we get our information. In every moment and situation of life, the Serpent is still the Serpent and you are the Eve. Being in a female body we are physically the weaker. The world says, 'knowledge is power'. As believers, we must be careful about the knowledge we take in. Some knowledge is 'amoral' - remember there was a 'good' side to the Tree of Knowledge. But right next to it is the knowledge of evil. Death - mentally, emotionally, financially, in our relationship, in our bodies, etc., is lurking - lurking - lurking in the evil side of that Tree.

Notice that the word 'good' appears in this verse as Eve's response to Satan's temptation.

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Genesis 3:6

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. KJV

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She was going after the 'good' side of the tree. She didn't know that within what looked good was the sting of death. Watch out for what looks good....

The wisdom spoken of in the temptation is different from the wisdom spoken of in Proverbs 8 as being the Wisdom of God. God is not withholding His Wisdom from us. James Chapter 1:5 states that He will give wisdom, HIS wisdom, liberally to anyone who asks Him for it. 1 Corinthians 2:12 tells you that God has given you, as a new creation woman, His Spirit so that you may KNOW the things of God.

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James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men (mankind) liberally and it shall be given.

1 Corinthians 2:12

Not you have received (in the new creation) not the spirit which is of the world, but the Spirit which is of God that you may know the things which are freely given to you by God.

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Don't let Satan convince you that God is hiding something from you, or has a secret agenda to trick or destroy you.

Have you been to the dentist lately for a cavity? He takes his little pick and goes to work getting the 'dead' out! Well, I want to 'pick' around in this "Two Kinds of Knowledge" subject a little longer. (I would highly recommend E.W. Kenyon's book by that title if you really want a good dentist on this subject!)

Please read this next section slowly and think about this. It is really a warning that I want to give women. It has been my observation over the years that because we as women are weaker physically then men, we lean on learning to help 'equal the playing field' so to speak. Or we will use our emotions or sexuality to gain ground with men.

There is a danger in advice from the world. Women's magazines, TV shows, even sometimes advice from our own families.

There were two trees in the garden, ladies.

To achieve life as a new creation woman, you must judge everything by the Knowledge that comes from the Tree of Life.

Wisdom from the 5-senses

Genesis 3:6 mentions the wisdom that comes through the 5 senses: "a tree to be desired to make one *wise*." There is more than one Hebrew word for 'wise'.

Let's look at two of them.

Wise - Strong's #7919

Hebrew: sakal, meaning to be circumspect and hence, intelligent:

KJV - consider, expert, instruct, prosper, (deal) prudent (-ly), (give) skill (-ful), have good success, teach, (have, make to) understand (-ing), wisdom, (be, behaveself, consider, make) wise (-ly), guide wittingly.

to look at (or upon), to have insight to give attention to, to consider, to ponder to cause to consider, to give insight, to teach; the teachers, the wise to prosper, to have success

Now, all of that sounds wonderful doesn't it? Again, the Tree of Knowledge HAS a good side. I am not discounting a good education. In this world we have to know how to fulfill the Genesis commission of subduing and taking dominion. But there is a temptation to rest on knowledge or believe that education will answer all of life's issues. We see it all the time....people that are 'worldly-wise' and yet are atheists. This falls in line with the story that Jesus told of the man who gained the whole world and yet in the end, lost his soul.

We know the outcome of the Genesis story, our 1st parents were born again in reverse: their nature went from innocence to shame, condemnation and sin.

(Just as a side note, religion places all the blame on Eve for the fall. Scriptures says that she gave the fruit to her "husband, who was with her", so Adam was there during the entire conversation between Eve and the Serpent. God addressed Adam first, and Paul also states that it was through Adam that sin came into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men", Romans 5:12.

(This issue, plus other religious traditions that have bound women are addressed in a forthcoming book, The New Creation Woman, Volume 2)

When you are a new creation, God wants you to operate from the Tree of Life which gives you the Wisdom of God and Eternal Life (Zoe).

If Adam and Eve had eaten of the Tree of Life, they would have enjoyed the Wisdom of God residing in and operating from their human spirit.

Living by the Wisdom of God in this world makes you look at life from the spiritual dimension-God's viewpoint first. Let's look at the second Hebrew word for 'wisdom'.

Proverbs 8: Wisdom from God

that operates through the human spirit

Wise - Strong's #2449

Hebrew: Chakam meaning to be wise in mind, word or act:

KJV - exceeding, teach wisdom, be (makeself, shewself) wise, deal (never so) wisely, make wiser

Do you notice the words, 'exceeding, never so, make wiser'? This describes the excellencies of God's Wisdom above worldly wisdom.

There are many wonderful things in Proverbs 8 that God's Wisdom will bring you to and into. I want to 'exalt her' (do you notice that here God's Wisdom is called 'she'?) by referring several verses in that Chapter.

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Proverbs 8:22-36

The Lord possessed me (Wisdom) in the beginning of his way, before the works of old (creation).

I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before ever the earth was, I was there.

When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: while as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world. When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: when he established the clouds above; when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: when he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment; when he appointed the foundations of the earth.

Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

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No matter how many degrees you may have, or how many accolades men may have bestowed upon you that your knowledge of this world has produced, there is nothing greater than fellowshipping with the Wisdom of God.

When I have been in precarious positions, I would encourage myself to turn to the Wisdom of God for if that Wisdom set the stars in their courses, and the earth on its foundations, and the seas stay within the bounds God's Wisdom set for them, then that Wisdom can keep me stable in my situation and that Wisdom knows my way through it.

"Call upon me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not", Jeremiah 33:3.

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The Bottom Line Then Is: What Is Temptation?

Temptation presents the choice of: 5-sense Knowledge over Life (zoe)/spirit

We are still ever as Eve....presented with the "Two Trees from the Garden".

No matter what form a temptation takes....our choice will determine if we are going to partake of the Tree of Knowledge of the Tree of Life.

Never forget the Law of Sowing & Reaping:

Galatians 5:7-8

Be not decived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

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All attention in the first temptation was given to the soul and the body.

Temptation is still the same to the male and female today.

Worldly Knowledge.

Power through worldly knowledge.

Dominion through worldly power.

This way is opposite of God's way of inheriting the earth.

The Genesis Commission was not given so that male and female could rule over each other. ☺

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Here is some additional reading on this subject from some commentaries. It is a little bit to wade through and some of the language is a little out-of-date by today's standards, but it will be a rewarding read.

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Genesis 3:6

"a tree to be desired to make one wise," there is the gratification of the nobler faculties of the <u>intellect</u> (mind) or rational **soul** (emotions)(from Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary)

Geneses 3:1-7

Appetite, taste, and philosophy, or the love of wisdom, are the great motives in the human breast which fancy assumes this tree will gratify.(from Barnes' Notes)

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Our first parents were in a state of sufficient perfection: They had God's knowledge at their disposal.

There was no hindrance to them receiving it.

(God came down in the cool of the day and walked in the garden with them.) God wasn't hiding anything from them.....He took pleasure in their knowing His wisdom.

To have God and nature continually open to the view of the their souls; and to have souls capable of viewing both, and fathoming endlessly their unbounded glories and excellences, without hindrance or difficulty...... what a state of perfection!

What a consummation of bliss!

This was the state and condition of our first parents; even in the present fallen state are incontestable evidences of primitive excellence.

We see how transgression came......

it was natural for them to desire to be increasingly wise.

God had implanted this desire in their minds; but he showed them that this desire should be gratified in a certain way,

that prudence and judgment should always regulate it,

that they should carefully examine what God had opened to their view; and should not pry into what he chose to conceal.

He alone who knows all things..... knows how much knowledge the soul needs to its perfection and increasing happiness,

in what subjects this may be legitimately sought,

and where the mind can make excursions and discoveries to its own prejudice and ruin.

Of every attainment and object of pursuit it may be said, in the words of an ancient poet, "There is a rule for all things; there are fixed and stated limits, on either side of which righteousness cannot be found."

On the line of duty alone we must walk.

Such limits God certainly assigned from the beginning: Thou shalt come up to this; thou shalt not pass it. And as he assigned the limits, so he assigned the means. It is lawful for thee to acquire knowledge in this way; it is unlawful to seek it in that. And had he not a right to do so? And could his creation be perfected without living within these set limits? (from Adam Clarke's Commentary)

Eve imagined more virtue in this tree than in any of the rest, that it was a tree not only not to be dreaded, but to be desired to make one wise, and because of that excelling all the rest of the trees.

See here how the desire of unnecessary knowledge, under the mistaken notion of wisdom, proves hurtful and destructive to many.

Our first parents, who knew so much, did not know this--that they knew enough.

Christ is a tree to be desired to make one wise, Colossians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 1:30.

Let us, by faith, feed upon him, that we may be wise to salvation.

Let us not exercise ourselves in things too high or too deep for us,
nor covet to be wise above what is written. (Matthew Henry's Commentary)



Service with a Smile Paul Ross

The Serpent comes as an angel of light. He comes speaking rationalism, enlightenment, free-choice and worldly wisdom. His direct purpose is to undermine faith in God and to instill doubt at the deepest level of your being. His objective is to encourage independence, self-exaltation and rebellion. If you listen to him long enough you will begin to see the whole of reality through his eyes. He knows he cannot force you to accept and adopt his views and this is why he ever so gently impresses upon the mind rational seduction — especially in the difficult seasons of your life. Be on guard and know when he is playing on you. Whenever you begin to move away from trusting in God's Word, know that it is he that is leading you, seductively, into the shadows from where no light does shine.



Choose wisely, ladies, choose wisely.

We will conclude this section on the First Creation with a Faith Statement:

ESTABLISHING THE REALITY OF THE INNER YOU

.....statements to align your thinking with Truth (please read aloud and keep repeating until your mind is renewed to this truth)

God said: "Let us make mankind in our image....", Genesis 1:26. What is God's image (essence, substance, person)?

Jesus said: "God is a spirit", John 4:24.

God is a spirit and He made me in His image (His class), so He made me a spirit.

God made me a communicating spirit.

I am not just a soul (emotions, will and mind) with animal life like the beasts of the field.

I am a spirit.
I will exist forever as God does.
I am not emotions, though I have them.
I am not mind though I have one.
I am not only will, though I have choice.

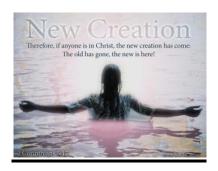
I am a spirit, I possess a soul and I live in a female body.

God made a female body and He put me in it.

I am a spirit.

Chapter 2

The Second Creation in Christ



2 Corinthians 5:17

"If anyone be in Christ, he or she is **a new creation** that never existed before, the old moral and spiritual condition has passed away and all things have become new and all things (in the **new creation**) are of God."

Galatians 3:28 & 6:15

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but *a new creation*."

Here are some other versions of 2 Corinthians 5:17:

(Adams) ...brand new things have come into being.
(20th Century Revised) Therefore, if anyone is in union with Christ, he is a new being! His old life has passed away; a new life has begun!
(Amplified) Therefore if any person is [engrafted] in Christ, (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!
(TLB) When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same any more. A new life has begun!

Your second creation.....is an inward creation. It is unseen to your natural eye. Jesus likened the new creation to the wind. Its influence is felt but it can't be seen.

John 3:8:

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound thereof, but canst not tell where it has come from and the direction it is going: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. KJV

It is important for you to be able to recognize your spirit for it is your spirit that is born again and is full of the power of the Holy Spirit. If you have read to yourself inwardly, you can hear yourself saying the words to yourself! That is the voice of your spirit, your inward man. We also say that the spirit's voice is the conscience.

You were created a speaking spirit!

Peter spoke of the 'hidden man of the heart':

1 Peter 3:4: the hidden man of the heart. KJVthe hidden person of the heart. Revised Standard

Paul called the new creation the 'new man':

Ephesians 4:24

...ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

...put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. RSV

What was Paul's reason for calling the spirit, "man"?

Paul did not mean 'male', he was referring to the spirit in you as a 'human' spirit, as distinct from angelic spirits or God Himself, Who is a spirit.

Paul was referring to the human spirit, or the spirit which is mankind.

We could state it this way: "Put on the human spirit made new, new mankind!"

Jesus is the Second Adam!

1 Corinthians 15:45

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

The natural, human race descended from the first Adam.
I want to introduce a term here: 'federal head'.
Think of the 'federal' government.
Here in the United States, the Federal Government is a 'central authority'.

The first Adam was invested with authority over creation and any offspring that would proceed from him. What he did would affect you even though you were born thousands of years later..

This is the truth called, 'identification'.

You were 'in Adam's loins' when he sinned. You were 'identified' with him as being human. What he did affected YOU.

Romans 5:12:

"Wherefore by one man (Adam) sin came into the world and death by sin and so death passed upon all men/you.)

This same truth applies to your Redemption.

God 'identified' Jesus with you in your sinful condition.

He died as your Substitute.

Now you are 'identified' with Him in His Resurrection.

The actions of the One affected you even though what He did was two thousand years ago.

2 Corinthians 5:21:

"For he (God) has made him (Jesus) to be sin for us/you who knew no sin, that we/you might be made the righteousness of God in him (Jesus).

God took one man, Jesus, and did to him what He would have done to you because you had sinned.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:20)
"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)

He let him die your death as the penalty for your sin. Then when His death in your place satisfied the guilty charges again you, God declared you 'not guilty' or justified in God's eyes.

2 Corinthians 5:19:

"Knowing this, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them."

Notice this verse says that God 'reconciled the world' unto Himself. Through the One Man, Christ Jesus, all men have been reconciled in the Court of Heaven.

Not all have heard about this reconciliation.

Not all have received it if they have heard about it.

Those who:

"have received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12-13)

Embrace also this wonderful truth: "If you had been the only person in the world, Jesus would have died just for your sins, so that you could receive forgiveness and be reconciled to God. Even though Jesus was dying for the 'many', He saw the 'one' - you! It is a wonderful thing that He knows EACH of His sheep by name.....

As Paul saw this great truth, the one for the many, he realized that Jesus was a **'Second Adam'**.

Just as a race of men descended and continue to be born of the First Adam, so when you 'believed on His Name', through the Power of the Holy Spirit, **you** became a new creation in Christ, the Second Adam.

Being born of His Spirit you are part of the new race of mankind.

One Bible versions states it: "if anyone is in Christ he is a new species that has never existed before."

This is a true statement. When the Scripture says 'new' creation, it means new in substance and quality. A spirit born of God. A spirit that has received the Life of God - Zoe.

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John 3:6

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh (the human body), that which is born of the Holy Spirit is (the recreated human) spirit."

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"A New Creation in Christ!"

This is a wonderful, liberating truth. No matter what you may have experienced or suffered through your first human birth, now that you have had a second Birth by the Spirit, by understanding and living out of that New Creation, you will see great deliverance, healing and wholeness come to you.

Look again at the picture at the beginning of this chapter.

The crystal man is the new you.

He is coming forth - that is you putting on your new man.

He is pushing off the 'flesh'.

"Walk after the spirit and you won't fulfill the works of the flesh". (Galatians 5:16)

The New Life is a New Adventure!!!!

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An exercise to 'locate' your spirit man:

When I was in Bible School, Kenneth Hagin Sr. taught us this and I have practiced it ever since. It is very simple.

Take your hand and touch your head.....your heart......your belly.

Your head is where *thoughts* manifest from. Your heart area is where your *emotions* manifest from. Your belly is where *the Holy Spirit by your spirit* manifests from.

Think about it a little more.

If you are confused, what part of your body do you put your hand on? Your knee?

Elbow? Lips? No. You put your hand on your head.

Notice Brother Hagin said that the head is where the thoughts 'manifest' from. He didn't say that they 'originated' there. There are several sources for thoughts which we will look at later.

Now, if someone hurts your feelings, do you grab your head? No, you say, "You broke my heart!" and you grab the area of your body where your heart is located.

Your heart didn't really break did it?

If it did, you would have had a heart attack!

No what you mean is, you hurt me.... emotionally.
You 'broke' my emotions.
So the heart area of the body is where the feelings manifest from.

Now put your hand on your belly.

Jesus said, "out of your belly would flow rivers of living water" this spoke He of the Spirit, which they who believe on him would receive", (John 7:38).

"I will put within you a well of water springing up unto everlasting life," (John 4:14).

Your belly (sometimes the Bible uses the word 'loins' also) is the area where the Spirit speaks to you from.

If I were to ask you if you have ever heard your conscience talk to you, you would probably tell me yes. If I asked you where it came from, you would probably say, deep within me, and you would mean from 'down inside', or "it came up from inside me".

You can test voices, feelings and thoughts by this guide.

I have found it to be very reliable.

Even Scriptures that come into your mind, have really had their origin from your spirit if you really stop and analyze it.

Here is another way Brother Hagin put it:

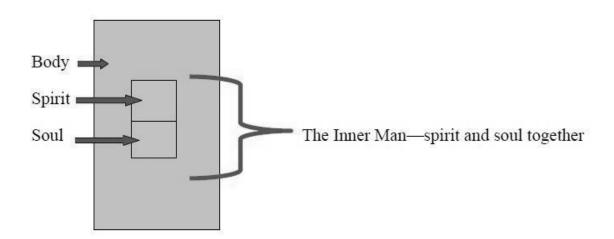
Voice of reason.....mind/head
Voice of feeling....emotion/heart
Voice of spirit...inward witness/conscience

This is an exercise for you to practice.

Joyce Meyer said: "Think about what you are thinking about!"
Human beings are the only part of God's creation that have 'self' awareness, so you are capable of examining your spirit and soul as well as your body.
We are all very good at examining our body. It is hungry, fat, skinny, old, young, tired, etc. etc.

God wants you to be just as keen at examining what is going on in your soul (mind, will, emotions) and your spirit (new creation).

This simple little exercise, if you will begin to practice it will help you to develop spiritually and sharpen your ability to know the source of the thoughts, etc. that are going on inside of you.



Chapter 3

Establishing The Fact That YOU ARE In Christ

Romans 14:5

"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

I want to take a little time here to make sure you are 'convinced in your own mind' that you ARE in Christ. Jesus said that the first thing the devil comes to do is to 'steal'. The truths from God's Word that I am sharing with you are so liberating, victory generating, devil dominating that I want to make sure this foundation is firmly established in your MIND as well as your heart. When we are born again, we believe with our heart and confess with our mouth that we take Jesus as our Lord. Now the mind needs to be informed of what has happened! So let's go though it......

How 'You' Got In Christ

John 3:3-6

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.

Seeing the Kingdom depends upon having a new birth....but not one from natural, human flesh.

So, how were you born again?

By hearing the message that Jesus died for your sins and that He rose again for your justification; by believing that with your heart and confessing with your mouth:

Romans 10:9-10:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Let us re-establish the fact that all is by faith.

All the Scriptures that I am sharing with you, must be taken by faith.

With the heart man believes.....

Can you confirm for your own convincing:
that you heard the Message?
that you believed the Message?
that you called upon the Lord for Salvation?

Romans goes on to say: "Whosoever believes on him will not be put to shame," (Romans 10:11).

You can be confident that if you did your part, God did His part in forgiving you and making you a new creature in Christ.

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2 Corinthians 5:17:

"If any person be in Christ, he or she is a new creation, old things are passed away, behold all things are made new."

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Your spirit doesn't get partially born again, just as we do not get born half a human. It doesn't remain partially sinner, partially saint.

If you are born again you ARE a new creation and you ARE in Christ.

I mentioned earlier Vince Lombardi's statement, "Gentlemen, this is a football". These truths are a 'football'.

Basics to be mastered to win in the spiritual battles of life.

The devil will always go after your new identity in Christ. If he can move your *consciousness* back to your 'old' identity, he can defeat you.



When I am having a spiritual battle, I go through these three basic questions:

- 1) What am I? A spirit. In John 4:24 Jesus said, "God is spirit". According to Genesis 1:26, God made me in His image and He is spirit, therefore He made me a spirit.
 - 2) What kind of spirit am I? According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, if I know Christ as my Savior, I am now a new creature in Christ. When I accepted Christ as my Savior, according to John 3:7, I was born of the Spirit.
- 3) Who IS that new creation? According to Galatians 2:20, it is no longer I that lives but Christ that lives in me.

I conclude with this statement:

I know that nothing defeated Jesus and as I let Him 'come to the top' in this battle, no principality or power can take me out.

I use these three questions over and over. When you have a tool that works, why go looking for another?

This works!

It doesn't matter how hot or heavy the battle has become, these three questions will get you back on your feet spiritually. Your outlook of the situation will change from one of having been overcome to: "I can overcome as I face this situation as Christ in me and me in Christ!"

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Now, you need to take some time to review your story....how you came to be in Christ. If you have any doubts, or maybe you have been reading this and you have never accepted Jesus as your Savior, now is the time to do it and lay this Foundation Stone for your future.

If you have	e a year, month or day that you can remember receiving Christ, w or some details that you do remember:						write it here
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If you need to ask God to forgive you and receive Jesus, pray this right now:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Your Word says, "him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out, (John 6:37), so I know You won't cast me out, but You take me in and I thank You for it. You said in Your Word, "Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13). I am calling on Your Name, so I know You have saved me now.

You also said, "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10-9-10). I believe in my heart Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that He was raised from the dead for my justification, and I confess Him now as my Lord.

Because Your Word says, 'with the heart man believeth unto righteousness' and I do believe with my heart, I have now become the righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). And I am saved! Thank You, Lord!

If you prayed this prayer, enter today's date and time on the lines above.

It is good to rehearse your salvation experience over and over no matter how long you have been saved, it helps to keep that 'first love' that Jesus talked about.

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For review, to re-establish the fact that you ARE a spirit:

God said: "Let Us make mankind in our image and after our likeness".

Jesus said: "God is a spirit".

God made us in his image.....a spirit

And according to 2 Corinthians 5:17, if you are in Christ, what kind of spirit are you?

A new creation that never existed before.



Chapter 4

Who exactly IS the new you?

Please read slowly and think deeply about what this verse is saying:

Gal 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.KJVI have been crucified with Christ: and I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. TLB

For this verse to be REAL to you, you must know who the 'I' is that it is talking about. Do you remember that YOU are a spirit? and you, the spirit, possess a soul and live in a body? Your body without YOU is dead.

God crucified the sinful YOU in Christ on the Cross 2,000 years ago. This legal action was made alive in you when you received what was done at that Cross for your sins. In a split second of time, you the sinner ceased to exist and a new you came into existence. That is the new birth.

The question now is: is that new creation still you or who?

What does Galatians 2:20 say? That the new creation is Christ, now living His Life in your body.

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Here are some other versions to make this even clearer:

I consider myself as having died and now enjoying a second existence, which is simply Jesus using my body. (Distilled)

I have been crucified with Christ. Now it is not my old self, but Christ Himself who lives in me. (Noli)

I have been crucified with Christ. My own life is dead; it is Christ who lives in me. True, my physical life goes on, but its mainspring is faith in the Son of God. (Barclay)
I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Amplified)

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You, I'm sure, like everyone is aware of your shortcomings. 'Sins and weights' Hebrews Chapter 12 calls them. Galatians 2:20 is hard to believe when you hear that it is 'no longer you that lives'.

Digging a little deeper into this verse and into you, it was you the spirit who was born again. It is you, the spirit, who IS Christ in you. I heard someone put it this way: "when God recreates a person, He just runs off an identical copy of Jesus in them". But in reality, it isn't a COPY, it IS Christ in you. Paul restated this in Colossians also: "Christ IN you, the hope of glory", (Colossians 1:27).

The problems we have as women do not originate in our recreated spirit, for our recreated spirit is Christ. Remember, that is what Galatians 2:20 says.

The problems we have are in the soul and body. The soul and body are not 'born again'. To solve the problems in them, the mind must be 'renewed' as Paul states in Romans 12:2. The body must be presented to God as a living sacrifice, Romans 12:1.

When your mind is renewed to the truth that you are a spirit, that you are a new creation in Christ, and that this new creation is Christ in you, the solution to 'sins and weights' begins to work itself out in earnest.

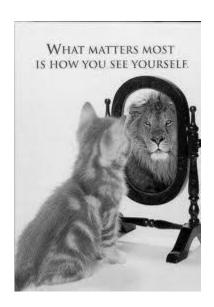
Who is the new you? Christ in you.

You ARE a spirit.
Christ, by the Holy Spirit, dwells in you the spirit.
Your old moral and spiritual condition has passed away.
You, the sinner, ceased to exist the moment you received the Spirit of Christ into your life.

Now a new you exists, a new creation.
In that new creation all things are of God, 2 Corinthians 5:18.
They have to be because that new creation is Christ in you by the Spirit.

You may *feel* like the little kitten in this picture. Helpless. Immature. Not ready to handle life. Keep looking at the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Keep looking at this truth about who you are as a new Creation. Believe what the Bible says. Believe the Bible with your spirit, your new creation. Make the soul (mind, will and emotions) line up to that Bible truth.

As you do that you will be changed, not just in spirit but soul and body into His image. We are changed from 'glory to glory' into the SAME image, even as by the Spirit of the Lord, 2 Corinthians 3:18.



In this picture, we see ourselves, babes in Christ.
As we continuing looking at the image of Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah we grow up into His Image.

Chapter 5

The Life of the New You

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. NIV

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I would like to linger just a little longer on the subject of the NEW YOU. What actually made you new?

In your first birth, your physical birth you 'took the breath of life', physical life. Your human life began. The life of the flesh is in the blood, in the breath. You received the human kind of life when you were born of the flesh.

When you received Christ as your Savior, the main thing that a babe in Christ is aware of is sins forgiven. Much more happened to you. You were made brand new inside. You experienced a 'spiritual' birth. And just as you received physical life in your first birth, you received a Life in your second birth -- the Life of God.

Human birth: life of man Spiritual birth: Life of God.

This heavenly Life is the very essence of God's own being. It permeates Heaven. It is Life Immortal. That is what caused you to be 'born again', that Life entering you the spirit.

Jesus said, <u>"I AM Life"</u> John 14:6.

The word, 'life', there is the word 'zoe' in the Greek of the New Testament.

The life you received in your human birth was, 'bios', physical life.

Two different forms of life. One heavenly, the other earthly.

You were dead spiritually. Dead in your relationship with God because of a sinful nature - you the sinner.

When you received Jesus, you received a new kind of Life - heavenly Life.

If Jesus is in you, you HAVE this life in your recreated spirit. You may not know it because you have never been taught all the facts of what happens when a person is born again. Go back and re-read our opening verses: 1 John 5:11 & 12, she who HAS THE SON has life (zoe).

The Holy Spirit overshadowed you, just as He did Mary when Jesus was conceived in her womb. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. He is the Spirit of Life in Christ. He overshadowed you and birthed in you a new creation when you placed your trust in the Blood of Jesus to save you from your sins.

I have a book on this subject, "Eternal Life", I would encourage you to get and study, but for now I will insert a few facts more about this life. Live this Life as a woman. You will be a Father - pleaser.

Life: Vine's Expository Dictionary

English: Zoe'

- Life as a principle, life in the absolute sense,
- life as God has it, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, John 5:26, and which the Son manifested in the world, 1 John 1:2.
- From this life man became alienated in consequence of the Fall, Eph 4:18,
- and of this life men <u>become partakers</u> through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, John 3:15, who becomes its Author to all such as trust in Him, Acts 3:15, and who is therefore said to be 'the life' of the believer, Col 3:4,
- the life that He gives He maintains, John 6:35,63.
- Eternal life is <u>the present actual possession of the believer because of his relationship with Christ</u>, John 5:24; 1 John 3:14,
- And that it will one day extend its domain to the sphere of the body is assured by the Resurrection of Christ, 2 Cor 5:4; 2 Tim 1:10.
- (bodily healing is that life at work in the human body now!)
- This life is not merely a principle of power and mobility, however, for it has moral associations which are inseparable from it, as of holiness and righteousness..

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Here are the other kinds of life spoken of in the New Testament. It would be good for you just to familiarize yourself with them:

Greek, bios.

English: biological (physical)

- (a) of "the period or duration of life
- (b) of "the manner of life, life in regard to its moral conduct,"
- (c) of "the means of life, livelihood, maintenance, living,"

Greek, psuche,

English: besides its meanings, "heart, mind, soul," denotes "life" in two chief respects,

- (a) "breath of life, the natural life,"
- (b) "the seat of personality,"

Example: John 10:10, 'I came that they may have life (zoe),' with v. 11, 'The Good Shepherd layeth down His life (psuche) for the sheep.'"

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I would like to share with you a few of the qualities that are available to you as a new creation woman. Jesus in you made you new. Jesus is ZOE. Jesus has the qualities of Zoe in Him. These qualities that are in Him are IN you for He is IN you.

Qualities inherent in Zoe

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. KJV

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. NAS

• Christ is made unto you: "wisdom"

Greek: sofia English: Wisdom

As Christ is God's gift to believers, all that is Christ's is given to them-<u>wisdom in its</u>
<u>essence and perfection</u> to <u>be gradually developed in our union with Him</u>.

By it we become "wise unto salvation," and "walk not as fools, but as wise"
(Ephesians 5:15; 2 Timothy 3:15).

He is to us the **source** of wisdom; it is by Him that we are made wise.

Colossians 2:3, "In whom (Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

He is the Great Agent by whom we become truly wise.

[It is interesting to note that "wisdom" comes first in the list of what Christ is made unto us by the Father. Without this wisdom coming to us, we would not have been able to understand the preaching of the Cross, foolishness to the world, but the power of God unto salvation.

We are encouraged to continually seek the wisdom of God for our daily lives in James Chapter 1:5. We will be given as much as we need, whenever we need it.....it is

constantly 'on tap'. It pleases God when we ask for His wisdom instead of using the wisdom of the 'tree of knowledge'.

Christ is made your righteousness

Greek: dikaiosune

English: Rightness (of character or act); and especially (Christian) justification.

"This meaning of dikaiosune, right action, is frequent in Paul's writings. For the most part he uses it of

- that gracious gift of God to men whereby all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are brought into right relationship with God.
- This righteousness is unattainable by obedience to any law, or by any merit of man's own, or any other condition than that of faith in Christ....
- The man who trusts in Christ becomes 'the righteousness of God in Him,' 2 Cor 5:21, i. e., becomes in Christ all that God requires a man to be, all that he could never be in himself.

Christ is the power that sanctifies you

Greek: hagiasmos

English:

- (a) separation to God.
- (b) the course of life befitting those so separated.
- Sanctification is used in New Testament of the separation of the believer from evil things and ways.
- This sanctification is God's will for the believer, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, and
- His purpose in calling him by the gospel.
- It must be learned from God, as He teaches it by His Word, John 17:17,19, and it
 must be pursued by the believer, earnestly and undeviatingly, 1 Timothy 2:15.
 Holy <u>character</u>, is not vicarious, in other words, it cannot be transferred or
 imputed, it is an individual possession, built up, little by little, as the result of
 obedience to the Word of God, and of following the example of Christ in the
 power of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is the Indwelling Agent in sanctification, Romans 15:16.

Christ is your redemption in every area of your being!

Greek: apolutrosis

English: deliverance, redemption.

- to let one go free on receiving the price: a releasing effected by payment of ransom:
- redemption, deliverance, liberation procured by the payment of a ransom;

• deliverance effected through the death of Christ from the retributive wrath of a holy God and the merited penalty of sin: Romans 3:24.

In Colossians 1:14, "in Whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of our sins," indicating <u>both</u> the liberation from the guilt and doom of sin <u>and the introduction into a life of liberty, "newness of life.</u>

The Authority inherent in Zoe.....over all the works of the enemy

When you were born again, receiving Zoe, the Life of God automatically put you in a position of supremacy over all the works of the enemy. The 'them' in the following verse is referring to these anti-Christ spirits that are in the world.

1 John 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. KJV

Dear young friends, you belong to God and have already won your fight with those who are against Christ because there is Someone in your hearts Who is stronger than any evil teacher in this wicked world. TLB (this is referring to people who teach false doctrines about Christ).

Paul talks about believers 'not being ignorant'. Ignorant of what? The position of spiritual authority that they receive when they are born again. Is there any demonic spirit that can conquer Jesus, Who now is in you by His Spirit? No. He already defeated all of them through His death, burial and resurrection. He is now seated at the Right Hand of God. The position of 'all power'. He didn't leave that authority and power behind when He comes to live in you.

Mastery over ALL things!

When you were born again, a new law went into effect in your life: the law of Life in Christ Jesus.

You had been under the law of sin and death..... 'you sin you die'.

You passed out of the dominion of that law through your union with Christ at the new birth.

Now the Life (zoe) that is in Christ, the Life through which He exercises His dominion, is the governing law of your life.

Even when you sin, you no longer receive the sentence of 'condemnation' which was the result of sinning under the old law of sin and death.....no, there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ.

All you need to do is confess your sin and He is faithful and just to forgive your sin and cleanse you from all unrighteousness.

No one now, with the Blood of Jesus on the mercy seat, needs to be shut up under condemnation of any kind.

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The Kingdom over which Jesus is King, has a dominant law by which it operates, and that law is the Law of the "Spirit of Life", under which you live when you are in Christ.

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Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. (I left out 'who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit'. Any study of good commentaries will tell you that this phrase is not in the original of this verse.)

For the power of the life-giving Spirit-and this power is mine through Christ Jesus-has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. TLB

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It would be good for you to look up Romans 8:2 in some other versions. Just type the reference into a search engine and several good sites come up for this.

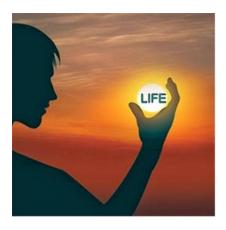
Nothing which resulted from the fall can bind you if you are in Christ, for that Life, Zoe,
which is the new law operating in you,
is greater than any result of the fall.

As that Life gains ascendancy in your life.....soul and body, you will live the life of the Redeemed of the Lord.

The New Creation Woman

"The woman whom the Son sets free is free indeed".

Give attention to that Life and it will cure **anything** that ails you!



(Examining the subject of Zoe, the God-kind of Life)

Chapter 6

Prioritizing for success

Now we will get down to practically applying what you received in the New Birth. In the New Testament letters to the churches, there is a doctrinal part and following that, a section on how those doctrines apply to the daily life of the believer.

New Creation Realities are for daily living. You aren't in heaven yet.

There is still a world to subdue, replenish and have dominion over. There is a Gospel to preach in all the world and disciples to make for the Kingdom. There is the Enemy arrayed against you who you must overcome....on a daily basis. There is your flesh, your mind, your tongue, your emotions, your will.

Look again at our subject and key verses:

The "New Creation" Woman

"If any woman be in Christ, she is a new creation, the old moral and spiritual condition has passed away, behold all things have become new in her and all things in her new creation are of God, Who has reconciled her unto Himself by Christ Jesus," (2 Corinthians 5:17 & 18a)

Eternity is in your new creation. Mortality is in your womanhood.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither *male nor female*, for you are all one in Christ Jesus, for in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but *a new creation*." (Galatians 3:28 & 6:15)

Eternity is in you, the new creation.

Mortality is in your female body.

What does this mean?

Spirits never cease to exist. All mankind are spirits. New Creations who have Christ in them go to Heaven at death. Those who aren't, go to hell, but a spirit exists somewhere forever.

In this life we live in a male or female body.

Your female body is mortal (going to die) because of the Fall.

Jesus said that in the world to come, people will neither marry nor be given in marriage, but will be like the angels, Matthew 22:30.

At the time of the First Resurrection, in the twinkling of an eye, your mortal female body will become an immortal female body.

If you have already died at that time, your female body which has been 'corrupted' by the grave, will rise again with immortality and be reunited with 'you the spirit' who has been with the Lord.

You will still have a female body of flesh and bone in heaven but it will be immortal, having no blood, and not for reproduction.

Angels don't beget angels.

Likewise, our immortal bodies won't beget children.

Being a male or female, man or woman is distinctive to this earthly life. This is why I said that mortality, or earthiness is in your womanhood.

The devil went after the 'woman'.
Eve forgot who she was, already like God.
Her thinking centered in the soul and body.
This is still Satan's goal for woman.
And for you.

Love being a woman. Be thankful for being a woman. Don't hate your womanhood. But keep being a woman in its proper perspective.

You are a spirit.
You possess a soul.
You LIVE in a woman's body.

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Your priorities for success:

- You, the new creation, must be in the position of KING, ruling your soul and body.
 - Your soul (mind, will and emotions) must be in the position of servant to You, the recreated spirit.
 - Your body must be in the position of slave, carrying out the desires of Jesus that are in You, the recreated spirit.

You are to serve God with your spirit.....first and foremost. Lead off with your spirit in every situation of life.

Paul, the great apostle, states that he served God, 'with my spirit'.

Romans 1:9: For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit. KJV

Since YOU ARE a spirit, when YOU serve God, then it is the spirit being inside of you who is serving God, or is to take the lead in serving God. Again, your spirit serve God in the position of king. Your soul (mind, will and emotions) are to then be the servant to your recreated spirit who is being led by the Holy Spirit.

A man once said: "the soul must become a suitable companion for the recreated spirit". This is what renewing the mind is for, so that your mind will not be dominated by carnal, earthly things and fight the real you, the recreated spirit, Christ IN you.

Your mind will cooperate with the will of God that is operating in your spirit and will assist in carrying out the inward witness of the Holy Spirit, as He bears witness with and leads you by you, the spirit!

God's Presence in Your life manifests in and from your spirit:

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

Jesus said that He was the 'light of the world'.

He lives in your spirit.

Your spirit is lit up with His light.

That is how your spirit is the 'candle of the Lord'.

God enlightens you to His will, His wisdom, His help in your life through you the spirit.

This light does not reside in your head, your emotions or your will.

You must look to, live out of and serve God with the real you, the new creation in a woman's body:

you are the NEW CREATION WOMAN!

When God wants to make His will known to you, He will gently impress it upon your spirit.....

Romans 8:14 & 16

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 16 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God

Rom 8:16: The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit. NIV

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b) Your soul (mind, will and emotions), is to be the SERVANT of your spirit (the real you),

You, (the real you....the new creation), is to present your body to God as a living sacrifice and undertake the renewing or retraining of your mind with God's Word. You, (the real you....the new creation) is to take authority over any and all emotions so that only the fruits of the Spirit (His Spirit from your spirit) manifest themselves.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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You (the spirit) present your (possessive pronoun) body.
You, the spirit, possesses a body which you (the spirit) present to God as a living sacrifice. You, (the spirit) renews your (possessive pronoun) mind.
Here in Romans 12, we see that 'you' is the understood subject and 'your bodies' is what the subject, 'you' is presenting.

So who is the you? It has to be the recreated spirit.....the real you. You.....the spirit, possesses a soul (which you renew) and live in a body which you (the spirit) presents to God a living sacrifice.

I present **my** body....
I renew **my** mind.....

I (the spirit) presents the body I (the spirit) live in.
I (the spirit) renews the mind I (the spirit) am to think through.
I (the spirit) serve God and the rest of me (mind, will, emotions and body) follows me in that service.

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This is so basic, I can't emphasize it enough:

You ARE A SPIRIT.
YOU possess a soul
YOU live in a mortal body.
If YOU ARE IN Christ, YOU are a new creation, 2 Corinthians 5:17.
And according to Galatians 2:20, that new creation is Christ in YOU.

This may seem a little overboard, going over this basic truth again and again, and the same verses over and over, but think of this like being in kindergarten or first grade....learning the alphabet or basic math skills. Drill, drill, drill....until you learned it without having to think up or figure up the answer each time.

In the military they have 'drill instructors'.

I guess that is what I am, spiritually.

Drilling you over and over for success as a new creation in a woman's body!



Chapter 7

Putting on the New You

This I say then, walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

This verse could be read several ways and still be correct:

Walk after (or in, or out of) the S(s)pirit and the flesh (senses) will be crucified!

In the Greek language in which the New Testament was written, there are no capital letters. Because the word 'spirit' has been capitalized, most take it to mean the Holy Spirit. This would not be incorrect for if you consistently walk IN the Holy Spirit, there is no chance of fulfilling the lusts of the flesh for the Holy Spirit won't lead you to do that!

Let's look at the verse with the 's' not capitalized and so meaning YOUR recreated spirit, the real you that you are to serve God with:

Let me explain further. Live your life as your spiritual nature directs you. (God's Word Version)

I say then, walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. (Douay-Rheims Version)

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I see this verse in my mind like this:

Me, the recreated spirit, and my soul follows the Holy Spirit and then my body doesn't fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

My spirit+my soul (mind, will and emotions) following the Holy Spirit = not fulfilling the lusts of the flesh.

First I follow, THEN I don't fulfill.

I could also state it this way: how do you get the dirty water out of the glass, (break fleshly habits)?

By pouring in the clean water (God's Word and following God's Spirit). If you don't want to walk after the flesh, then keep the glass full of clean water by continually pouring in the clean water.

How do you do that?

When faced with a temptation to fulfill a lust of the flesh, ask yourself, "What does God's Word say about that?"

When you do that, if you don't know or no Scripture comes to you, go and look it up. God's Word has an answer and instruction regarding dealing with every lust of the flesh.

When you get the Scripture you are pouring in the clean water. Now just live it out!

The key to putting on the new creation as a woman is walking after or in the Spirit, FIRST, then you automatically won't walk after the flesh. You cannot do two things at once!

We have been taught so much to do it the opposite: get rid of the flesh, crucify the flesh.....then you will be able to please God and walk in the Spirit.

But this verse in Galatians says exactly the opposite. You won't have the strength to subdue unruly emotions, take thoughts captive, or subject your body without the power the Spirit gives.....when we walk after the Spirit first. Then we HAVE the power we need to 'not walk after the flesh'!

Galatians 5:16-25

16 This I say then, Walk <u>in</u> the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

16 But I say, walk <u>by</u> the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. New American Standard Version

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Notice the last two verses:

"They that are Christ's HAVE crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we **live** in the Spirit let us also **walk** in the Spirit.

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I don't think I have ever heard these two verses preached in the light of New Creation Realities.

Notice it says: 'HAVE crucified the flesh'. Most sermons are directed at you crucifying the flesh. Many of the Reformers put emphasis here, but we see Paul stating that if you are Christ's you HAVE already crucified the flesh. What can he mean?

In the light of Galatians, the false teachers were influencing the Galatians to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses in order to be totally saved. Paul is saying that when the Galatians accepted his message of The Cross by faith, they passed out of the arena of attempting to be set right with God of attempting to be set right with God by means of anything fleshly or that they could do on their own.

He said in Galatians 5:25 that they WERE ALIVE in the Spirit/spirit. Whether you realize it or not, you broke the control of the world, the flesh and the devil over you by accepting Jesus as your Savior and being born again, born from above, receiving a New Father, a heavenly one.

So many struggle to get 'in the Spirit'. This is religious teaching. You ARE in the Spirit and the Spirit (Holy Spirit) is in you - the recreated you.

Now you are NOT in the flesh but IN the Spirit if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is not His, (Romans 8:9).

Really look at what this verse is saying. YOU are in the Spirit (connected directly to God) if you have received Christ, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. God's Kingdom, power and glory have opened to you. You are now a citizen of that Kingdom not still trying to be. The new birth is the birth of a new creation from that Kingdom.

You are living, working and serving God FROM a position in His Spirit and Kingdom, not living and working FOR one.

Again, how do you NOT walk after the flesh?

You train yourself to live out of your recreated spirit and follow in the footsteps of the Holy Spirit.

"Walk AFTER (in the footsteps) of the Holy Spirit and THEN you won't fulfill the lusts of the flesh."

Jesus said He would guide you in the paths of righteousness, Psalm 23:3. The Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit sent by Christ to lead you, will lead you in the paths of righteousness and you will escape the path where the passions of the flesh operate.

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Women are notorious for being ruled by their emotions.....we call it all kinds of things: "a bad hair day; PMS; don't talk to me till I've had my first cup of coffee", etc.

Ladies, we don't need to excuse our walking in the flesh (or senses) with our womanhood! Walking in the flesh is walking in the flesh....PMS or not! PMS or a bad hair day is no excuse for anger, wrath and strife.....or jealousy.

The New Creation Woman is spiritually strong by virtue of being a new creation. She puts on mental and emotional strength.

She chooses not to be ruled by PMS, reasonings or imaginations.

She is a Jesus-pleaser, even with PMS or change-of-life.

She takes the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus and takes dominion over PMS, change-of-life, mood swings, unreasonable thoughts,

This woman surpasses the first Eve.
She is the Eve of the New Creation.
Where the first Eve failed, she succeeds.
She never forgets who she is, no matter what the circumstance, (this is the goal, to remember!)

She exceeds the Proverbs 31woman. She is the New Creation Woman!

Women get quite a bit of teaching about the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. Let's look at her.

"She girds her loins with strength and strengthens her arms. Strength and honour are her clothing. She opens her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Let her own works praise he in the gates. (Vs. 17;25;26;31).

Strength, inward strength is key in these verses. It takes inward strength to walk after the Spirit and as a result not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Here is a prayer that Paul prayed for strength. begin to pray (say) it for and over yourself:

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of my Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant me, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in my inner man, that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith, that I, being rooted and grounded in love, would be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, length, depth and height and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge that I might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that I could ask or think, according to the power that works in me, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21 adapted for personal use)

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I have prayed this prayer many times for my spirit and my soul. I have walked the floor and confessed: "I am mentally and emotionally strong. Thank You, Father, that You strengthen me in the inner man with Your Spirit of Might."

At one time when I was having a nervous breakdown and on medications that weren't working, I finally decided there was no permanent help for me but God. I was a pastor. I knew all the right scriptures to quote. Nothing was working. But then I made a decision. I remember it as clearly as I remember the day I was saved. I said: "Lord, I am ready to fight my way out of this thing." And I prayed to be strengthened by HIS might in my inner man. I knew it would take His might as I had none.

After praying, I went to sleep and when I woke up the next morning, I started fighting back against the anxiety and depression. Three minutes at a time. And I started getting the victory. His Spirit of Might was helping me to fight back. I did my confessions: "I am mentally and emotionally strong. I am strengthened in the inner man by His Spirit of Might. I resist this darkness, depression and anxiety and it flees from me. I receive the peace that passes all understanding."

If you are reading this, I want to tell you that I am sharing with you the how's of my own life by which I have overcome sicknesses of the soul and body. This information is not academic, I saw these truths I am sharing with you, I experienced them and now I am declaring them unto you, that you might have fellowship with me in this great light in which there is no darkness at all.

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How to deal with the thought realm (mind):

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

4 I use God's mighty weapons, not those made by men, to knock down the devil's strongholds. 5 These weapons can break down every proud argument against God and every wall that can be built to keep men from finding him. TLB

• What the new creation uses to deal with those thoughts:

Ephesians 6:17the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: KJV

There is no thought that will not bow to the Word:

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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The New Creation Woman makes her body obey her spirit as a slave obeys a master, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.

You are not to be 'body-ruled'.....do not let your body rule you....dictate your moods, attitudes, words, actions.

You (the New Creation) rule your body!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. KJV

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24 In a race everyone runs, but only one person gets first prize. So run your race to win.
25 To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon or a silver cup, but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. 26 So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I fight to win. I'm not just shadow-boxing or playing around. 27 Like an athlete I punish my body, treating it roughly, training it to do what it

should, not what it wants to. Otherwise I fear that after enlisting others for the race, I myself might be declared unfit and ordered to stand aside. The Living Translation

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Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. Revised Standard I buffet my body and make it my slave. New American Standard but I discipline my body and make it my slave NASU

Priority Grid

Spirit	King
Soul (mind, will & emotions)	Servant
Body (5-senses)	Slave

Putting on the New You....as a woman!

- a) you are complete in Him, (Colossians 2:10), so
- b) guard your soul and
- c) keep your body.
- a) being complete in Him is having the resources of heaven (zoe) available for any need I may have in soul or body as a woman. What are the details of this completeness?

Statements about Himself, titles of Himself, names for Himself,

tell me what I have available for my aid and assistance, freely, without any belittling, begrudging, or bemoaning. Through these resources, I can keep my...... (go on to point 'b'):

b) soul whole.....my mind, my emotions and my will. Whole or wholeness, healthy, 98.6 degrees. Victory over mood swings, anxieties, insecurities and the other problems and temptations that plague women. You (the new creation) CAN speak the will of God into your soul and it will obey you. MAKE IT OBEY. Don't let those emotions continue to run their course. Don't let those thoughts continue to inhabit your mind. Drive them out and into line with the Word, prayer, praise, dancing, rejoicing, worshipping. Your thoughts are translated into feelings in your body by your emotions. Once you get your emotions turned around, your mind renewed, your body will enjoy

the release from stress, etc. that it needs. Use scripture to command your soul so it will obey you. Only the Word of God can silence and subdue an unruly soul.

With heaven's resources, I (the new creation) maintain my.....(read on to point 'c'):

c) female body.....peace for my body in times of change: hormones, pregnancy, aging. Health for my body for long life.

Overcome daily....which is all Jesus said we had to do:

Matthew 6:34: "the evil of today is sufficient (to overcome), so take no thought for yesterday or tomorrow," walk "after the Spirit" each moment, in each circumstance, in every responsibility.

As you 'walk after the Spirit', you will be 'living life in the Spirit'.

The Spirit-life is the victorious life....the Holy Spirit does not know how to fail.....He is in you to cause you to triumph in all things.....to manifest Christ in all things.

The Spirit, Him in you, walks after the "Word",

the written Word,

which was the spoken Word to the prophets and apostles who recorded it.

When you walk the Word way, you know you are walking the way the Holy Spirit walks. "And the Lord worked with them and CONFIRMED THE WORD with signs following".

You are on safe ground with God when you walk in the Word.

The "In Christ" realities and the spiritual mechanics they operate by will give you instant power over all sinful thoughts and desires and set you free from past hurts and traumas.

When you are 'tempted, tested and tried', draw on an 'In Christ' scripture....that pertains to your situation......there will be enough power in those Words from Scripture to demolish any stronghold, tear down any reasoning or imagination, and bring every opposing force into obedience to Christ.

Again, the key is in your spirit.

If you are born again, then your spirit IS full of the Holy Spirit and power. Your recreated spirit is Christ IN You, the hope of glory. All you have to do to conquer any thing, is to speak the Word of God with your spirit inwardly and outwardly if necessary, and the anointing that is in you and in the Word will immediately begin to work to take away pressures, anxiety, stress, unease, hurts, and give you peace.

Jesus said the Word "sanctifies", sets apart from sin, negative emotions, the past, etc. (go to the word 'sanctification' above).

John 17:17
17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. KJV

17 Make them pure and holy through teaching them your words of truth. TLT

John 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. KJV

3 He has already tended you by pruning you back for greater strength and usefulness by means of the commands I gave you. TLT

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As you use the Word in this way, you will experience consistent victory over any problem of short or long standing.

The Spirit of God is on earth, to help you be what you desire: Christ in soul and body and life.

Romans 8:29

For whom he (God) did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, KJV

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, NAS

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No matter which 'role' you are fulfilling as a woman: woman, daughter, sister, wife, mother, employee, employer, mayor or President......God's will is that you be 'conformed to the image' of His Son in the fulfillment of that life function, and Him in you is sufficient for whatever arises as you perform those functions, for you are "made complete in Him".

Say:

As a New Creation, I can successfully function in life.
.....as a woman
.....as a daughter
.....as a wife
.....as a mother
.....as a business woman

Jesus successfully handled every situation, every person, every child he met in life. He successfully handled the devil, His own death, burial and resurrection, the launching of His church.....and He is the One Who is the new creation in me.

I will live out of Him Who is within me.....drawing on His wisdom.

I will live the same successful life He lived as He lives through me

Chapter 6

The Conclusion of the Whole Matter



I had a dream one time, and in this dream I was getting up to preach to my congregation. When I opened my Bible to the book of Colossians, all the pages were dark and I could not see what they said. I was totally shocked! I said Lord, this is strange.....what does this mean?

He said:

"The Book of Colossians is a dark book to the Church. What is written therein is a mystery to them. They do not know the revelation contained therein."

Since that time I have taken a good look at this 'dark book'.

The entire theme of Colossians is the Pre-eminence of Christ

Today in the church, because people do not completely see the surpassing greatness of this Person we call our Savior, Baptizer, Healer and Coming King. Many things are being substituted for His Power and Person in our lives because we do not 'see' that He is the

All-Sufficient One for our every need.

Consider what the following verses are really saying!!!!

Colossians 2:9-10

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: KJV

10 so you have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He is the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power.

TLT

Colossians 2:10

10 and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Revised Standard

Colossians 2:7-10

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

NKJV

Colossians 2:8-10

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority. NAS



Here are some readings from the Message Bible from the Book of Colossians. The writer issues the warning so well: be careful that nothing distracts you from the revelation of Who Christ is IN US and TO US!

The Message Bible

Colossians Introduction

"It is quite common for those who consider Jesus truly important to include others who seem to be equally important in His company.....Buddha, Moses, Socrates, etc., for a historical start, along with some other favorites. For these people, Jesus is important, but not central; his prestige is considerable, but he is not pre-eminent.

The Christians in the town of Colosse, or at least some of them, seem to have been taking this line. For them, cosmic forces of one sort or another were getting equal billing with Jesus. Paul writes to them in an attempt to restore Jesus, the Messiah, to the center of their lives.

To Paul, Christ occupies the center of creation and salvation without peers.

Colossians Chapter 1

Christ Holds It All Together

"We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning....he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe---people and things, animals and atoms---get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the Cross.

Chapter 2

I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery! I'm telling you this because I don't want anyone leading you off on some wild good chase, after other so-called mysteries, or 'the Secret'.

My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master: now live him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start living it!

Watch out for people who try to dazzle you with big words and intellectual double-talk. They want to drag you off into endless arguments that never amount to anything. They spread their ideas through the empty traditions of human beings and the empty superstitions of spirit beings. But that's not the way of Christ. Everything of God gets expressed in him, so you can see and hear him clearly. You don't need a telescope, a microscope, or a horoscope to realize the fullness of Christ, and the emptiness of the universe without him. When you come to Him, that fullness comes together for you, too. His power extends over everything.

Don't tolerate people who try to run your life, ordering you to bow and scrape, insisting that you join in their obsession with angels and that you seek out visions. They're a lot of hot air, that's all they are. They're completely out of touch with the source of life, Christ, who puts us together in one piece, whose very breath and blood flow through us.

He is the Head and we are the body. We can grow up healthy in God only as He nourishes us.

Chapter 3

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ---that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life.

....kill off everything connected with the way of death. ...the life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God.

Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

(You were) chosen by God for this new life of love. Regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

<u>Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house.</u> Give it plenty of room in your lives.

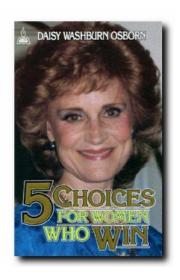
Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives....words, actions, whatever....be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

As a woman, you can say:

"As a woman, my roles in this life will soon be past, and it's only what I do for the King that will last."

I don't go to heaven as woman, but as a spirit. What I take to heaven will be what I did as a spirit.

"I will serve God with my spirit in the gospel of His Son"!



Woman of God,
You've been Redeemed!
Woman of God,
Called, chosen, highly esteemed.
Forward in power,
Planting good seed,
Woman of God,
This is the hour,
In Jesus you're free!

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