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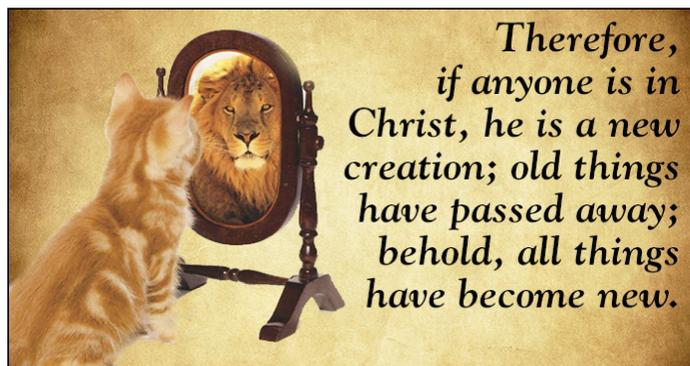
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A New Creation

What do you see when you examine yourself? I do not mean just in a mirror, but who you really are. If you're anything like me you tend to see all your shortcomings and things you should have done. I would suppose that's typical of most of us. We are our own worse critics if we are trying to live a godly life. We certainly get a lot of help from the enemy as he is always ready to point out our failures. If not that, then try to puff us up for something we were proud of.



I suppose that's the way it should be. Not to keep us under condemnation, but that we should always keep short accounts with God. If we drift too long, we get further away from our harbor; from our anchor. When one becomes entangled with the world, the drift may be gradual but it always means separation. The Word is clear that those choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, bring no fruit to maturity. He doesn't want us to remain babes. He wants mature sons.

It can be difficult trying to stay on that straight and narrow path. Not only do we have to contend with all the other people in our orbit, there are worldly problems that we can only view with passing sorrow. All this while trying to deal with our own fleshly desires that are constantly being tested; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. It's no wonder we sometimes feel we are failing. Between the world, the flesh and the devil, it's only through Jesus we can be victorious.

Being in this flesh, the hold of the world can be very strong. One must remain diligent in their commitment; always carry about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be manifested us. Jesus even warned us "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak".

One of my favorite scriptures is from the classic Amplified version. "Be careful what you are hearing. The measure of thought and study you give to the truth you hear will be the measure of virtue and knowledge that comes back to you, and more besides will be given to you who hear." Mark 4:24 (AMPC) Yes, to him who has will more be given; but only if you abide in Him. Every time you deny a truth, your walk will be hobbled. Maturing Christians will be diligent about what they hear, what they see, and what they say. These are three things you can't undo.

Fellow believers, it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know when He is revealed, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. See Him in all His holiness and glory; the glory Moses could only view from the cleft of the rock as God's hand protected him from His Shekinah. Having this glorious hope, let us strive to deny our self but awaken to all we are in Him. Not powerful in our self. Powerful in the Spirit. Be nourished by the living Word which is able make us overcomers. Through Him we are more than conquerors. Yes, we really are seated with Him in heavenly places.

How should our attitude be when we recognize all we are in Christ Jesus? He is our example for that also. Being in the form of God, He did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but humbled Himself and became obedient unto death.

I remember when a good friend and saint of God was going through a difficult time. They came over for encouragement. We talked and visited in the Lord. After awhile I got up, went to the kitchen and got a pan of water and a towel. I know this action was born of the Spirit. I had no preconceived plans for such. I got down on my knees and proceeded to wash the feet of a wounded fellow believer. Our Lord also ministered to the disciples before His death. They were about to suffer their loss of hope. It was one of the most spiritual experiences I have ever had. This is the mindset our Lord wants in us; to serve and not be served.

We do not ask to call down fire as the apostles did or summon legions of angels to be rescued from the cross. We war not with fleshly opponents. We war against satan and his hoard; against their attacks in all our lives. Evil desires and actions are the enemy and the victory is fought by faith. We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principles and powers.

Sometimes the evil in someone wins and then we must submit ourselves to God. Some are called to martyrdom and others seek it for His glory. "Others were tortured, *not accepting deliverance*, that they might obtain a better resurrection." Heb. 11:35 (NKJV) "Foxe's Book of Martyrs" is difficult reading, but full of such stories. Are you ready to die for our Jesus?

Judgment of the flesh is reserved for God. Until then, we follow our Lord's example. He submitted to the cross. Most of the disciples suffered martyrdom. Scores of early believers were fed to the lions. The first time He came for redemption. Soon He comes for judgment. He came to reveal grace and truth with a get-out-of-jail free card from the penalties of our sin.

It remains man's choice; good or evil; life or death; God or satan. Our appetites dictate the direction of our life. There are those who deny there is even a God. Only the arrogance of man would say that all this creation just happened and their knowledge is enough to comprehend it all — eventually.

I would point you to a quote by a famous person. "I agree with people like Richard Dawkins that mankind felt the need for creation myths. Before we really began to understand disease and the weather and things like that, we sought false explanations for them. Now science has filled in some of the realm - not all - that religion used to fill." Bill Gates We need to pray for such people; too full of their own knowledge, they deny the true source of all knowledge.

Our calling is to an encounter with God. But he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. We enter into a different realm when we accept Jesus Christ. We are born again in the spirit and it is there we must learn to live and grow. The more self dies in us, the more Christ lives in us. I recently heard a great truth spoken. "The deeper we go, the less we can take with us." How much are you trying to take?

Paul said "when I am weak, then I am strong." Paul had crucified his worldly desires. The Word says you will be ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (2 Cor. 10:6) A kitten in the flesh can be a mighty lion in the Spirit. So roar in the Spirit and let the world hear. Stand up in faith and let them take note that you have been with Jesus. It's all about Jesus.

When you know who you are in Him and truly know your God, you will be among those who are strong and do exploits. Always remembering, it is His power working in you. Remain humble and obedient even unto death. "And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end." Daniel 11:35 Even death is no victory over true believers. The prophet Daniel saw and foretold of such a people.

Father, I come boldly to the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Grace to know who You are in the power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead. Grace to live in His resurrected life. Use this earthly vessel to reveal the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.