

The Foundation of Righteousness

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“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

Colossians 2:8 KJV

“See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).” **Colossians 2:8 AMPC**

The enemy wants to attack your identity. Your ideas and thoughts that you have heard in the past that maybe embedded in your mind.

“For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” **Genesis 3:5 KJV**

“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” **Matthew 3:17 KJV**

“And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” **Matthew 4:3 KJV**

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” **2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV**

You're a spirit, possess a soul and live in a body.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” **1 Timothy 3:16 KJV**

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:” **1 Peter 3:18 KJV**

“Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.” **1 Peter 3:18 NLT**

“For Christ [the Messiah Himself] died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous (the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit,” **1 Peter 3:18 AMPC**

No man can stand right with God simply by having his sins pardoned.

“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” **2 Corinthians 5:18-19 KJV**

There could not be a perfect reconciliation if there was sin in the New Creation.

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Man can become a New Creation because his sin nature was laid on Jesus. Look at “Wherefore if any man be in Christ”. When we are born again, we come into Christ.

“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he

liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 6:5-11 KJV

“It doesn’t matter whether we have been circumcised or not. What counts is whether we have been transformed into a new creation.” **Galatians 6:15 NLT**

“It was to demonstrate and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has [true] faith in Jesus.” **Romans 3:26 AMPC**

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” **2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:” **Ephesians 1:3 KJV**

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:” **Colossians 1:27-28 KJV**

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” **Ephesians 5:27 KJV**

“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:” **Ephesians 1:4 KJV**

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So, then they

that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye 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 none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” **Romans 8:2-10 KJV**

Satan is trying to get your soul to not line up with your regenerated spirit. Your born-again spirit is already in agreement with the Word. The Bible is what you look like in Christ.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” **Romans 12:2 KJV**