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Topic: THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

Bible Reading/ Passage: II Corin 5 vs.17-end

1. INTRODUCTION:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth including man and in Genesis 1 vs 31 (a) the bible says *and God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good*, in Genesis 2 vs15 *and the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it*, disobedience (through devil's deceit) made man to lose the glory and he was punished by God and chased out of the promise land, by so doing Man lost the first glory.

Thank God for his loving kindness, mercies and compassion on mankind (seeing the sufferings and pains of man) God decided to send down His only son to die for man so that He may be saved from the wrath of God Jn 3 vs.16 (for God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life)

2. WHAT IS A NEW LIFE

From our Bible passage, 11 Cor. 5 vs 17-end, "If anyone is in Christ behold old things are passed away, behold all things are becoming new"

Our scenario for this teaching shall be the case of a dirty car going through the car wash machine.

New life simply means, a fresh start, life full of expectations, life cleansed from the old ways, a regenerated life, a purged life, clean life that has been washed with hi soap, a life of bye -bye to the usual old ways, A life completely different from the old ways.

A clean car does not need to go through the washer, but a dirty car has to be thoroughly washed before becoming new (a life has to be thoroughly purged, broken before been fit for the masters use as a vessel unto honour 2 Tim2 vs.20-21), before going through the washer, the car would have passed through the mud, sandy areas, stagnant waters, animals defecating on it, people / children cleaning their hands on the car, in-fact a car in it dirty stage is a dumping ground for all manners of dirty things.

Like wise a Soul in His old ways, before been in Christ Jesus would be subjected to all manners of worldly things like: - lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiveness, slanderous, without self control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God 2 Tim3 vs. 1-4, Gal 5 vs.19-21

3. WHAT ARE YOUR ROLES TOWARDS GETTING / MAINTAINING A NEW LIFE

Before getting a new life a Soul must be born again, acknowledge the fact that He / she is dirty and there is need for cleansing. Jn 3 vs.5 (Jesus answered I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the spirit)

1. 2 Tim 2 vs 16 (avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly), and James 1 vs 26 (if anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless)
2. Joshua 1 vs 8 do not this book of the law depart from your mouth: meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it, then you will be prosperous and successful
3. Always offering yourself a living sacrifice Rm 12 vs.1-2 (therefore I urge you brothers in view of Gods mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to god- this is your spiritual act of worship,

and do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

4. Be Holy Heb 12 vs 14 (make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy, without holiness no one will see the lord) J
5. Exhibit unconditional love 1 Cor, 13 vs. 1-end
6. Pray always so that you will not fall into temptations Mat.26 vs.41 (watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation, the spirit is willing, but the body is weak)
7. Taking care of the needy James 1 vs 27 (religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world)

4. PROMISES ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW LIFE

God has so many promises for a regenerated Christian; you will enjoy uncommon attention if and after passing through the washer, also

1. Your sin will be completely forgiven Isaiah 1 vs. 18, 1 Jn 2 vs.1-2
2. Your burdens will become lighter / taken away by Jesus Himself Mat 11 vs. 28-30 (come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I'm gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light
3. You will become powerful & full of Spirit Jn 16 vs7-13, Act 1vs.8(but you will receive power when the holy spirit comes on you and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth~) , Luke 10 vs. 19, Jn 20 vs. 22 “ and with that he breathed on them and said receive the Holy spirit”
4. You will be feeding constantly on the bread of life Jn 6 vs. 35 (then Jesus declared, I'm the bread of life, he who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty)
5. You will become the light of the world Mat 5 vs. 14 (you are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden)
6. You enjoy the promise of Eternal life Jn 3 vs. 36 (whoever believes in the son has eternal life but whoever rejects the son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him)
7. Fruitfulness (psalm 1 vs 3 he is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever he does prosper)
8. Have strength like the eagle (but those who hope in the Lord, will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint)
9. A joy of all generations (Isaiah 60 vs 15)
10. You will be a deliverer Isaiah 61 vs 1 (the spirit of the sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and the release from darkness for the prisoners)

5. CONCLUSION

II Cor. 7 Vs.1 “since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out reverence for GOD.

PRAYERS

1. I confessed that Jesus is my Lord and personal saviour
2. I drink the blood of Jesus and swallow the fire of the Holy Ghost

3. I'm born again in Jesus name
4. Powers drawing me back to my vomit release me and let me go in Jesus Name
5. I receive deliverance from my past life
6. I enter into my new life by fire in Jesus name