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Powerfully Purposed Transformation

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Accepting God's Identity for You is Everything---Following Jesus into God's Kingdom---and surrendering to His Lordship Today---This is God's formula for changing mankind, revealing His will for your life, and winning the war for your soul.

Romans 12:2 KJV

(2) 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.

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English Prologue

This is not a new teaching, or even a teaching, although everyone learns as they travel. I am attempting to show the pathway God laid out for human beings in the Garden of Eden and the path Jesus took so we could follow Him back into God's presence as citizens in His Kingdom. If you are tired of boring lectures without power, life, or destiny?

,The Kingdom of God is here. The kingdom is still full of joy, peace

.and excitement in today's world

It is not God's future plan, but rather today's agenda. Therefore, the Lord is accepting volunteers to join the kingdom's goal of establishing the mindset of His kingdom in the hearts of believers today.

If you identify as a Christian, live with the hope of attaining Heaven, and believe you will be raptured out of the current cultural war, you have become a victim of the devil's schemes and a party to their success. He always wants you to delay accepting the things of God until it is too late for them to affect the world we live in today. Discover what Satan is stealing from you today.

Because Jesus has finished all things needed for life and Godliness, our family, city, state, country, and world's future depends upon our recognizing, believing, claiming, and living in all of the things of God today, not tomorrow.

God has established our identity

.as His child at the cross

A willing and obedient heart is all it takes to live, move, and have your being, identity, and destiny in God. Therefore, passionately strive to establish a true legacy for your children. Without any exaggeration, I can say, enter at the risk of being forever changed!

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Genesis 2:8-9 KJV

(8) And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

(9) And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15-17 KJV

(15) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

(16) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

(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.

Notice that consuming either the good or the evil would bring about death. Mankind was not to live by what he knew in his intellect of good and evil, but by faith in God. Neither are we to base our understanding of God on our interpretation or on someone else's interpretation of the scriptures. We are to establish our knowledge of God on our experience with Him in a personal relationship. However, your experiences with God must always agree with the reliable witnesses recorded in the Bible. They will always verify our understanding of God. Adam reversed the order, putting knowledge before the relationship, which left God out of the equation of his life and resulted in His death.

The Old Testament of the Bible covers everything that God had to say about good and evil. For about four thousand years, God revealed the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil through the scriptures. During that time, mankind tried and failed every time to re-establish the relationship with God that Adam had in the beginning. You would think that God had thoroughly proved His point. The knowledge of good and evil will bring only death to those who consume this knowledge. Man must live by faith, not education, because trust in God comes from a relationship. We must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.

That makes me wonder why many who feel God has called them to a ministry position make a point of attending Bible college. Before beginning their ministry, they learn about good and evil (God and the devil). Those with a

college degree in religious studies are in the highest demand for speaking and leadership roles.

At the beginning of the New Testament, God began revealing the fruit of the Tree of Life (Jesus). The Father completed the revelation of Jesus when He gave us His disclosure of Jesus in the book of the Bible, Revelation. Eating from the tree of life, consuming Jesus, brings eternal life.

John 6:51 KJV

(51) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

But to walk in this new life, one must follow Him. He is the way into the Kingdom of God. This relationship invites us to enter as citizens of that kingdom. Then, when we die, we do not go anywhere but are already living in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We will no longer see through a glass darkly, but will then live with the complete revelation of where we lived before the death of our bodies.

However, most still rush off to the Bible colleges seeking that fruit which kills, the knowledge of good and evil. They become experts at repeating the experiences of others who previously had a proven relationship with God, such as the Apostle Paul. Education about Jesus will easily pass as a relationship with Him almost anywhere today. Many live with extensive knowledge of God but a minimal personal relationship with God. It appears that they may not be aware of their actual spiritual condition.

God has made us kings and priests unto Him. Where are those who have such hunger to know Him that they refuse to relent until fully satisfied? They will stay in the secret place with Him until they learn to minister unto Him as God wanted. From this relationship, they then minister not for Him but with Him as His ambassador to others. God has made this connection possible, but few pursue the fullness of this partnership and walk in its reality.

Not living in this relationship limits the effectiveness of our ministry. No one can draw another into a relationship with God that they do not have.

Saul was an avid student of law and had studied extensively.

Philippians 3:5-6 AMPC

(5) Circumcised when I was eight days old, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew [and the son] of Hebrews; as to the observance of the Law, I was of [the party of] the Pharisees,

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(6) As to my zeal, I was a persecutor of the church, and by the Law's standard of righteousness (supposed justice, uprightness, and right standing with God) I was proven to be blameless and no fault was found with me.

However, this extensive education only resulted in Saul being a murderer, thinking of himself as a worker for God.

Acts 9:1-2 AMPC

(1) MEANWHILE SAUL, still drawing his breath hard from threatening and murderous desire against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

(2) And requested of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus [authorizing him], so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way [of life as determined by faith in Jesus Christ], he might bring them bound [with chains] to Jerusalem.

As he was on his way to Damascus, Jesus personally interrupted. Much of Paul's testimony follows.

Acts 9:3-6 AMPC

(3) Now as he traveled on, he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him,

(4) And he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me [harassing, troubling, and molesting Me]?

(5) And Saul said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. It is dangerous and it will turn out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad [to offer vain and perilous resistance].

(6) Trembling and astonished he asked, Lord, what do You desire me to do? The Lord said to him, But arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

After this life-changing encounter with Jesus, the Apostle Paul committed his life to Christ. He discusses His pursuit and eventual apprehension of a relationship with the resurrected Christ. After that encounter, Paul only brought life to those he persuaded to enter the Kingdom of God. A relationship with Jesus the Christ in the Kingdom of God became his life's goal, and his resulting ministry flowed from that life-giving relationship.

Philippians 3:7-11 AMPC

(7) But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ's sake.

(8) Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of

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progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One), (9) And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith. (10) [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] (11) That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].

Galatians 2:20 AMPC

(20) 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.

Romans 6:5 AMPC

(5) For if we have become one with Him by sharing a death like His, we shall also be [one with Him in sharing] His resurrection [by a new life lived for God].

Later, when Paul wrote his letter to Timothy and admonished him to study, I am sure he was not referring to the New Testament, as it did not yet exist. Nor do I believe he spoke of the Old Testament that he had studied so ardently, resulting in his being a murderer. Instead, Paul could only have been referring to Jesus, whom he had spent the rest of his life learning and coming to know.

2 Timothy 2:15 AMPC

(15) Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

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The Word of Truth he referred to was Jesus, who is the Word and the Truth. Therefore, he preached Christ, and Him crucified, opening the way into the Kingdom of God.

No amount of knowledge will satisfy your soul with God. Only a relationship will do that. I am not trying to present a new thing about God. Instead, I am trying to encourage all to draw nearer and deepen their communion with Him. God has many qualities in His nature, each an added relationship. Do not depend upon another to hear from God and teach you about Him.

Like Paul, what you know about Him does not bring spiritual life to you; only your relationship with Him brings Zoe, God's life.

I am in no way saying we are not to learn from others. Others will receive revelation from God that we do not. It takes the body of Christ to form the whole picture of the resurrected Christ. We need each other.

Study Christ to show yourself approved unto God. Then, read the Bible for confirmation or use others with reliable, proven relationships with the Word of God (Jesus). The Biblical record often provides a second witness to confirm matters in Heaven's Courts. Bringing forth on the earth those things that God provides in Heaven for us should be an invaluable part of our ministry of reconciliation.