

Joshua 3:4 (KJV) ".....for ye have not passed this way heretofore."

Here we are in 2025, where I am sure most of us have varied emotions of what to expect. But, the one thing that we can ALWAYS DEPEND ON is God's neverchanging Word. His Word works when we put it to work.

#### John 10:10 (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

As a born-again believer, we are probably very familiar with the above Scripture. But, as we enter into 2025, I want us to focus on the last part of the verse, ".....they might have LIFE (ZOE) and that they might have it MORE abundantly." (emphasis mine).

Can you think back to the time that you personally received Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Remember the change that took place in your life. You became a "different" person. *2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)* 

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] 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!

You became truly ALIVE with the very LIFE OF GOD! That word "Life" in the Greek is *ZOE*, I have heard of some Greek teachers define *ZOE* as "the force or energy that makes God... God;" *ZOE* is not subject to death, *ZOE* is not limited in its ability, *ZOE* is ABSOLUTE LIGHT with NO DARKNESS AT ALL!

Notice, that GOD IS LIGHT...ABSOLUTE LIGHT! When we understand that GOD IS ABSOLUTE...zero darkness at all. Let me see if I can explain the enormity of an ABSOLUTE GOD.

As a reference, let's look at the scientific phrase "absolute zero." Absolute zero is a temperature of –459.67 degrees Fahrenheit. This is considered to be the lowest possible temperature, where all molecular motion theoretically ceases. Think about it the COMPLETE ABSENCE OF HEAT!

Now, apply that to Father God, A COMPLETE ABSENCE OF DARKNESS! ZERO! NONE! NOT MEASURABLE! COMPLETELY ERADICATED! NO DARKNESS AT ALL! FATHER GOD IS **ABSOLUTE LIGHT!** 

This is what I want us to get a hold of....when we became born-again, God breathed HIS LIFE into us, and when He did all the old life was completely eradicated...as though it never existed before. We have been born-again, by the *ZOE* of God which is now dwelling in us.

Just because we have this LIFE in us, we still have to do some things to allow the manifestation of that LIFE in our realm of existence. For instance, we are a "spirit," we have a "soul" and we live/reside in a "body." (1 Thess. 5:23) That is why James says: *James 1:21 (KJV)* 

<sup>21</sup> Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

And then the Apostle Paul wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,

# 1 Corinthians 9:27 (KJV)

### Romans 12:2 (KJV)

So then, the more we renew our minds with the Word of God, (we begin to think like God would think, and act like God [Jesus] would act) the easier it will be to keep our bodies in subjection and keep that flesh and blood law of sin and death under our feet where it belongs and keep it there.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: ....."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 8:2 (KJV)

<sup>2</sup> For the **law** of the Spirit of life [ZOE] in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the **law** of sin and death.

Notice that if you are IN CHRIST JESUS, the law of sin and death should not be dominating your existence! And if it is, that is what this letter and probably follow-up letter is going to be about

If you can realize for a moment, that there are a number of ways to look at something...how does the world see you, how does God see you, and MOST IMPORTANTLY **HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?** 

If we are going to rise to the "Christ-Like" (the anointed One and His anointed), we are going to have to really get honest with ourselves where the "rubber meets the road," so to speak. The purpose of this letter is to help us get to the level that God sees us, beginning to function and operate there so that the world may know that JESUS IS LORD!

When a person gets born-again, he has the ability within himself to succeed and overcome every situation or circumstance in their lives. But having the ability is not enough in itself, we have to learn how to live and function in that ability.

If we look at the Body of Christ today, God sees a triumphant Church, but the world sees something different...and the reason is that we don't operate and function the way God has given us the ability to because of "LACK OF KNOWLEDGE!"

Let's look again at James the half- brother of our Lord Jesus,

# James 1:23-24 (KJV)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

So, what "manner of man" is James referring to? I would present to you that James is referring to A BRAND NEW SPECIES OF BEING... SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES....FAR ABOVE (not **JUST** above) **FAR ABOVE ALL** PRINCIPALITY, MIGHT AND DOMINON...AN OVERCOMER...A BLOOD-BOUGHT, WORD WASHED FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MADE A KING AND A PRIEST UNTO GOD... RULING AND REIGNING IN THIS EARTH...QUENCHING ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED ONE...HAVING ALL THEIR NEEDS MET EXCEEDINGLY, ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT THEY CAN EVEN THINK ABOUT!

That is **how God sees you**, and we need to begin to **see ourselves** through the eyes of God...through His Word...all that God says you are YOU ARE! All that God says you have YOU HAVE! All that God says you can do YOU WILL DO!

So then we need to look in the "mirror" of the Word of God and begin to "see" ourselves as the Word says we are.

As you go to the Word, and see the phrases that are along the lines of "in Whom," "in Him," "in Christ." At first, it may seem difficult to understand and believe, but if you will just take God at His Word (He cannot lie; and it is impossible for Him to lie) and "study" it, underline it, write it down, meditate/think about it, begin to confess it...say what it says about you...and then *Psalm 119:130 (KJV)*130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Here is a simple fact: where light is, darkness cannot exist! In other words, when we allow the Word of God to enter our hearts, it has the inherent ability to get rid of darkness!

### 1 John 1:5 (KJV)

God and His Word are One, Jesus is the Word, the Word gives light which has the ability to get rid of ALL DARKNESS!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:7 (KJV)

 $^{7}$  But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Notice the word 'IF!' It is possible to walk in the light like Jesus did, it doesn't come automatically, but we have to make a choice and discipline ourselves to walk in the light...how do you do that? Well if the entrance of His Word brings light, then we need to walk in, live in and do the Word of God giving it FIRST PLACE in our lives (Matthew 6:33).

The more Word we have in us...the more Light we have in us....the more light we have in us...the more difficult it is for darkness to overpower us....the more light we have in us...the easier it will be for the world to see Jesus (The Light, The Word) in us, which will make it easier for us to win them to the Kingdom of God!

As believers, we CAN walk in the Word, as believers we CAN walk in the Light, As believers we CAN walk in and manifest more and more of the Life (ZOE ) in our lives, making us to be victorious in every circumstance or situation that comes our way.

YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES YOU THE STRENGTH! GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD!

Kathy and I want to thank each one of you for your faithfulness to the ministry in your prayers, fellowship and giving of finances. We believe that 2025 is going to be the greatest year ever for you, as we all become:

**MORE ALIVE IN 2025** 

Pastor Dave and Kathy

Matthew 6:33

HAPPY NEW YEAR!