

God wants us to live in our newness of life.

God does not want us to walk away, but to walk with Him.

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Hebrews 10:26-39

Christ or Judgment

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Walk Away! Walk Forward! Walk toward the light!

John Eldredge *Ransomed Heart*: “Something Up His Sleeve”

“Rescuing the human heart is the hardest mission in the world.

The dilemma of the Story is this: we don't know if we *want* to be rescued. We are so enamored with our small stories and our false gods, we are so bound up in our addictions and our self-centeredness and take-it-for-granted unbelief that we don't even know how to cry out for help. And the Evil One has no intention of letting his captives walk away scot-free. He seduces us, deceives us, assaults us—whatever it takes to keep us in darkness.

Like a woman bound to an affair from which she cannot get free, like a man so corrupted he no longer knows his own name, the human race is captive in the worst way possible—we are captives of the heart.

Their hearts are always going astray. (Hebrews 3:10)

God is filled with the jealousy of a wounded lover. He has been betrayed time and again.

The challenge God faces is rescuing a people who have no idea how captive they are; no real idea how desperate they are. We know we long for Eden, but we hesitate to give ourselves back to God in abandoned trust. We are captivated by the lies of our Enemy.

But God has something up his sleeve.”

I agree with John Eldredge. God had a plan!

God sent His Son to live among us and become friends, family with Him.

He enters our heart at our invitation, and makes us a New Man, a New Woman.

[2] God only deals with us as the New Man.

Graham Cook *Brilliant Perspectives*: “God Only Deals with the New Man.”

“The Old Man is functioning from the dark, Egypt.

If your focus is on behavior modification instead of identity, you can never fully be set free because He is the truth that sets you free—Who are you in Christ?

Performance culture: want new but live old, don’t feel good enough, shame, blame, condemnation.

Romans 6:3-11

Romans 6:3-11 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

³*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?*⁴*Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might **walk in newness of life.*** ⁵*For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,* ⁶*knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;* ⁷*for he who has died is freed from sin.*

⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. ¹⁰**For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.** ¹¹**Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Ephesians 4:20-24

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²⁰But you did not learn Christ in this way, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²²that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Old Man is dead in Christ.

Christ died **as you** not just for you. Old Man is dead, and he cannot be resurrected.

God only deals with the new man, the real you, the true you.

Ephesians 4, Put off the old, put on the new.

No place does God say work on the old nature.

Who is Christ in you in the New Man.

He takes you from a Present Past focus to a Present Future. Who am I now in Christ?

Move into the New Perspective.

Numbers 13&14 Joshua and Caleb:

Stories-10 gave bad because of fear dominating their mindset, perspective and report.

Joshua and Caleb had a Majesty Mindset. Sure there are Giants but Nothing that God Could Not Overcome.

2 Kings 6: Elisha and his servant. Surrounded by enemies. Servant freaks out, but Elisha sees the earthly army surrounding them. He lays hands on his servant, and says, "Open his eyes Lord, that he may truly see." Servant sees Elisha's normal vision. There are more with us than there are with them.

Eyes opened and saw in the new relationship than the old.

Brings the Kingdom reality into the New Man.

All the old has passed away, behold the new.

Kingdom, new man, allows us to see the kingdom for what it truly is and can engage with that as our true reality in Christ."

What a fascinating perspective!

God deals with us in our identity as the New Creation!

We know Jesus is the Good Shepherd and His sheep know His voice.

[3] We should be led by His Spirit.

Dallas Willard *Hearing God Devotional:*

Thursday

God, Our Teacher

Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God.

Let your good spirit lead me

on a level path. Psalm 143:10 NRSV

Hearing God.

Some would say that's a presumptuous and even dangerous idea. But should we expect anything else, given the words of Scripture and the heritage of the Christian church? As Christians we stand in a millennia-long tradition of humans who have been addressed by God. The ancient Israelites heard the voice of their God speaking to them out of the midst of fire (Deuteronomy 4:33). A regular place of communion and conversational interchange between the high priest and God was established in the mercy seat over the ark of God (Exodus 25:22; Luke 1:11-21). But the individual with faith among the Israelites also cried out expectantly to be taught

by God (Psalm 143:10). Isaiah, who had firsthand experience of conversing with God (Isaiah 6), described the process this way: “Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. . . . The LORD will guide you continually” (Isaiah 58:9, 11 NRSV).

Meditate: Read Psalm 143:10 aloud and sit in the words for a few minutes. Notice how personal this phrase is: “for you are my God.” Relish that. Then ask God specifically what you need to be taught from his “good spirit.”

[Willard, Dallas. Hearing God Through the Year: A 365-Day Devotional (Through the Year Devotionals) (pp. 12-14). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.]

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¹⁰Teach me to do Your will,

For You are my God;

Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

As we hear Him, we will walk with Him. As we Walk with Him, we Experience His Goodness. Chase after God, Run to Him!

[4] As We Follow, We Experience His Goodness.

Bill Johnson, *Encountering the Goodness of God*, “We Need to Experience His Goodness.”

Day 5

WE NEED TO EXPERIENCE HIS GOODNESS TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. —
PROVERBS 3:5

“Things are about to change. The greatest harvest of souls of all time is about to come in, and it won’t come because of our advanced skills in preaching, our use of media, or even our powerful music. Each of those areas has importance, but they do not exist unto themselves. They are important in that they are vehicles that carry **the greatest revelation of all time—God is good, and He is a perfect Father.** His goodness is beyond our ability to comprehend, but not our ability to experience. Our hearts will take us where our heads can’t fit. Understanding is vital, but it often comes through experiencing God. Faith for the journey of walking with God leads to

encounters with God. It results in a growing knowledge and understanding of truth, as in “by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God” (Heb. 11:3). Having said that, one of the great commands of Scripture pertaining to the experience of His goodness is “taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps. 34:8). If you’ll taste it for yourself, you’ll see it more clearly. Your perception of truth will increase as you experience truth more deeply. • • • PRAYER Lord, thank You that I don’t have to understand before I put my trust in You. You are good all the time.”

[Johnson, Bill. Encountering the Goodness of God: 90 Daily Devotions (Kindle Locations 142-157). Destiny Image, Inc.. Kindle Edition.]

If we walk with Him and Experience Him, we will not try to live the Old Man!

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Be the New Man with God.

Be Led by the Spirit.

Follow God.

Experience His Abundant Life.

Do you know Him today?