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**Old News**

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (KJV)

So how are things really going in your walk with the Lord these days; are you really getting some new results with a new outlook daily, or does it seem like the same old merry go round, where you do the same thing and end up in the same place? Is your life more of a ritual, where you do things because you think you have to, because that is how everyone else does them, or are you coming out from among the average believer because you just won’t settle for anything less than very good?

Romans 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (KJV)

Thayers definition for ‘newness’:

2538 kainotes- newness; in the new state of life in which the Holy Spirit places us so as to produce a new state which is eternal life.

Hey I thought baptism is where we dunk someone in water and everyone gets all giddy and excited? Yeah, that was the old way of doing things according to the old man and his carnal way of thinking. However, if you want some real results by walking a new path that leads to eternal life, then you will find that the things that our Lord made reference to according to the old law takes on a new meaning when dealing with the Spiritual meaning of His Word. Yes indeed baptism is so much more than just some old worn out ritual, rather it is actually a new way of life which begins with a death, that being our old man and its limited way of thinking. When I see so many caught up in these dead end carnal rituals that are nothing more than a waste of time, I see so many that don’t have a clue how to truly worship our Lord in Spirit and in truth. How about this Church, instead of immersing the outward man in carnal waters how about immersing that new man in some living Spiritual waters and see what manifests instead?

Romans 6:5-7 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (6) 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. (7) For he that is dead is freed from sin. (KJV)

Oh if we could just get ourselves out of the way so someone else could take over; wow, what a new realm we could truly operate in. So many, talk about a heavenly realm, yet so few live in it because they are not willing to die to self so that a new man could manifest and take over, which gets old fast people.

Romans 6:8-9 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: (9) Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. (KJV)

Want to know why many have a hard time believing? Well, it’s not until they let Christ in them come alive, and they start giving more ear to the inward realm rather than the outward fallen one that they will see any real transformation take place. You will not experience a resurrection Church until you take up your own cross and crucify whatever is holding you back from walking in a newness of life.

Romans 7:4-6 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (5) For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. (6) But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. (KJV)

It amazes me to see how many profess to know God, however in works deny Him, and that would be the works of the law that many still act out and think are in play. Jesus Christ fulfilled the old law completely so that we could be complete in Him and walk in this newness of life that God intended for us to walk in. The letter of the law kills; however, the Spirit will bring forth a very good outcome to a very good plan which was ordained by our Lord just for you. So now go walk in it.