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**PUT ON THE NEW MAN**

**RE-PROGRAMING OF THE MIND**

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## **A. PUT ON THE NEW MAN**

### **INTRODUCTION**

If it is true (it is true since the Bible says so) that we who have been born again now have the nature of God and are thus righteous and holy, being like Jesus.

WHY is it necessary, as the Word says in Ephesians 4:24, to "**Put on the NEW MAN**", since that is who we are already?

The answer is seen when we rightly divide the Word of truth, specifically rightly dividing between the Spirit, Soul, and Body.

**Hebrews 4:12. "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. and of the joints and marrow. and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."**

**A. In our Spirit we are like Jesus and God-conscious. This is who we are.**

**B. In our soul we are self-conscious and are being conformed into the image of Jesus (Romans 8:29, 1 John 3:3).**

**"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29**

**"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." 1 John 3:3**

The make-up of our soul (mind, will and motions) determines our individual personalities).

**C. Our bodies are world-conscious and are waiting to be redeemed (1 John 3:2).**

**"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2**

With this understanding we see that since we are already like Jesus in our spirit, that it is our soul/soul life that needs to "**...put on the NEW MAN. which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**"

**Lazarus, in John 11:39-44,** gives us a picture of the new birth and the spiritual condition of the soul of the new born child of God. He is alive, because he has the life of Jesus in him and in his spirit he is like Jesus. However, in his soul he

is still bound up in the stinking graves clothes, and has the smell of death all over him.

Like Lazarus, the new born child of God comes forth bound from head to foot and he cannot think, talk, walk or work. That is, he cannot function as a child of God because his thinking pattern, his mind-set, his ways are of the world and not of God.

Thus like, Lazarus, the child of God must be loosed from the graveclothes. He must "**...put on the new man,..**" so that he can begin to function, that is to say, think, talk, walk and do the works of a child of God, to be who he really is in Christ Jesus.

The graveclothes in which he is bound-up, is the **habit of sin dwelling in him** and this habit of sin is keeping him from putting on the new man in his soul/soul life..

**"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." Romans 7:19-20**

## **B. RE-PROGRAMING OF THE MIND**

Now, the starting place to be loosed, or freed, from the habit of sin (graveclothes) so that you might "put on the new man is with the **RENEWING OF THE MIND.**

**"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 12:2**

**"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" Ephesians 4:23**

Just as Lazarus was called forth by Jesus and had to submit to being loosed from his grave clothes, just so, we must come forth and submit ourselves to the BRAIN WASHING of the Word of God. Jesus would sanctify and cleanse us with the washing of water by the Word, but we must come forth and submit ourselves to this cleansing of our mind by the Word.

Most believers, and all of us to some extent, have an identity crisis, instead of identifying with who they are in Christ Jesus, they are identifying with the old nature.

- **We need to allow the Word of God to wash our brains of the stinking thinking - the low self-image, the self-condemnation which Satan has laid on us.**

- **Then, we need to let the Word of God re-program, renew our minds as to the IDENTITY of this NEW CREATION which we have become through our new birth, so that, we might identify with and function according to OUR NEW IDENTITY in Jesus Christ.**

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