

The Hidden Man

Last week we spoke of our origin (ReBirth) which is divine.

The church world is unfamiliar with the recreated spirit.

Many churches focus on salvation but not so much on redemption.

***we can never truly appreciate redemption without understanding creation.**

Redemption is not only about getting you to Heaven when you die, its about a brand new type of life. Kingdom Life, Zoe life, Divine Life.

This is a kinda Christmas message. Because it's about unwrapping the real you.

The you that Christ died to set free.

The you that contains all the glory, all the love, all the beauty, potential, power and promise of the Kingdom.

Can you imagine a better Christmas present than to unwrap the redeemed you?

*The real you ain't the you that everyone sees - the real you is inside you.

BUILDING AN ARMY NOT AN AUDIENCE

Our focus is on building an Army cause Armies when wars. Audiences do not. And we are in a war right now.

Its not just a battle between 2 Kingdoms (light vs darkness, good vs evil) its a battle between two you.

Outward man / Old man vs the Inner man / New man

Romans 7:22 (NASB) For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

Romans 7:22 (TPT) Truly, deep within my true identity, I love to do what pleases God.

If there is a true identity then there is a fake identity.

* Charles Greenaway - "I don't do that anymore"

2 Corinthians 4:16 (TPT) So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day.

Ephesians 3:16 (TPT) And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favor until supernatural strength floods your innermost being with his divine might and explosive power.

WHAT IS DEATH?

Theologically death = separation

Physical death = separation from the physical realm.

Spiritual death = separation from the Spirit of God

When Paul spoke of being dead to sin he was stating that we are separated from the power of sin and death.

I need you to get this

Genesis 2:17 (NASB) but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Heb: In dying you shall die

Adam become separated from Spirit of God = death

Before the fall in the Garden, during his fellowship with God, his spirit ruled him, and his senses (5) were subject to his spirit

If a person were to be born deaf they are dead to the realm of sound. Tone, resonance. They have no access to that realm.

If a person were to be born blind they are dead to the realm of light, color and shadow. Cut off from it, no access to that realm.

Movie that Val Kilmer starred in about a blind man regaining his sight and choosing darkness over light.

We have learned to trust our 5 natural senses, been trained to trust them our whole lives.

Now as Christians we need to learn to trust our spirits. And its not easy.

Our sight fights for the right to remain #1

1 Corinthians 9:27 (AMPC) But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NASB) but I discipline my body and make it my slave....

*my body and me. Distinction. I make my body my slave...I don't let me body be the master I make it my employee.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (TPT)I subdue my body and get it under my control,

WE CAN LIVE BY FAITH OR NOT.

Faith freaks some people out.

Seeing angles, devils, hearing the voice of God, operation of the gifts, prophecy, etc freak some people out so they retreat into a world of spiritual dullness and declare that all the operations of the spirit ceased with the death of the last apostle.

When did we allow the Biblical normal to become our abnormal?

Spiritual men living like natural men is like a seeing man living his life with his eyes closed pretending to be blind.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (TPT) Someone living on an entirely human level rejects the revelations of God's Spirit, for they make no sense to him. He can't understand the revelations of the Spirit because they are only discovered by the illumination of the Spirit.

You see we can choose to close our eyes and walk by sight if we want to

Or we can choose to open our eyes and walk by faith if we choose.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NASB) "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] "I will put My Spirit within you and cause

you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Luke 17:21 (AMPC) Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].

Christianity is God dealing with spirit of man not the behavior of man.

*an animal acts like an animal because it is an animal.

The Pharisees focused on the outward man.

Matthew 23:23-27 (TPT) “Great sorrow awaits you religious scholars and Pharisees—frauds and pretenders! For you are obsessed with peripheral [outermost] issues, like insisting on paying meticulous tithes on the smallest herbs that grow in your gardens. These matters are fine, yet you ignore the most important duty of all: to walk in the love of God, to display mercy to others, and to live with integrity. Readjust your values and place first things first. [24] What blind guides! Nitpickers! You will spoon out a gnat from your drink, yet at the same time you’ve gulped down a camel without realizing it! [25] “Great sorrow awaits you religious scholars and Pharisees—frauds and imposters! You are like one who will only wipe clean the outside of a cup or bowl, leaving the inside filthy. You are foolish to ignore the greed and self-indulgence that live like germs within you. [26] You are blind and deaf to your evil. Shouldn’t the one who cleans the outside also be concerned with cleaning the inside? You need to have more than clean dishes; you need clean hearts! [27] “Great sorrow awaits you religious scholars and Pharisees—frauds and imposters! You are nothing more than tombs painted with fresh coats of white paint—tombs that look shining and beautiful on the outside, but within are found decaying corpses full of nothing but corruption.

Its easy to point at the ultra religious with their dress codes, list of do’s and don’ts but the opposite of that counterfeit coin is when we focus on peace, pleasure and prosperity its the same counterfeit coin.

The Kingdom is not outward it is inward.

○ Loving God

- Treating others with mercy
- Living with integrity

The freeing of the Hidden man of the heart is crucial if we are to live Kingdom lives.

There is a “you” that has been recreated and set free will you let him free?

That which is hidden needs to be revealed.

5 WAYS TO UNLOCK THE HIDDEN MAN

1. **Word** -this is how we renew the mind and become transformed into HIS image.
2. **Praise & Worship** - Intimacy with God is obtained with private/public times of praise & worship
3. **Prayer** -Learn to communicate with God. All relationship is built on communication
4. **Wait on the Lord** - put yourself in a state of expectation. We shall see what the Lord will say to us.
5. **Fasting** - is part of our training. Where we put the body in subjection by denying it its primary desire.

Can you imagine what a wonderful world it will be when we all learn to live out of our born again human spirits instead of the flesh?

What a home you will have when your husband meets the real you and your wife wakes up to find who you really are.

How wonderful a place it will be for our children to have “real” moms and dads

True story: A mom and dad who had been regular church goers, but had never released the hidden man, they fought and quarreled and created a home filled with strife (except on Sundays when they put on their mask). Discovered this type of teaching in a book.

They agreed together to live like redeemed people ought to but they told no one of their decision.

After four days their oldest daughter said, "Mother, what has happened to you and Dad? You have yelled at each other since last week."

Love came to live in that house

The Redeemed of the Lord had been set free.

Merry Christmas and may you have a Redeemed New Year!