

**Introduction:**

- Jesus came to invite us into a life that is much more than we could dream of, far better than anything we can find on this earth and it is an eternal life. We can find this Life in the Word.
- I pray that what I share will stir your heart to seek for this Life and find it

**Colossians 3:1-3 (NKJV)**

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God.**"

**John 10:10 (NKJV) "... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."**

**Matthew 6:22-23 (NKJV)**

"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

- A. We don't make our 'eye' good by not looking at or not doing bad things. We make our 'eye' good by looking into good things.
- B. Paul prayed in Ephesians 1 that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV) says, "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."
- D. We are to live with an eternal perspective as oppose to a momentary perspective, otherwise known as short sightedness

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49 (NKJV)**

And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." **The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

**1 Corinthians 15:49 (AMPC)**

"And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven."

- If you look into the mirror and see dust, you will produce dust, but if you see with the eyes of the spirit what God has created you to be you will produce according to the eternal God which will yield eternal fruit.

- If you look into yourself and see Christ in you, the eternal one in you and you put faith in that Truth you will produce according to that revelation

### **James 1:22-25 (NKJV)**

*But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

- The mirror we are supposed to look into is the Word of God, which of course is Jesus
  - A. Doer (Greek - Poietes) - a maker, producer, author, a doer, performer, a poet
  - B. When we were missionaries in Zambia we had a vision statement for our ministry that we focused on and ran after.
    1. "To create a viral move of God in the chieftdom that will continue after we leave."
    2. We did this by "doing" the Word of God, living the Word of God, preaching the Word of God.
    3. We found ordinary people, uneducated people, people who didn't speak English, ANYONE who was willing to be trained and equipped and serve the Lord and His people.
    4. They are now very able and passionate ministers of the Gospel. The work in continuing even though we are back here.
      - a) Just this past week they did a mission outreach to a local area to them and they reached 484 people, 176 people were saved, 93 people healed, 6 people delivered, 2 water baptisms and 1 Holy Spirit Baptism.

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

*Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 1Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new. Now all things are of God**, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

- "All things are of God". When you consider yourself or another believer in Christ we are to see the things in them that God has declared through His promises in the Word. Not our opinion of the them in the flesh based on fleshly judgment, but righteous judgment that sees a person by faith and not by sight, that can perceive in the spirit the the things that God has deposited in that person by the eternal Seed of God.

A. RECONCI'LE, verb transitive [Latin reconcilio; re and concilio; con and calo, to call, Gr. The literal sense is **to call back into union.**]

1. To conciliate anew; **to call back into union** and friendship the affections which have been alienated; to restore to friendship or favor after estrangement; as, to reconcile men or parties that have been at variance.

- When we have a revelation of what God has deposited in us and who He has made us to be in Christ we will be compelled to share this life with others.
- Pastor Tim has talked about making a habitation for God in the Spirit, we are assembled together as living stones, built as a spiritual habitation of God. Our flesh at times does not want to be with other people or deal with the awkwardness of meeting new people or fellowshiping with new people but in the Kingdom we are to come together all the more often as the Day approaches.
- Our mindset has to change as to whether or not we need to come to church but that the church needs us to come

**Acts 2:42,46**

*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.....So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.*