

Unlocking Our Personal Potential! Part 2: "Never the Same!"

Last time together... Unlocking the "Whatever..." of our future... *"Whatever* you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." **Colossians 3.17** "We want every detail in our lives; words, actions, *whatever...* to be done *in the name of Jesus...*" signed off in His name... *Whatever* we do, we want it to be HIS will, in HIS name, for HIS glory! Doing the things we know are "right" which means turning from dead works...

Dead Works! Let's move on to maturity from the elemental things like *repentance from dead works* and believing God, of baptisms and laying on of hands and eternal life and judgment! **Heb 6.1** "For the blood of Christ has come to *purge our conscience from dead works* to serve the living God!" **Heb 9.14** If you are dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, *why, as worldly, are you still subject to ordinances,* (Touch not; taste not; handle not; which all perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? **Col 2.20**

"If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law!" Gal 5.18

But if you are not led by the Spirit you are under the "elementals" of the law!

Last time together... Unlocking the "Whatever..." of our future... We live to "fulfill rightness..." which fulfills all the law! And after turning from dead, sinful, works, to trust in the Living God, we put off the old man with his childish lusts, and let go of our offenses... **We elevate the quality of life around us, doling out compassion, valuing every life, relieving suffering, dealing with what "is," as we live unshakable!**

Last time together... We walk out our lives... ***Confident in our relationship with God, our Father!*** We KNOW who we worship! **John 4 OPERATING on the words of God; written and Holy Spirit spoken!** They are spirit and life! **John 6 Always with a weather eye on the eternal horizon for navigation/balance!** Pressing forward to our day with the Lord! **Romans 14**

As always, The key to unlocking our Godly potential is in our active faith and deciding that now is the time to act! But deciding that "now is the time to act" requires beginning to take action!

Action: the process of doing something, a series of movements, taking measures, a physical change...

What changed when you were saved and what changes need to take place now?

Changes... I am not ashamed of the gospel; *it is the dynamic power of God...* **Romans 1** So, how can we who are dead to sin, live in it any longer? Don't you know that those of us baptized in Christ were baptized into His death? *We are now free from sin to be servants of righteousness!* **Rom 6** *To remain carnally minded is death!* We have no debt to the flesh to live after it. We are the sons of God... filled with the Spirit *to be conformed to the image of God's dear Son!* **Rom 8** Don't be conformed to this world but be *transformed by the renewing of your mind!* **Rom 12** *Walk out your life honestly* – not in fleshly lusts, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, *making no provision to fulfill the lusts of the flesh!* **Rom 13** Live life conscious of other's needs for models, *don't do anything that can cause someone to stumble!* **Rom 14** *Live strong, bearing the weaker among you...* to please them and not yourselves... to be like Christ! **Rom 15**

Can't make my things, your things, but can certainly make His things our things!

Changes... The day I was saved... **The sex stopped...** didn't need a verse! Though it took one close call and 8yrs. to be "righted!" **The drugs stopped...** Minus one final "hit" from the Sorcerer! **It took me a while to understand the drinking issue...** But once I got that it was for the benefit of others, it stopped... **The swearing had to go... Anger too... And the reason I worked...**

The entrance of light changed my darkness! The love of God changed my heart! The presence of God changed my behavior!

Concerned when people get saved and nothing changes... that "Jesus," salvation, faith, just becomes an added component!

ACTS! Status quo family lifestyle went out the door for Joseph and Mary at the entrance of Jesus! **Lk 1** Peter, Andrew, James, John and eight other lifestyles would be dramatically changed by Him! **John 2** Religious leaders were redirected! **3.1, 7.50, 12.42, 19.38** Samaritan woman's lifestyle changed and became an agent of change! **4** Adulteress challenged and changed! **8** People with *unclean spirits and sick bodies* were delivered and put on a new course! **Mult** Compulsives who lived according to the law stepped up higher! **Mt 5.17-48** Family dynamics were redefined by His entrance! **Mk 3.31** A demoniac changed rulers and became an evangelist! **Mt8.28ff Mk5.1ff Lk8.26** Fearful band of believers willing to live in high risk environment! **Acts 1** Changed by the Holy Spirit: outspoken, reverent, and benevolent! **Acts 2** Willing to suffer loss and persecution, even death for the sake of Jesus! **4/5/7** A man named Saul had a lifestyle and name change! **9** So did a man named Ananias! **9** And an Italian named Cornelius! **10** Young men, Mark and Timothy, were changed! **15/16** Sorcerer's, astrologists and magicians brought dark arts to the light! **19**

Why do we care? Why can't we be like other's... separating soul and flesh from spirit? (Neognosticism)

Why should I live differently, be different? Why should I strive to unlock my potential and up my game?

BECAUSE: Jesus said, "follow Me..." and we can follow or not follow, but He doesn't wait, He goes on anyway!

He makes His way back "home" every day to see if the lights are on, but every day we don't follow we miss what's going on!

Jesus changed the world and every day we're not with Him we are not being changed... and that's a waste of our time and potential!

"I believe that I will never be the same!"