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## CHAPTER 8- THE LEGAL & VITAL ASPECTS

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The legal side of \_\_\_\_\_ is what God did for us in Christ. It is in the past.

**Romans 4:25** *“Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”*

The vital or the most \_\_\_\_\_ aspect is what we have now and **what Holy Spirit is doing in us today**. The Vital means we have been made sons and daughters and are righteous in Christ.

***If one only had the legal side of the plan of redemption, it would lead him into cold, dead, formalism... religion at it's height.***

The vital means we have full son's \_\_\_\_\_. We learn to take our place, and we learn our privileges and they become a reality.

We go from a concept of legally we have it, to owning it, using it and walking in it.

**Romans 3:21-22** *“But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.” NLT*

When we talk about the crucifixion of Jesus we are talking about we our selves have died with Christ and we were raised with Christ.

***In Colossians 2:12 “We were buried with Him”***

***1 Timothy 3:15 “ We were justified with Him”***

***Colossians 2:13 “ We were made alive with Him.***

Not only did God put my sin upon Him and made him sin with my sin, but He put ME upon Him.

“My spiritual death and union with satan were wiped out”.

Jesus didn't go there on His own account, He went there on my account.

***Ephesians 2:6 “He raised us up with Him an seated us in heavenly places.***

In the mind of justice, we were recreated down there at the time Christ was, because He is the head of the body, the firstborn of the dead.

Our inner man is now a new creation and we have received a new nature, the nature of the Father. Now the Spirit through the word is building into us the ability to live as Jesus!

- When the word \_\_\_\_\_ in a believer's heart it gains control of his whole being.
- The Lordship of Jesus over a \_\_\_\_\_ is in reality the lordship of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Word gains such importance in our lives it \_\_\_\_\_ our thinking.

We begin to understand the nature of love, which surpasses our sense knowledge and the Father's dream is being fulfilled...***we are being filled with ALL the fullness of God.***

The Father has so filled us with His nature that we do \_\_\_\_\_ acts unconsciously.

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## CHAPTER 9-SHARING WITH HIM

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The legal side: we have shared with Him in His crucifixion.

- He shared our sins, our infirmities, our disease.
- He took them upon Himself.
- Deity became sin.
- He died spiritually.

When He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to us, He gave us a new self in place of the old self. He is the head we are the body.

The old, fallen, sin-ruled self was \_\_\_\_\_ and the new Jesus, the made in His image part became our new self.

**John 15:5** *"I am the vine and you are the branches."*

This shows our utter oneness. We become the fruit bearing part of Him.

If we share in His resurrection and we have, then we share in His victory over satan, the adversary.

**Ephesians 2:6-7** *"And He raised us up together with Hi [when we believed] in Christ Jesus, [and He did this] so that in ages to come He might [clearly] show the immeasurable and unsurpassed riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus [by providing for our redemption]. For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [ actually delivered from judgement and given eternal life] from judgement and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [ not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God." AMP*

We were raised AND seated.

Why heavenly places? Because wherever Jesus is, we have to be. Wherever the Head is, the body is.

We died with Him, resurrected with Him and shared being seated with Him. ... He is sharing with us in our ministry as branches of the vine. Sharing our fruit, that we bear.

**You are a partaker of God's \_\_\_\_\_ nature.**

As you \_\_\_\_\_ to the inward life of God in your spirit, you will be a conqueror over your reasoning faculties until your mind becomes renewed through the reading of the Word...

**Reading the Word is the \_\_\_\_\_ of mind of Christ.**

When we read the Word, we become partakers of the mind of Christ. We see, hear, think, smell, taste, feel... all that Jesus does.

God has \_\_\_\_\_ and He uses them and the more we read the word, the more we begin to recognize what God is doing, thinking, feeling, seeing, hearing...ect.

**We \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.** We have shared with Him from the cross to the throne.

**Romans 5:17** *“For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.”*

**Before we were groping and hoping. Now we have passed out of the realm of hope into the realm of assurance.**

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**CHAPTER 10- THE LAW OF LIFE (ROMANS 8)**

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The 1<sup>st</sup> Covenant law is called the “law of sin and death”. The law of the new covenant is called the “law of the Spirit of life”.

Law of Sin

Law of Spirit

Put men in bondage/ exposed sin	Freed men from sin
Sin and death are from the adversary	Jesus inaugurated a New Covenant
It was never for New Creation	For every Believer
Sealed with blood of goats and bulls	Sealed with the blood of Jesus
Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy Are exposition of the law.	The epistles of Paul are given to us to explain New Covenant.
10 Commandments	2:Love God with all your heart...and love your neighbor as yourself... but really 1. LOVE.
Governs the spiritually dead	Governs the recreated man
Never brought anyone to Christ	Holy Spirit brings men to Christ
Couldn’t change the heart	Births a whole new heart
Not Permanent	Forever
No real Forgiveness	True Forgiveness for all time

**The 10 commandments:**

- First 5 Commandments = loving God
- Second 5 equates to loving people.

The new covenant law is not \_\_\_\_\_ for men outside of Christ.

**Galatians 3:21** *“Is there a conflict then, between God’s law and God’s promises? Absolutely Not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we received God’s promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.*

The moment a Gentile becomes a New Creation he stops being a Gentile.

**1 Corinthians 10:32** *“Do not offend Jews or Greeks or even the church of God.”*

There are now 3 categories:

1. Jews
2. Gentiles
3. The church.

The people who are trying to live under the Mosaic law, don't understand Galatians 3:21. The law cannot and will not make us right with God. (Rooted in Pride)

We can't combine the Old and New. It's dangerous; creates \_\_\_\_\_. If trying to operate in the Old or both brings someone into \_\_\_\_\_, than separating the two can create \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 8:2** "For the law of Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new beginning] has set you free from the law of sin and death.

The Gentiles were never under the law.

**Romans 8:3-4** "The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit." NLT

**The Greek word Sarx (the flesh) could also be interpreted as follows: born of natural generation, the sensuous nature, the animal nature with cravings which incite to sin.**

**Romans 8:5** "For those who are living according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh [which gratify the body], but those who are living according to the Spirit, [set their minds on] the things of the Spirit [His will & Purposes]. AMP

**"They that are after the senses are ruled by the senses because they are accustomed to obeying them and those that are after the Spirit are accustomed to obeying the things of the Spirit."**

Greek Word Pneuma (Spirit): The Recreated Spirit.

**Romans 8:6** "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life & peace."

Flesh is under the dominion of darkness and death VS. The recreated Spirit is under the dominion of [zoe] life, absolute fullness of life.

**[Eirene: I ray nay] Peace:** State of tranquility, exemption from rage & havoc of war. Security, safety, prosperity. Fearing nothing from God.

**Romans 8:7-9** "For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But YOU ARE NOT CONTROLLED by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to Him at all).

VS10 "If Christ lives within you, though your [natural] body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is alive because of righteousness [which He provides].

Sin can NO LONGER RULE YOUR SENSES.

**“The new law cannot rule spiritually dead men any more than the 10 commandments can rule spiritually alive men. “**

Jesus’ new law of \_\_\_\_\_ is for the new creation, 10 commandments was old way.

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## CHAPTER 11- THE RENEWED MIND

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The joy we receive when we become new creations must be tended by \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word.

\_\_\_\_\_ will die out if it’s not tended. “Return to me the joy of my salvation”. We can live in this place, by tending the fires and meditating on Him.

The senses can be reined it, \_\_\_\_\_ and controlled, but they will never be recreated.

We purify (a dropping off of unnecessary and unwise thoughts/ideas) our mind and senses through meditating on the Word. Not in the way the blood purifies and cleanses our spirit man, but in a way that fire refines gold.

Paul says, “Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial.” **1 Corinthians 10:23**

The mind slowly, but surely, as it feeds on the Word, meditating on the Word practices and lives the Word, comes into the fellowship of the recreated spirit. Luke 6:47-49 (The wise man built his house).

**Romans 12:1** “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice- the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. “ NLT.

When we offer our bodies- we offer all of ourselves. All of our \_\_\_\_\_ upon the altar.

**Romans 12:2** “Don’t be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

We are called to prove, to show what God’s will is. Bringing the Kingdom of heaven to earth and proving what that Kingdom looks like.

Our minds have been fashioned after the things of this world.

- \_\_\_\_\_ them and go another way.
- Your mind must come under the dominion of your recreated Spirit.

We must recognize the 3-Fold Lordship: Lordship of the Word, of Jesus and of Love.

- ➔ We must allow the Word to infiltrate every part of us otherwise we will always be teetering between right or wrong.
- ➔ Instead of utilizing the Word, we utilize other people and value their thoughts above the Word, hoping they have it right. (idolatry)
- ➔ We will forever be offering our mind to the Lord to be renewed.
- ➔ There will always be areas we need to submit or resubmit to Him as we walk through life.

As we submit our mind, we come to know the will of the Father and begin walking out of darkness and into light.

The more we meditate the more we walk out of darkness and into God's light.

*"His word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119*

Colossians 3:5-10 (READ)

Vs 6: for which things the wrath of God is coming.

Paul shows the uncleanness of the natural mind dominated by the senses.

- God wants the new man to be brought into perfect harmony with his thinking faculties.
- That can't happen until his mind is renewed...which won't happen until it comes to recognize its position in Christ.

**VS 10 AMP:** *and have put on the new [spiritual] self who is being continually renewed in true knowledge in the image of Him who created the new self.*

We can't just read the Word and think that is what is renewing our mind.

**We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word. It's like the Wise man.... It has to become \_\_\_\_\_ of us.**

**2 Corinthians 4:16** *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away our inward self is being renewed day by day.*

**RENEW:** *in the Greek it means, "To cause to grow up, new, to make new, to be changed into a kind of life as opposed to the former corrupt state."*

**Joshua 1:8** *" This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful."*

**Ephesians 2:10** *For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them. "*

- He has \_\_\_\_\_ you to walk in His will.
- His ability has been given to you.
- His strength is at your \_\_\_\_\_.
- The good deeds that He would have you perform are within the range of your ability (that he's given you)

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## CHAPTER 12- GOD REPRODUCING HIMSELF IN US.

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In the natural every father's desire is that they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and create sons that are like them. God the Father is the same way. It's his heart, his dream to reproduce Himself in all of us.

The Father builds His Word into us by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ on the Word
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Word
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

**Galatians 4:19** *My little children, for whom I am again in [ the pains of] labour until Christ is [completely and permanently] formed within you-“.*

The process of building Christ in us, may be slow, but it will come about.

Until Christ is formed in us the world will only see \_\_\_\_\_, they will not be able to see Jesus.

**2 Peter 3:18** *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ...” ESV*

**Grow: to increase, as a baby or a plant grows/flourishes. We are called to GROW and tend the garden of our Spirit.**

**Grace means “love at work”. The Greek word means love \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Colossians 1:9** *“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.” ESV*

Greek word ‘**epignosis**’ translates the word knowledge: as full knowledge, complete knowledge, exact or precise knowledge.

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and He longs to fill us with exact knowledge of the Father’s will.

This wisdom is to help us know:

- How to apply \_\_\_\_\_ in our daily walk.
- How to use statements of facts as well as promises.
- How to share the gospel effectively and \_\_\_\_\_.

In this way this knowledge and wisdom helps us walk in a way that pleases the Father.

**1 Corinthians 2:11-12** *“No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. And we have received God’s Spirit (not the worlds spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given to us.” NLT*

Part of our walk is before the \_\_\_\_\_ and the other is before the \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 16:23-24 NLT** *“ At that time you won’t need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant you your request because you use my name. You haven’t done this before. Ask using, my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.”*

Joy is something that comes into the recreated human spirit. It is not available to the natural man.

**John 15:11 AMP** *“ I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing.”*

This is what makes us irresistible to the world, His joy. It's Christ being formed in us. "No longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20)

**John 15:7** "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you".

- Every believer is in Christ, but His \_\_\_\_\_ are not in every believer.
- The believer who has grown deep roots is the believer who values, meditates and eats the Word.

**James 1:22-23** "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves..." or Luke 6:47-49 "[a person] who listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock... But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation..."

I prove I am growing in grace, growing in exact knowledge and discipleship by how I live my fruit bearing life. We are made fruitful because of His ability that is worked inside of us.

(Colossians 1:12) This is the heart of the Father. That we should desire to let Him live His life in us, that we begin to enjoy our share of inheritance in Christ.

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### CHAPTER 13- LIMITING GOD IN US

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**Philippians 2:13 AMP** "For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work in you, [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure."

The Holy Spirit will take one truth after another and build them like bricks into your life until we become Jesus-minded, love-controlled, Father- pleasers.

As we submit to the Father and do good \_\_\_\_\_ we begin realizing more and more it's not our ability, it's God's ability.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 AMP** "And God is able to make all grace [ every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity."

This doesn't say God gives us grace to become \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, but self-sufficient in HIM.

We are so perfectly supplied by Him, that we become so sufficient in HIM. He's our sufficiency, our ability, our strength.

**2 Cor. 9:10-11** "He who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

**Fruit of righteousness:** The same fruit Jesus produced we are called to produce, because we are the branches that come off the vine...the branches that bear the fruit.



- The fruit of righteousness means the ability to stand in the Father’s presence without shame, guilt or condemnation; without fear, inferiority or worry,
- We have the same standing with the Father as Jesus, because we are a part of the vine.
- We can’t \_\_\_\_\_ the ability and greatness we now have residing in us.

*Ephesians 1:19-20AMP “And [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places.”*

**E.W KENYON SAYS**, “a more literal translation is ‘ I want you to know what the exceeding greatness of the ability of God is on our behalf who believe. That ability is according to the strength of his might, which he worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.”

*1 John 4:4:NKJV “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them( those with the anti-christ spirit), because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*

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#### **CHAPTER 14- WHAT WE DARE CONFESS ABOUT OURSELVES**

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**1 John 1:9** “*But if confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”

We have a standing with the Father just like Jesus, because He became my \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 13:20-21** “*Now may the God of peace- who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood- may He equip you with all you need for doing his will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! AMEN!*

This is what we get to confess, that in the face of everything He has equipped us with Himself.