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*The Old Man Is Dead*

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# THE OLD MAN IS DEAD

Do you really know what happened to you when you got saved? I was born again when I was eight years old. I was genuinely converted, and my friends could tell the next day that something had changed.

But when I was 18, I had a miraculous encounter with the Lord where He revealed His love to me. After the emotion wore off, I struggled for years to understand how God could love me when I didn't love me. I saw myself as an old sinner saved by grace—full of failures, insecurities, and self-centeredness. I was displeased with myself, and I assumed God was too.

Then I learned something that completely transformed my life.

## You're Not Who You Used to Be

Jesus said:

> *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
>
> John 4:24

That verse liberated me because I finally understood that God was looking at me in the Spirit. My body didn't change when I got born again. I was a male before, and I was still a male afterward. My mind and emotions didn't instantly become perfect either. I still spoke Texan! I didn't suddenly become fluent in French. But my spirit changed. And in my spirit, I became a completely new person.

Romans 6 says that you're dead to sin. That doesn't mean you can't be tempted or commit sin. It means that in your born-again spirit, you're dead to sin and alive unto God. Before you were born again, sin was your nature. You sinned because you were a sinner. Some people had more restraints put on them than others, but underneath it all was that sinful nature. But when you were born again, God took that nature out of you. That's phenomenal!

Romans 6:6 says, *"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."*

Notice that Paul said, "Knowing this." Something good can happen to you, but if you don't know what happened, it isn't going to benefit you the way it should.

When you were born again, your old man was crucified. That person is dead—gone! You don't have a new spirit *and* an old spirit living inside of you. You aren't dual. You aren't half God and half devil.

If you're born again, your spirit is completely new. But your old man left behind an unrenewed mind. You've spent years learning how to think, react, handle pressure, and deal with temptation. Those patterns don't automatically disappear just because your spirit has been recreated. That's why renewing your mind is so important.

And this is where identity becomes so powerful. If you still see yourself as a failure, a sinner, or the person you used to be, you're going to keep acting like that person. But if you understand, "That's not me anymore. I'm a new person in Christ," it changes the way you approach everything.

## As He Is, So Are We

First John 4:17 says, *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.* It doesn't say, "As He is, so are we going to be someday when we get to heaven." It says, *"So are we in this world."* That's talking about your spirit.

Your body isn't like Jesus yet. My body is getting older. I've got gray hair and wrinkles and crepe skin. I don't deny any of that. But that's just my body. It's my earth suit. My mental and emotional part isn't perfect either. I'm still renewing my mind. But in my spirit, I am identical to Jesus.

It says in 1 Corinthians 6:17 that he who is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. The Spirit of Christ is in you. Your spirit is full of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. You may not see all of that manifested in your actions yet, but it's there in your spirit. And if you ever really see yourself that way, I guarantee you, it'll begin to affect how you think and how you live.

## Stop Agreeing with the Old You

I once heard Kenneth Hagin tell a testimony about how, before he was born again, he had a natural ability to pick locks. His friends used him to break into places. After he got born again, those same friends came and wanted him to pick a lock. He told them, "I can't do it. I don't know how to pick locks anymore."

They couldn't understand it. He'd never seen a lock he couldn't pick. But he understood something they didn't understand: he was a new person. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. Your old man is gone. You don't have to identify with the things that used to control you.

You may still have physical cravings. You may still have habits. You may still have an unrenewed mind. But those things aren't your identity anymore. You've got the Spirit of Christ living in you.

I'm not saying you should deny what's happening in the natural. I'm saying you don't have to let the natural tell you who you are. I've seen blind eyes open. I've seen deaf ears open. I've seen supernatural provision. I've seen people raised from the dead. I've seen things happen that go beyond the natural.

Why? Because I know who I am in Christ. And when you begin to understand who you are in Christ, you'll quit having an inferiority attitude and start having a can-do attitude. Instead of saying, "Nothing ever works for me," you can say, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* (Phil. 4:13).

I'm telling you, this will change your life. You can't get these truths by osmosis. You've got to study them and renew your mind. The more you understand what God has already done in your spirit, the more you'll begin to live from that reality instead of looking back at who you used to be.

I encourage you to get the full teaching and study these scriptures for yourself. I've made ***The Old Man Is Dead*** available as a booklet, and we'll send it to you absolutely free—postpaid. The full teaching is also available on CD, DVD, or USB. To order, visit **awme.net/man**, or call our **UK Helpline: +44(0) 1922 473300** or return the enclosed form.

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# DOES GOD STILL HEAL?

"Within six months I was completely set free from all of those things that I was trying to fill myself with."

Hope Miller grew up in a troubled home, searching for something to fill the emptiness she carried inside. She turned to drugs, alcohol, and relationships, hoping each would give her what she was missing. Instead, the pain only deepened, leading to panic attacks so severe that she was repeatedly hospitalized. She felt abandoned by God and even believed that He was behind much of the suffering she had experienced.

Spending her days pretending everything was alright and her nights crying out to the Lord in desperation, Hope began searching for answers. **A simple Google search for "Does God still heal?" led her to a YouTube video of Andrew Wommack teaching that the enemy comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came to give life (John 10:10).** That message challenged everything Hope had believed about God. Instead of seeing Him as the source of her suffering, she began to see Him as the One who wanted to restore what had been broken.

Hope spent months filling her heart with the truth of God, and before long, she was completely set free from panic attacks, drinking, smoking, and the other things she had been using to numb the ache of what was missing. As she immersed herself in Andrew's teachings and the Word of God, Hope became convinced that God's heart toward her is always good.

> *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*
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> John 10:10–11

Ready to build her new life on these truths, Hope enrolled at Charis Bible College. During her second year at Charis, she had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Brazil, where she shared the love of God with hurting people in drug rehab centers.





Hope said it this way: "It's not God who put those circumstances on me; it was the enemy. That really set me free to start enjoying and resting in God."

Have you been crying out to God, seeking answers, and wondering if there is something more than the empty promises of this world? Hope's story points to a powerful truth: God is not the source of your pain. He loves you, cares for you, and laid down His life for you. And now He offers you forgiveness, healing, and freedom, just as He did for Hope.

*Quotes edited for length and clarity.*

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# HELP YOUR FAMILY FOCUS ON JESUS, THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Does it ever feel like the distractions of the world are competing for your family's attention—even at Christmas?

Between parties, shopping, cooking, and the constant pull of our phones, the holidays can quickly become a whirlwind of activity. In the midst of it all, the things that matter most—including spending time together and remembering why we celebrate—can easily get lost in the busyness.

That's the story behind ***The Heart of Christmas***. This original stage musical brings that familiar struggle to life through a multigenerational family trying to break free from the clamor around them and rediscover what Christmas is really about.

And at the heart of the story is the reason we celebrate:

> *For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*
>
> Luke 2:11

## A Musical That Brings Us Together

"I love this story, and it's so relevant for today," says Elizabeth Fumero Muren, writer and producer of *The Heart of Christmas*. "In the first scene, you see all the members of the family going crazy, playing games, and watching phones. It's so hard to leave the distractions of the world outside our doors.

"And that's what you find in *The Heart of Christmas*—a family throughout the generations fighting against the noise of the world. The family uses a story of the 'fourth' wise man, *The Servant King*, and that story really brings them together, helping them focus on what is important.

"We really want to help you find the important things that will give you and your family the tools to not only connect and have a good time together, but also to learn what is essential in life."

*Quote has been edited for clarity.*



# THE BEAUTY OF THE CROSS

When Jesus was talking to the disciples, He said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father" (see John 14:8–9). When we learn more about Jesus, we get the clearest picture of the Father—His compassion, His mercy, His authority, His salvation, His righteousness, and more! This is who God is. When Jesus ministered to the people of His day, He confronted people who didn't understand God's character. It is the same with us, isn't it? We confront all kinds of people who might think they know God and how He operates but their lives reveal something different.

When we allow the world's way of thinking into our lives, that is what we'll follow. The Israelites and following generations in the Bible are prime examples. They couldn't see that a loving God was pursuing them all along. He wanted to be their one true God. But God's people blended with the cultures around them. Men took foreign wives and accepted their wives' foreign gods. They worshiped their idols and participated in their rituals. They made sacrifices of all kinds and even prostituted their women in the name of religion.



That is why God raised up prophets to communicate to the people: *Why would you worship something that has eyes but cannot see, ears but cannot hear, and a mouth but cannot speak?* God was trying to demonstrate that He was the living, holy God and help them understand that they were to be set apart so that He could dwell with them. That is why the Law came.

Why were all those requirements and instructions so strict? God was trying to differentiate the people of the world—their gods, idols, and sacrifices—from the children of Israel. The Israelites were to walk, live, and interact how God intended. In short, God's people were to worship and sacrifice with specificity because many of those things reflected and pointed to Jesus. As they followed the Law, their practices gave glimpses into the once-and-for-all *Sacrifice*, and confirmed to those who studied the Law the Messiah who was to come.

We are familiar with John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* It doesn't say, "For God was so annoyed and irritated with the world . . ." Love is what compelled Him. It doesn't matter where you came from or what your background is. It is only when we believe in the completed work of the cross that we will not perish but have everlasting life.

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# BIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WITH ANDREW WOMMACK

## Look Beyond What You See

**Question:** How do we magnify God instead of the problem when we're caring for someone throughout the day and seeing the problem over and over instead of the victory?

**Answer:** You can either look at the suffering and magnify that, or you can look beyond what you see in the natural. Paul said, *"We walk by faith, not by sight"* [2 Cor. 5:7].

If that person is born again, you can look past their physical condition and say, "This is a brand-new person on the inside. Someday, they're going to be released from this body—either through healing now or, at the very worst, by receiving a glorified body where they'll never have those problems again."

You can look at that person by faith instead of only seeing what you're dealing with. I'm not saying it's easy, but it is that simple. You have to magnify the positive and diminish the negative.

## Choose What You Magnify

**Question:** Does magnifying the Lord work to our benefit in the same way that being in faith pleases God?

**Answer:** When you believe God, it's always going to work to your benefit. You can't magnify God without being in faith. When you magnify God, you're choosing to focus on who He is and what He has done instead of magnifying the negative things in your life. That works to your benefit because it keeps you in faith and focused on God.



There's always going to be something negative. I'm walking in the blessing of God, but if I wanted to, I could find things to get discouraged about. Everybody has positive and negative things in their life. You have to choose which one you're going to magnify.

Start magnifying the positive. Be thankful and praise God for what He has done instead of focusing on what's wrong.

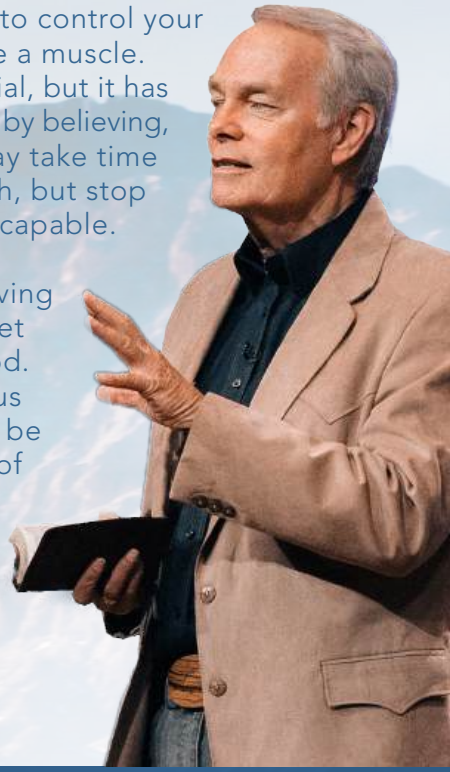
## Take Control of Your Thoughts

**Question:** How do we remove intrusive thoughts and distractions and become more inclined to having a sound mind?

**Answer:** Second Corinthians 10:3–5 says that the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds—or thoughts—and the casting down of imaginations.

You have the power to control your thoughts, but it's like a muscle. A muscle has potential, but it has to be exercised. Start by believing, "I can do this." It may take time to build that strength, but stop feeling like you're incapable.

Then make thanksgiving a habit. When you get up, start praising God. Train yourself to focus on what you have to be thankful for instead of what you don't have. I tell you what—that would work for any of us.



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## THE OLD MAN IS DEAD

You may know you're born again, but do you know who you became when it happened? Many Christians spend their lives trying to overcome the "old person" they believe they still are. But Scripture says your old man is dead. If that's true, why do you still struggle with the same things? The answer is found in understanding what changed—and what didn't—when you were born again.

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