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When the Apostle Paul wrote about our "old man" being crucified and dead, what did he mean? And what impact do those words have for a Christian today?

There are a lot of people who talk about their old man being dead, only to say it resurrects every morning. That's because they're still identifying with having a fallen sinful nature. That is detrimental to Christian growth.

Proverbs 23:7 says, *"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."* If you think you're still dead in trespasses and sins while also having a new nature, then you're schizophrenic. It's just a matter of time until that old nature dominates you again because that's who you think you are.

But that is not the case for a born-again child of God. You don't have a part of you that's separated from God. If you're born again, your nature has been changed! The only thing compelling you to still live the way you did before you got born again is the fact that you haven't renewed your mind.

Let me say upfront that understanding this will require some thought and effort on your part. You may not have wanted to hear that, but I believe you're reading this because you're seeking more than just a feel-good message. While some pursue emotional highs and go from conference to conference and from church service to church service, understanding this truth will last long after emotions fade. It'll be an anchor for your soul and give you a stability that few Christians operate in today.

When I first began ministering, I had the opportunity to spend time ministering in the local jails. I recall

talking with one of the inmates, saying, "If I had the power to free you and I just opened the door and said, 'You're free!' you'd be freed. But that doesn't mean you'd be *free*. You have to believe



Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 freed slaves, but many in the Confederate States only learned of their freedom on June 19, 1865, known as Juneteenth.

you're free and then act on it by getting off your bunk and walking out the door."

A similar thing happened when Abraham Lincoln announced the emancipation of slaves in 1863. The Confederate States didn't think it applied to them, so they didn't even tell their slaves about the Emancipation Proclamation. Then, on June 19, 1865, some Texas slaves heard from Union soldiers that they had been freed more than two years earlier. Imagine how they must've felt hearing that they had been freed all along but just didn't know it.

That same concept can be applied to us. Jesus has totally set us free. When we were born again, the old man died with Christ. Born-again believers do not have a sinful nature (Rom. 6:7). We have been freed! But if you somehow or another still believe that you are by nature a sinner, then you'll still let that sin nature influence you.

It is because the believer's old man is dead that Paul can give the exhortation in Romans 6:12, *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."* The word *therefore* is referring to the previous things that were said, which is that your old man is dead. And because you are no longer enslaved to the old man, you can do what Romans 6:13 says:

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

This is an awesome truth that's contrary to most religious teaching, but that doesn't make it wrong. You just have to renew your mind to God's Word. Part of renewing your mind is reckoning yourself to be dead in the same way that Christ is dead unto sin.

Jesus only died unto sin once, and you only die unto that old sin nature one time. The Bible says your old man is dead, which means it cannot resurrect every morning. If you really understood that it's not your nature to live in sin anymore, then you would be free from sin.

First Peter 5:8 says that Satan is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He can't devour just anybody. You have to cooperate with him through unbelief—through sin—in order to give him that inroad into your life.

Look at Romans 6:17, where it says, *"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."* The word servants here was translated from the Greek word *doulos*, which means "a slave" (*Strong's Concordance*).

Before you were born again, you were a slave to sin, and you couldn't consistently operate contrary to it. You might've done some good things, but consistently, you were living as a sinner because that was your nature. You were enslaved to sin. But now you've been set free from that!

The moment you accept Jesus and put faith in what He did, your old man dies, and God makes you a brand-new creation in Christ Jesus. First John 4:17 says that you are identical to Jesus:

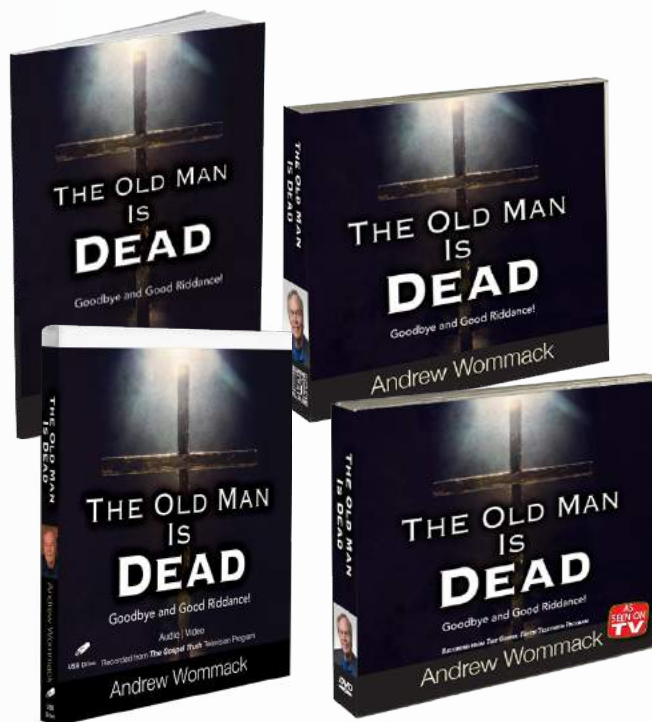
Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Since God is a Spirit, He looks at you in the spirit. When you're born again, He sees you as righteous, holy, and pure. Your actions will never be as perfect as Jesus' actions were when He walked this earth. Your thoughts will never be as pure and as perfect as Jesus' thoughts are. But in your spirit, you are identical to Jesus right now. That's awesome!

Most people don't have this mindset. But the truth is, when you get born again, God puts His nature on the inside of you. You become married—or enslaved—to

that nature. And if you would just renew your mind and change that old man's programming, this new nature that was given to you would compel you to live a holy life the same way that your old sinful nature compelled you to live a sinful life.

This is really simple, but it's exactly what the Bible says. These are some of the most foundational, liberating things that you could ever learn.



I've only just scratched the surface of this subject. I believe this teaching will totally change your life and show you how to walk in the freedom that Jesus Christ died to give you. I encourage you to get the full teaching, titled *The Old Man Is Dead*. I'm offering a free booklet, and the series is also available in CD, DVD, and USB formats.

To order, you can go to awme.net/OldMan, call our UK Helpline at +44(0)1922 473300, or complete and return the enclosed form.

We love you,

Andrew and Jamie



CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE: BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



New look at one of the digital studios.

Imagine going to college not just to get training for a job, but to discover your life's purpose. That's what Charis Bible College is all about.

**Secular colleges prepare you to find a job;
Charis prepares you to find your purpose.**

— Mike Pickett
Executive Vice President
Charis Bible College

Exciting things are happening at Charis, and we want you to be a part of it. Our student population is growing rapidly, reaching nearly 1,200 students in the 2023/24 academic school year. And with limited classroom space and office space for faculty and staff, expanding is crucial.

Our vision is big and includes building six dormitories, a student activity centre, a hotel and conference centre, and athletic facilities. We want to create an environment where every student can thrive in every area—spirit, soul, and body.

We're starting with affordable housing options because that's currently the greatest need. We had hundreds of potential students who applied to attend Charis last year but couldn't come, citing a lack of housing as the reason. But it doesn't stop there. This is about more than just meeting immediate needs; it's about setting the stage for future growth and impact.

We're also harnessing the power of media to spread the Gospel message. Through virtual production studios and platforms like GospelTruth.TV and the future launch of our new Gospel Truth Network (GTN), we're going to be reaching even more people around the world—without censorship.

As Charis continues to grow and expand, the impact of this ministry is reaching far beyond campus walls. Lives are being changed, healed, restored, and filled with purpose. We're building a legacy that will last for generations.



Mike, Carrie, and Andrew at one of the new buildings.



Digital rendering of the inside of a student housing building.



These facilities are more than just buildings; they're tools to take care of the people God has entrusted to us. And you can be a part of it. Your support—whether it's one dollar a day or whatever you can give—makes a difference.

This isn't a one-time seed but a multigenerational investment.

— Andrew Wommack
President of Charis Bible College

We believe that God is guiding our growth and the construction of these buildings. Even though the costs will be significant, if every partner joins in, we can make it happen.

- For \$1 per day (\$30 monthly), we'll finish the first two dorms by August 2024 for incoming fall students.
- For \$2 per day (\$60 monthly), we'll complete the remaining four dorms by August 2025, plus build a dedicated production studio for GTN programs.
- For \$3 per day (\$90 monthly), we'll kick-start construction on the student activity centre, equipped with a cafeteria, classrooms, meeting rooms, and more.

It's like getting in on the ground floor of a major investment—but with rewards that last for eternity. If you'd like to join us in turning this vision into reality, go to awmi.net/vision or call our Helpline at 719-635-1111 to see how you can get involved. Together we'll transform the nations, one disciple at a time.



**Charis Vision Week is airing
13–17 May on *The Gospel Truth*! Visit awmi.net to watch
the streams**



FROM FINANCIAL STRUGGLE TO ABUNDANT LIVING



Ruth and Michael, middle-class minorities residing in England with a Sikh-Hindu upbringing, could have easily given in to the societal norms of debt and financial struggle. However, their encounter with the teachings at Charis Bible College and the wisdom of Billy Epperhart changed their perspective.

After leaving Sikh Hinduism and being born again, Ruth's adventure with God brought her to Charis in Walsall, England. While sitting under the Word, she discovered not only her new identity in Christ but also the callings and dreams God had for her regarding a future ministry in India.

"I started seeing prosperity in my life," Ruth shares. Reflecting on the profound impact of Andrew's teachings, she thought, *I'm going to walk in faith in the bigger things*. With India having the largest poverty rate in the world, Ruth knew that God didn't just want her to preach the Gospel there but also to bring lasting change by teaching financial stewardship.

After meeting at Charis and marrying, Michael and Ruth began listening to the teachings of Billy Epperhart, the CEO of Andrew Wommack Ministries and WealthBuilders. Thanks to Billy's encouragement

regarding investing in real estate, the couple decided to start purchasing properties on their own. With bidding wars raising prices sky-high, Ruth and Michael stayed persistent and made offers everywhere they could, believing for what Billy calls a "kairos" moment, or an appointed time in the purpose of God.

"A lot of people put doubt in your mind," Michael says. But the couple remained unafraid and kept pushing forward. Just before COVID-19 hit, they secured their first property deal! It was a victory that would lay the foundation for their future success. Utilising a principle taught by Billy and known in the real estate world as "Buy-Rehab-Rent-Refinance-Repeat," Ruth and Michael leveraged that first investment into a portfolio of multiple properties, and today they have been able to focus solely on their real estate business.

As they continue to "Buy-Rehab-Rent-Refinance-Repeat," Michael and Ruth have set their sights on India, where, in addition to spreading the good news of the Gospel, they will teach others the tools for developing wealth God's way.

In Ruth's words, "We want to help other Christians rise up in their finances or come out of debt."

"Whether you're in the UK, Canada, America, or India, it doesn't matter; you can do this wherever you are," shares Michael.

Thank you, partners, for making inspiring testimonies like this possible! Visit **awmi.net/RuthandMichael** to view Ruth and Michael's full story.

Quotations have been edited for length and clarity.

THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF GRACE

I absolutely love grace, but I didn't really understand it as a teenager. As a younger believer, I adopted a performance mentality, even though it wasn't preached from the pulpit at my church. I placed immense pressure on myself to be perfect in every setting. I had to be the perfect daughter, perfect big sister, perfect youth group member, and so on.

*For the law was given by Moses, but
grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

John 1:17

This verse shows the dividing line between the Old and New Covenants. Many people place themselves under an Old Covenant performance mentality and try to maintain their own righteousness, thinking, *Praise God, I got saved and became righteous, but now I need to maintain that righteousness.*

First John 4:10 says, *"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (New King James Version).* This is so powerful because it's not that we loved God, but that He loved us. This is ultimately what grace is about. It's not about your love, your works, your dedication, your discipline, or your abstinence from the things of the world. The grace of God isn't about you; it's about Him and His love toward you.

*Unto me, who am less than the least
of all saints, is this **grace given**, that I
should preach among the Gentiles **the
unsearchable riches of Christ.***

Ephesians 3:8, emphasis added



When you step out of a religious mindset that's limited by your personal performance, you enter into a massive realm of the unsearchable riches of God's grace. This inheritance becomes yours, not because of anything you did but because of what He did for you. It's the unmerited favour of God.

You and I did nothing to earn or deserve this grace—it's freely given by God. We can't present God with a checklist of achievements and say, "Now I deserve grace." No, it's about God's favour. It's His declaration of love toward us and His desire to cleanse, redeem, and fill us with Himself.

The depth of God's love and grace is available to you today. May you walk in the freedom and abundance that His grace offers, knowing that it's not about what you do but about what God's done for you.

For a deeper revelation of these truths, visit **GospelTruth.TV/LifeFoundations** and explore the series "The Riches of Grace." You can also access related series like "Goal of the Cross" and "Understanding the New You."

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KEYS TO A LASTING MARRIAGE: CULTIVATING OPENNESS WITH YOUR SPOUSE

When I married my wife, Janice, over fifty years ago, I enrolled in the "University of Janice," and I have not withdrawn. If you're married, cultivating an open heart with your spouse and continually learning about them is key to enjoying many successful years together.

Do you want a successful marriage? I can help you cultivate an open heart with your mate.

Before we begin, let me ask you this: how soft is your heart toward your spouse? My wife and I spent years counselling couples. Unfortunately, it was common for many of them to cancel their sessions before we could even begin. Why? Because we asked them to ask the Lord what the root problem was and how they individually contributed to their marital issues.

The truth is, turbulence in marriage involves both spouses. But with God's help, you can find your way through.

MARRIAGE ASSESSMENT

Have you experienced any of these?

1. **Frequent communication misunderstandings**
2. **Being easily perturbed with your mate over little things**
3. **Looking for opportunities to spend time away**
4. **Snapping at your mate regularly**
5. **Holding an adversarial attitude toward your mate**
6. **Constant arguments**
7. **Feelings of contempt toward your mate**

If any of these resonates with you, here are some biblical insights and practical ways to help you cultivate an open heart with your spouse.

Practical Tips for Husbands:

- **Love Your Wife:** Don't be bitter against her (Col. 3:19). Heed Ephesians 5:25–33.
- **Be Considerate:** Open doors, give small gifts, and show love in little ways.
- **Be Compassionate:** Kindness will take you a long way.
- **Be Complimentary:** Compliments make your wife feel noticed.
- **Be a Listener:** Engage in meaningful conversation. Understand that sometimes she wants you to listen before you solve the problem.

Practical Tips for Wives:

- **Respect Your Husband:** Don't speak ill of him around others. He operates on respect (Titus 2:4–5 and Eph. 5:33).
- **Fulfil His Physical Needs Willingly:** He needs your affection to feel loved (Prov. 5:18–19).
- **Encourage Him:** When naysayers surround him, be the positive voice.
- **Bring Peace:** Don't be the quarrelsome wife from Proverbs 27:15!

By following these tips, you can cultivate a more open heart with your mate and experience a long, successful marriage.

If you found this helpful, we invite you to Woodland Park, Colorado to join us for the 2024 Summer Family Bible Conference on July 1–5 for more uplifting messages on family life. Visit **SummerFamily.org** to register today!



Greg Mohr is married to his best friend, Janice, and they are blessed with four children and twelve grandchildren. He serves as the Director of the Charis Bible College Third-Year Ministry School. Formerly a senior pastor for twenty-seven years, Greg is now a beloved Charis instructor, conference speaker, and author. He holds a degree from Rhema Bible Training Center and a master's degree in leadership from Southwestern Christian University.

Counteracting Culture with Andrew Wommack

QUESTION:

Is "separation of church and state" in the Constitution?

Andrew's Answer:

In short—no. When liberals spread a lie, many people just assume there's some truth to it. But the phrase "separation of church and state" isn't in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, or any of our nation's founding documents. It was first used by Thomas Jefferson in a letter responding to the Danbury Baptists to reassure them that the First Amendment was meant to keep government out of regulating religion. It was never meant to keep religion out of government or the public square.

As a matter of fact, the Founding Fathers used to hold church meetings in our nation's capital. And there have been Supreme Court rulings reinforcing that America is a totally Christian nation. Contrary to what Obama said, America is a Christian nation.

So, this whole thing about separation of church and state is an absolute lie. For years now, many churches have sent their sermons to the IRS, openly supporting specific candidates. They dared the IRS to challenge them, but nothing happened because the IRS can't legally stop them. Today, people twist the original meaning. But the truth is, churches not only have the freedom to endorse candidates, they have a moral obligation to do so.

February 7, 2024, Truth & Liberty Live Call-In Show



QUESTION:

What do you think of the United Nations?

Andrew's Answer:

The United Nations was established in 1945 after World War II to promote international cooperation. It sounds nice on paper, but it circumvents the Creator, potentially making it easier to manipulate countries without a constitution like America's, which acknowledges that human rights come from God. If we delegate authority to the UN, we're bypassing all the safeguards that our country has, such as the Bill of Rights. It's a recipe for disaster.

In November 1989 when the Berlin wall came down, many thought it meant peace. But I knew Scripture said that when they say, "Peace, peace," there is no peace (Jer. 6:14). So, I prayed about it. God told me that in my lifetime, China would become a bigger threat than the Soviet Union ever was. Even though it seemed unlikely then, we're seeing it now. China holds a lot of U.S. debt and buys up our land, and people don't seem to notice. What's worse, Biden is pacifying the Chinese when he should be standing up to them.

January 31, 2024, Truth & Liberty Live Call-In Show

EXERCISING THE WORD

Declaring God's Great and Precious Promises



Real transformation happens as we hide the Word of God in our hearts. I really want to encourage you to make the Word of God your number-one priority.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

It's up to us to put God's Word into action daily, to exercise it.

When I was in college, I had this routine of getting to the gym by five in the morning every day. It would be amazing if you could just go to the gym one time and do a couple of biceps curls and be good to go for the rest of your life. Unfortunately, that's not how it works. To get results with physical exercise, there must be consistent repetition. The same is true for us with the Word.

*For this very reason, adding your **diligence** [to the divine promises], employ every effort in **exercising your faith** to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence).*

2 Peter 1:5, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition*, emphasis added

The word *diligence* means "earnest and persistent application to an undertaking" (*American Heritage Dictionary*). In light of exercising the Word, it involves persistent diligence and saying, "Lord, Your Word declares this over me, so I'm not stopping until I get it. If your Word says I'm healed, I don't care what power of hell comes against me—whether it's cancer, diabetes, the common flu, or COVID-19—I'm taking hold of Your great and precious promises, which say that by Your stripes I'm healed [Is. 53:5 and 1 Pet. 2:24]."

This is the diligence Peter was referring to, where you take hold of the divine promises that the Lord has spoken over your life. They're not just words on a page. The Word is alive (Heb. 4:12). It's sparked in your heart and exploding on the inside of you. And as you believe and declare it out of your mouth, it becomes your reality (Mark 11:24–25).

I assure you, **the Word has never failed and will never fail**. If you base your life upon Scripture and make it your life's calling to pursue the Lord and to know Him through His Word, you will make your footing sure (2 Pet. 1:10). You will be able to stand, regardless of the strength of the storm that comes against you.

To see the power of exercising the Word of God daily, check out **awmi.net/oberrath** and watch the testimony of Randy and Melissa Oberrath.



Mike Pickett was a missionary in Russia for three years before meeting his wife, Carrie, and encountering Charis Bible College for the first time. After directing Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis operations in Russia, he and Carrie returned to the States in 2015. Mike now serves as an Executive Vice President of AWM and Charis.

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

Exodus 14:22

FROM CRISIS TO THANKSGIVING

Two years after meeting my father for the first time, he had a freak accident, resulting in a foot injury and broken ribs. He was later diagnosed with cellulitis and needed surgery. This escalated to blood clots in his lungs, a heart attack, and him flatlining three times. The doctors said he wouldn't make it. We prayed, and I gave him Spirit, Soul & Body and some Healing Journeys videos. I also called the Helpline three times for agreement, which greatly encouraged me. By God's grace, my father was raised up! We joyfully celebrated Thanksgiving together for the first time! If it weren't for this ministry and the prayers of the saints, my father may have died. You all are such a blessing to my life. Glory to God!!!

—Shondalyn A.

FREEDOM FROM LONGTIME NERVOUS TIC

In 2017, I heard Andrew's You've Already Got It! message for the first time. As a recent college grad struggling with a longtime muscle tic caused by anxiety, it was a revelation. A few months later, Andrew came to Washington, DC, and my mom and I attended the event. I made a bold move to the altar to ask for a prayer of healing for the tic that had plagued me since second grade. A sweet lady laid hands on me, spoke truth and life, and commanded the tic to get out of my body. It took a day or two to manifest, but inside, I KNEW something had shifted. A few weeks went by and I'd forgotten I even had a tic, and it's still gone to this day. Praise God! Thank you, Andrew.

—Anna S.

WONDERWORKING GOD



STAGE 4 CANCER DEFEATED

In 2018 and 2021, I lost two siblings to cancer. Then in May 2022, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I knew God heals, but I didn't know how, until one day a friend introduced me to Andrew Wommack's teachings. I watched You've Already Got It! and was challenged by the statement that I already had everything I needed to be completely healed. I read The Believer's Authority and started standing on the Word. In October 2023, my CT scan showed no signs of breast cancer. The Word of God healed me! Thank you, Andrew, for your teachings.

—Xolani M.

ASK ME OF THINGS TO COME

I called the UK Helpline to ask for prayer as my left hand and arm were not functioning properly. I could not lift them easily, take a top off a bottle, turn a tap, or flick a switch. The prayer minister thanked God for healing my hand and arm and commanded mobility back in the name of Jesus. As I put the phone down, the malfunction in my hand and arm left and I have been able to use them normally ever since. Praise God!

—Julie



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THIS MONTH'S PRODUCTS



Do you ever feel like you have two conflicting natures? The Bible boldly declares that for every believer, the "old man" is dead and gone (Rom. 6:6). But what does that really mean? Many Christians say they're free from sin, yet still feel trapped by it every day. In *The Old Man Is Dead*, you'll be challenged to rethink what it means to truly be dead to sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ. Get ready to revolutionise your walk with God and discover the path of true freedom and abundant life with this transformational teaching.