

DELIVERANCE FROM CARNALITY - HOW?

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The Basis of Deliverance

Union with Christ as the last Adam - Rom. 5:12-21; I Cor. 15:20-23,45; Col.2:11.

In His death - Rom. 6:1-11, especially vss. 2-7,11; Col. 2:12; 3:3; Gal. 2:19,20; 5:24.

In His resurrection - Rom. 6:1-11, especially vss. 4,5,8-11; Col. 2:13-15.

Resurrection = newness of life by the new birth, indwelling, and outflow of the Holy Spirit. II Cor. 5:14-17; Jn. 1:12,13; 3:1-7; Gal. 6:15,16; Rom. 6:4; 7:4-6; II Cor. 3:5,6; Jn. 6:63; 7:38,39; Rom. 5:10 (saved = delivered); Rom. 8:2.

Jesus' work - establishing the new covenant.

The old covenant was an outward legalism consisting of laws and commandments. It was ineffective to promote real godliness in us due to *our* inability to keep it, and *its* inability to impart life to us (Rom. 8:3; Gal. 3:21).

The new covenant addresses those issues by creating a new heart within us and a new life flow which enables us to be godly. Prov. 4:23; Jer. 17:9; Mt. 12:33-35 (cf. Gal. 5:19-21 or 5:22,23); Mt. 15:18,19; Ezk. 11:19-21; Jer. 24:7; Lk. 22:20; Jer. 31:31-33; Heb. 8:6-13 (Follow the comparison between the old and new covenants in 9:1-10:9); 10:9-22; II Cor. 3:2-18.

The Holy Spirit - the promise of the Father. Lk. 24:49; Acts 1:4,5; 2:33,38,39; Gal. 3:13,14 (Notice the need. for something to "impart life" in vss. 21,22.)

When was the Holy Spirit promised? Isa. 32:15-20; 44:3-5; 54:13 (cf. Jn. 6:44,45); 59:21; Joel 2:28,29.

What does He do?

He imparts life to us. Jn. 6:63; II Cor. 3:6; Rom. 8:2 (law = principle) (Compare with Eph. 4:17,18 where the Gentiles who do not know God are "excluded [alienated, separated from] the life of God".)

He creates us with a new nature - one in the image of God - so that we can naturally bear fruit of righteousness, as any tree bears fruit after its kind. Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:9,10; I Jn. 3:4-10 (vs. 9 translated literally is: "Everyone having been begotten of God does not sin, because His seed remains [or 'abides'] in him; and he cannot sin [lit., 'is not able to sin'] because from God he has been begotten." Note the context in 1:8,10 and 2:1. John is not attempting to discern between Christians and unbelievers, rather he is helping us to discern our true identity as a reborn child of God from the perverted Satanic nature of the flesh. Cf. Jn. 8:44; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 7:17-20. Paul exhorts us to put off this old man and to replace him with the new man. Eph. 4:20-24.)

He shows us the spiritual treasures that are ours in Christ. I Cor. 2:12; Jn. 16:13-15; Eph. 1:15ff.; Isa. 11:2.

He empowers us for ministry. Acts 1:8; I Cor. 12:7,11.