

Living In Harmony With The Spiritual World

Introduction

A. The so-called "secret" of a successful Christian life is not difficult to understand. It is simply living in harmony with the principles of the spiritual world.

B. The Lord Jesus made a provision for us that reaches into every **area of our** need. As we respond to Him by faith we immediately **become the** recipients of His divine enablement. Rom. 6:16-18

I. The Biblical Instruction. (How am I to live?)

A. The believer is to live in newness of life, Romans 6:4.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk (live) in newness of life.

Comment: **By His** death and resurrection the Lord Jesus made it **possible** for a person to be free from both the guilt **and** the bondage of sin. The believer can live a new **type** of life – "newness of life."

B. The believer is to serve in newness of Spirit, Romans 7:6.

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of Spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

Comment: Once we lived serving ourselves and sin. That bondage has been broken. The Holy Spirit indwells us. We now can learn to live in the freedom of the spiritual world.

II. The Biblical Explanation. (How can I so live and serve?)

A. The believer has been made a new creation, II Cor. 5:17.

Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are made new.

Comment: God begins on the inside – He made us a new person. When we learn to live by faith and love the power of His work will become increasingly clear in our life.

B. The believer has been given a new nature, Eph. 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Comment: The term "new man" refers to the kind of a person we have become, and the new relationships and gifts that we have been given – as "new creatures."

C. The believer can come to God in a new way, Hebrews 10:19,20.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated (newly made) for us through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

Comment: We can live and serve in newness of life and Spirit because we have been given the privilege to come into God's presence in prayer and present our needs to Him.

D. The believer is related to God in a new covenant, Matt. 26:28.

For this is my blood of the new testament (covenant) which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Comment: These words remind us that we have been brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ. Because of this truth we are assured that all the benefits of the new covenant are legally ours.

E. The believer has been given a new song to sing, Rev. 5:9,10.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation and hast made us unto our God kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth.

Comment: This new song of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus is a testimony to the new priority in the life of the believer. Now nothing is more important than living for and bringing glory to Jesus Christ.

F. The believer has and can obey a new command, John 13:34,35.

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another as I have loved you, . . . By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Comment: Love for God and one another is one of the clearest expressions of our inner transformation. There is nothing more important than love and nothing more powerful.

Conclusion: Nothing stands in the way of living and serving in newness of life and Spirit – except ourselves.

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