

The Bishop's Corner

New Creature in Christ

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).

Our body will make us not want to stay in God because we still have a lot of soul life left in us after salvation. We must die to our soul life and worldly tendencies. Only then can the Holy Spirit come in and make us new creatures in Christ.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you” (II Peter 5:8-10).

In times of trials and sufferings, instead of responding as the scriptures above says, most people withdraw from God and stop praying. We must learn to draw near to God and come to his throne of grace where we can obtain mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16). It is during these times and in these prayers prayed that we are able to lay aside every weight and sin and allow the Holy Spirit to perform a transformation in us.

God knew that there were things about Jacob that needed to change because he had great plans for him. On his way back home after leaving Laban, he had to face Esau, who he had cheated out of the birthright. Jacob was afraid, because he did not know what to expect from Esau, so he prepared for the worse and prayed to God. Jacob changed during that prayer and God changed his name from Jacob to Israel and he walked with a limp from that time forward. When God works in our lives and the Holy Spirit changes us, everybody will know it.

We can be encouraged in God or discouraged in doubt. If we want God to move for us, we must draw closer to God, trust in Him and obey Him.

God bless all of you,

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