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Women who "W.I.N." Walking in Newness of Life!

Scripture: Romans 6:1-4; Colossians 2:10-12

Before you obeyed Acts 2:38 you were keenly susceptible to sin. **Sin held you in its grip.** Now it has no more control over you than temptation has over a corpse. If you choose to yield to temptation, you are rejecting the freedom from sin that Christ gained for you by His death. God's grace is a further motivation for us to resist sin. **It was God's grace that enabled Jesus to endure mocking, beating, and crucifixion at the hands of those who He had come to save.** Knowing this grace, we cannot continue to practice sin (Rom. 6:1-2). We cannot take for granted God's forgiveness by committing further offenses. You are no longer the helpless victim of your sin. **The victory has already been won.** You need only to apply His victory to each area of your life. **If there is a sinful habit, an ungodly attitude, or an unrighteous relationship that you need to put to death, claim the victory of Christ's resurrection today.**

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead escorts us into a brand new life. We rise to walk in the newness of life. We have passed from death unto life. Our purpose in life takes on a different meaning and we begin to live a Christ-centered life after receiving the Spirit. Instead of life revolving around our desires of the flesh, the world, or the devil, we seek to do the will of God. **Serving Him becomes our goal.** When we know Jesus Christ, we **don't** need to seek God by means of other religions, cults, or unbiblical philosophies as the Colossians were doing. Christ alone holds the answers to the true meaning of life, because Christ is life. He is the unique source of knowledge and power for the Christians life. No Christian needs anything in addition to what He has provided to be saved. We are complete in Him.

Colossians 3:1-4 says, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

We are in a continuing education program (Colossians 3:10). The more we know of Christ and His work, the more we are being changed to be like Him. **Because this process is lifelong, we must never cease learning and obeying.** There is no justification for drifting along, but there is an incentive to find the rich treasure of growing in Him. It takes practice, review, patience, and concentration to keep in line with His will. Moreover, 2 Peter 1:5-10 tells us what to do to continue to walk in the newness of life. Although we have a new nature, we don't automatically have all good thoughts and attitudes when we become new people in Christ (Ephesians 4:22-24). **But if we keep listening to the Word of God and reading, and studying, our minds and hearts will be changing all the time.**

Psalm 1:2 says, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." When you know God's Word in your mind but not in your heart, it means that you have learned the principles and concepts and doctrines of God, but you have not come to know Jesus personally. **You cannot have Scripture fill your heart and continue to sin against God.** When God's truth is allowed to touch the deepest corner of your soul, the Holy Ghost will transform you into the image of Jesus Christ. **Don't just read your Bible; meditate on God's Word and ask Him to change your heart.**

As you look over the last year, do you see a process of change for the better in your thoughts, attitudes, and actions? Although change may be slow, it comes about if you trust God to change you. People of God the only way you can walk in the newness of life is by the Holy Ghost. When we walk in the newness of life by the Holy Ghost, peace replaces the turmoil and unrest we formerly knew. Hope blossoms in the heart where hopelessness had once reigned. Rejoicing replaces gloom and guilt. Even in life's trials there is tranquility for the people of God. By the empowering Spirit of Christ, we are able to endure hardships for the glory of God. **Christ gives us the power through the Holy Ghost to live for Him now, and He gives us hope for the future—He will return.**

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