

~Other Speakers S-Z: Victory Over Sin:

Romans 12:2a "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

To live as an effective Christian you must know who you are in Christ. Understanding your identity in Christ is absolutely essential to your success at living the victorious Christian life. The best way to renew your mind and experience transformation is by knowing, thinking and speaking who you are in Him. You are not who you were. You have received God's gift of righteousness and the abundance of the grace of God. Old things - the things of the flesh - have passed away, and Christ, Himself, is actually living inside you now. It is important that you grasp who you are in Christ and become secure in your new identity in Him. Your truest nature is made new and is of God. God took out the stony heart and gave you a heart of flesh upon which He has written His Laws.

Ezek. 11:19 "And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:"

Ezek. 36:26 "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

You NOW have a new nature in Him. You are NOW a new creation!! It is good for the heart to be established by grace. God in His grace has made you a New Creation. He says that the old things have passed away and that all things have become new. And all things in this New Creation are of God. You are reconciled to Him and you have been given a ministry of reconciliation.

2 Cor. 5:17-20 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Remember the proverb, "As a man thinks in his heart so is he." Our perception of who we are effects everything. Most of us do not live up to our calling in Christ. We live below our privilege. We claim few of his promises. We fail to live up to the significance that God has given our lives. You will always act in accordance with how you perceive yourself. If you believe that you are an alcoholic, then you will act like one. If you believe that you are a child of God who is dearly loved by Him, dead to sin, freed from it and alive to God, you can learn to act in a way that is consistent with who you are in Christ. Once you learn who you really are in Christ, you will no longer engage in self-destructive, addictive behavior as a life style.

Many believers are not fully established in their identity as sons and daughters of God. The memories of their unredeemed past casts a shadow over their new life in Christ and makes them doubt their standing before God. It is of the utmost importance that you find a place of rest in your new status in Christ.

It's not how you behave, but what you believe that sets you free. First of all you need to believe that Christ has done everything necessary to set you free. "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Gal. 5:1). You do not need to do more or try harder but to believe that what God says is true, and that He has done everything necessary for you to be free and live fulfilled and joyful lives.

God has already given us the promised land, but that it is up to us to possess it. What does this mean? First of all, the promised land represents all the blessings that we have in Christ. These blessings include not only eternal life after we die, but they also include health, prosperity, and peace of mind while we are here on earth. Yet, many Christians are not experiencing these blessings here on earth. Why not? The reason is that they are not "possessing" them. In other words, they are not using their authority over Satan to keep him from robbing the blessings. Instead, because of lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6), many Christians are allowing Satan to walk all over them and to steal God's blessings from them.

Just as the Israelites had to fight the heathen tribes in order to possess the Promised Land, so do we have to fight the forces of hell to possess our inheritance in Christ. Matthew 11:12 makes this clear: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."

Are you taking by force what rightfully belongs to you in Christ? Are you resisting the enemy's attacks on you by speaking the Word of God against him? If you're wondering why you feel defeated, perhaps it's because you've allowed Satan to use you as his doormat. It's time for you to rise up to your full stature in Him. It's time to take your rightful position and to drive out the enemy. It's time to realize who you are in Christ and to act on it.

You actually are a New Creation in Christ. In the deepest part of your being your Father has done a miraculous creative work. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Your human spirit, the deepest part of your being, has been recreated by God. You really are the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus. You are destined to walk in works that He planned beforehand. When you became a Christian you were re-created out of Righteousness and Holiness of the Truth.

It is His desire that you know the joy of a conscience free from guilt and condemnation. The blood is to cleanse your conscience from dead works - whether sinful or religious - that you might serve the Living God in Reality. The real difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant is that the Old could never remove the consciousness of sin. In the New Covenant there is a sacrifice provided that removes every stain and sense of sin and allows us to boldly come to the throne of grace to receive mercy for our shortcomings and grace to make every necessary change. The Father has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Men and women who learn to walk in the freedom that the blood of Jesus provides, become world-changers. They move into their place in the Covenant and shake the nations with their prayer lives. They walk in a bold humility and love that draws others to the Father and the Son. They reveal the goodness of God that leads many to repentance. They are vessels of mercy that have discovered that they were prepared beforehand for glory. These saints have begun to take hold of the glory of God and reveal it in the earth.

You are born of God. Your earthly birth and the remnants of its effects on your life are fading into the past. The bright Light of the Realities of the New Creation and your Father's love and care for you are growing brighter and brighter until the full dawning of His Glory. His grace is sufficient and His power is brought to its fullness in your humanity. Fear not, it is your Father's good pleasure to release the authority of His Kingdom through you.

Jesus arose victorious over Death, Hell and the Grave. His victory is our victory. Now it's time to enforce his defeat as the sons and daughters of God. Take the Blood, the Name of Jesus and the Word and demonstrate the Reality of His Resurrection.

God's purpose in the New Creation was that you might enter in to a wonderful life of fellowship with Him. He desired to bring you into a Covenant of Love. As you learn to walk in this New Life, He also wanted you to reveal Him to a lost and dying world. When you don't live the Life that God intended you live before the world, they do not know who God really is.

A recent survey revealed that many today have a positive response to the person of Jesus Christ. When the same people were asked how they felt about Christians, the response was mostly negative. Apparently, many Christians are not showing Jesus to the world.

For who you are in the inner man to be revealed in our lives requires the renewing of your mind. Our Father revealed His Love not by sending a message, but by sending a Son to die for you. Jesus forgave His enemies from the Cross and settled the question of what kind of Love God has.

If you just love your friends and family, Jesus said you have nothing different than unbelievers. The Reality of the New Creation is shown by demonstrating that you are a partaker of the same nature as was revealed in Jesus. If you don't demonstrate this kind of Love, you have hidden the Light of the New Creation under a bushel and no one can see it.

If you can walk through the world and not be moved by the sin and suffering around you, you should examine your life and ask yourself, "If I am a New Creation, how can I not want to compel the lost to come to Christ?" "If I am a New Creation, how can I live a compromised life that does not look much different the those around me that do not know the Savior?" "If I am a New Creation, where is the Love that even loves its enemies and blesses those who curse it?"

You are a New Creation! His Life and Righteousness are in you. An unrenewed carnal mind can praise God for making it a New Creation and live a totally selfish life. The world deserves to see what Christ died and rose again to show them: A People who walk and live as real New Creation men and women.

God considers your flesh as crucified already. To Him it is an accomplished fact. Whatever may be your personal experience God declares that "those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh." In order to experience and enjoy this death you must not give too much attention to discovering how or to noticing your own experience. You should instead believe God's Word. "God says my flesh has been crucified so I believe it is crucified. I acknowledge that what God says is true." By responding in this fashion you shall soon encounter the reality of it. If you look at God's fact first then your experience will follow. Let God's Word tell you, who you are and what you have. Do not pay any attention to anything else that appears to tell you something different. God's Word is true and not a lie.

The first step towards deliverance is to treat the flesh according to God's viewpoint. And what is that? It is not in trying to crucify the flesh but in acknowledging that it has been already crucified, not in walking according to your sight but according to your faith in the Word of God. If you are well established on this point of acknowledging the flesh as already crucified, then you shall be able to proceed in dealing with the flesh experimentally. If you waver over this fact, the possibility of your definitely possessing it will escape you. In order to experience co-crucifixion you first must set aside your current situation and simply trust the Word of God.

Romans 6:11-14 "You must continually consider, think and act like you are completely dead, so far as sin is concerned, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin rule your physical body so that you obey their desires. Do not surrender any part of yourself to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourself to God, as one who has been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to Him to be used for righteous purposes. For sin will not have dominion or control over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

Heb. 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession (confession) of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"

Philemon 1:6 "That the communication of your faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

If you want your faith to become effective you must see who you are in Christ. You must see what you have in Him. You must see what He is within you. You must see what He has within you. You must acknowledge (recognize, admit, confess, speak out, and agree with) these facts. You must visualize and see your self as God's sees you. You must speak these facts out even when you do not have the manifestation of these truths yet. You must believe by faith that you have these truths working in your life BEFORE you see the actual results. If you do not believe FIRST, then you will never see the actual results. You must, by faith, believe these facts and then ACT on your belief. Your faith MUST have corresponding action. Do not be deceived, without corresponding action you have NO FAITH!!

These are things to say about yourself.

A part from Jesus Christ, I can do nothing; but in Jesus Christ I can do all things, so I can bring glory to Him. Therefore, I see myself as He sees me according to His living Word, for my life is hid with Christ in God. I will train myself to say the same things as God says in His Word, for how can two walk together except they be agreed?

I can totally trust Him. His Word will always be the final authority in my life. I base my entire life upon Him and His living Word. Because I meditate upon His Word day and night and carefully do all that is written in it, my way will be prosperous.

I am not just an ordinary person; I'm a child of the living God. I'm not just a person; I'm an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ. I'm not just an old sinner; I'm a new creation in Jesus my Lord. I'm part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; I'm one of God's people. I'm not under the guilt of condemnation. I refuse discouragement for it is not of God. God is the God of all encouragement. There is therefore no condemnation for me because I am in Christ Jesus. Satan is a liar. I will not listen to his accusations. I will gird up the loins of my mind. I am cleansed in Christ's blood. No weapon formed against me shall prosper and I shall confute every tongue that rises against me in judgment. My mind is being renewed by the word of God. I will pull down strongholds and cast down imaginations. I will bring every thought captive to the will of Christ.

I am accepted by God. If God is for me, who can be against me? Greater is He that is within me than he that is in

the world. Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ. As the Father loves Jesus, so does Jesus love me. I have the righteousness of God through Christ. I am not a slave of sin, I'm a slave of God and a slave of righteousness. I will continue in His word. I know the truth and the truth has set me free. I am free indeed because Jesus has set me free. "He who is born of God is kept by Him and the evil one does not touch him." I have been delivered out of the kingdom of darkness. I'm now part of the kingdom of God and don't have to serve sin anymore. Sin has no dominion over me.

I will not believe the enemy's lies. He will not intimidate me. He is a liar and the father of lies. Satan is defeated. For this purpose the Son of God came into the world to destroy the works of the devil. No longer will he oppress me. "Surely oppression makes a wise man mad." I will get mad at the devil. He is defeated by the blood of the lamb and the word of my testimony. I will submit to God. I will resist the devil and he will flee. No temptation will overcome me which is not common to man. God is faithful. He will not let me be tempted beyond my strength, but with the temptation will also provide me with a way of escape, that I may be able to endure.

I will stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made me free. "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." "The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death." Christ always causes me to triumph. I'll reign as a king in life through Christ Jesus. I am strong and the Word of God abides in me and I have overcome the evil one. I am more than a conqueror through Christ who loves me. I am an overcomer. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Thanks be to God who gives me the victory through Christ Jesus my Lord!

I will be a success to the glory of God. All His blessings shall come upon me and overtake me because I obey the voice of the Lord, my God. Of this I am confident: Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. I will not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Look at who God says you are:

I am God's Child. 1 John 1:12

I am Christ's friend. John 15:15-

I am Justified. Romans 5:1

I am united with the Lord. 1 Corinthians 6:17

I am bought with a price. 1 Corinthians 6:20

I am a member of Christ's body. 1 Corinthians 12:27

I am a Saint. Ephesians 1:1

I am adopted as God's child. Ephesians 1:5

I have direct access to God. Ephesians 2:18

I am redeemed and forgiven. Colossians 1:14

I am complete in Jesus Christ. Colossians 2:10

I am free from condemnation. Romans 8:1

I am assured that all things work together for good. Romans 8:28

I am free from charges. Romans 8:31

I can not be separated from the love of God. Romans 8:35

I am established, anointed, and sealed by God. 2 Corinthians 1:21

I can be confident in God's work in me. Phillippians 1:6

I am a citizen of Heaven. Phillippians 3:20

I am hidden with God in Christ. Colossians 3:3

I do not have the spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

I find grace and mercy in times of need. Hebrews 4:16

I am born of God and the evil one can not touch me. 1 John 5:18

I am the salt and light of the Earth. Matthew 5:13

I am the branch of the true vine. John 15:1, 5

I am chosen to bear fruit. John 15:16

I have power and I am a personal witnesses of Jesus Christ. Acts 1:8

I am God's temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16

I am a minister of the reconciliation for God. 2 Corinthians 5:16

I am God's co-worker. 2 Corinthians 6:1

I am seated with Christ in heavenly places. Ephesians 2:6

I am God's workmanship. Ephesians 2:10

I may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:12

I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13).

I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14).

I am a child of God (John 1:12).

I am part of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15:1,5).
 I am truly dead to sin, and alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord. (Rom 6:11)
 Sin will not have dominion over me: for I am not under the law, but under grace (Rom 6:14)
 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (Rom 8:2)
 I have been made free from sin, and I am now a servant of righteousness.(Rom 6:18)
 I have been made free from sin, and am now a servant of God (Rom 6:22)
 I am Christ's friend (John 15:15).
 I am chosen and appointed by Christ to bear His fruit (John 15:16).
 I am a son of God; God is spiritually my Father (Rom. 8:14,15; Gal.. 3:26; 4:6).
 I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing His inheritance with Him (Rom. 8:17).
 I am a temple, a dwelling place, of God. His Spirit and His life dwells in me (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19)
 I am united to the Lord and am one spirit with Him 1 Cor. 6:17).
 I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Cor. 12:1. Eph. 5:30).
 I am a new Creation (2 Cor. 5:17).
 I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18,19).
 I am a son of God and one in Christ (Gal. 3:26,28).
 I am an heir of God since I am a son of God(Gal. 4:6,7).
 I am a saint (Eph. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2).
 I am God's workmanship, His handiwork born anew in Christ to do His work (Eph. 2:10).
 I am a fellow citizen with the rest of God's family (Eph. 2:19).
 I am a prisoner of Christ (Eph. 3:1; 4:1).
 I am righteous and holy (Eph. 4:24).
 I am a citizen of heaven, seated in heaven right now (Phil. 3:20; Eph. 2:6).
 I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).
 I am an expression of the life of Christ because He is my life (Col. 3:4).
 I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved (3:12; 1 Thess. 1:4).
 I am a son of light and not of darkness (1 Thess. 5:5).
 I am a holy partaker of a heavenly calling (Heb. 3:1).
 I am a partaker of Christ; I share in His life (Heb. 3:14).
 I am one of God's living stones, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5).
 I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1 Pet. 2:9,10).
 I am an alien and stranger to this world in which I temporarily live (1 Pet. 2:11).
 I am a child of God and I will resemble Christ when He returns (1 John 3:1,2)
 I am born of God, and the evil one, the devil, cannot touch me (1 John 5:18).
 Since I am in Christ, by the grace of God, I have been justified completely forgiven and made righteous (Rom. 5:1).
 I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Rom. 6:1- 6).
 I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
 I have been placed into Christ by God's doing (I Cor. 1:30).
 I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God (I Cor. 2:12).
 I have been given the mind of Christ (I Cor. 2:16).
 I have bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19,20).
 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ. (2 Cor. 1:21;)
 I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing my inheritance to come. (Eph. 1:13,14).
 Since I have died. I no longer live for myself, but for Christ (2 Cor. 5:14,15).
 I have been made righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).
 I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living is Christ's life (Gal. 2:20).
 I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3).
 I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him (Eph 1:4).

 I was predestined, determined by God, to be adopted as God's son (Eph. 1:5).
 I have been redeemed and forgiven, and I am recipient of His lavish grace.
 I have been made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5).
 I have been raised up and seated with Christ heaven (Eph. 2:6).
 I have direct access to God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:18).
 I may approach God with boldness, freedom a confidence (Eph. 3: 12).
 I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13).
 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins, The debt against me has been canceled (Col. 1:14).
 Christ Himself is in me (Col. 1:27).

Renewing the mind - who am I?

I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him (Col. 2:7).

I have been spiritually circumcised. My old unregenerate nature has been removed (Col. 2:11).

I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).

I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ (Col. 2:12,13).

I died with Christ and I have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life (Col. 3:1- 4).

I have been given a spirit of power, love and sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7).

I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing (2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5).

Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier, He is not ashamed to call me brother (Heb. 2:11).

I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in time of need (Heb. 4:16).

I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which I am a partaker of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).