

The Kingdom Transfer

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Preface

Dear Reader;

The concept of “The Kingdom Transfer” is a simple idea that hopes to restore to the “professing” Christian church what it means to have the life of Christ indwelling the human soul. We must rediscover the requirements that a person must meet before Christ is able to take His rightful place in the throne room of their heart.

The phrase “Kingdom Transfer” is synonymous with being “born again.” In modern Christianity the words “born again” have lost their meaning and it has been replaced with a faulty facsimile that has destroyed the foundation of true Christianity. The American Christian church has a religion in word only and one that is built upon a pretend faith, mere profession of words, and half truths.

In restoring the church back to understand what it truly means to be born again, we must first ask ourselves some very basic questions; Why did Jesus come? Was it merely to save us from Hell? Or was it to save us from sin by His indwelling life? These few chapters attempt to answer these questions by looking at the scriptures-at what Jesus, Paul, Peter, John and all the apostles said. It is not an attempt to debunk long standing theological doctrines that leave “Christians” bound in their sin. It is an attempt to use everyday language to expose the simple yet profound truth about Salvation and what the true litmus test is regarding it.

It is critical that all who read this book believe that the bible is the word of God and it is infallible and not just inspired. Many in the church believe the Bible to be only inspired and not infallible which enables them to ignore the parts they don't like or understand in relation to how they live. If you believe only portions of the Bible and only apply the verses to your life that you want to then the bible is of no use to you; and so too then this booklet will be of little use to you either. Nor will it do you any good if you don't apply the truth of scriptures to your own life.

I implore you to understand that the Christ who I speak about is the most kind and loving ruler in the entire Universe. He lovingly waits outside of a human heart to gain access to that life. He will not force Himself upon a soul, but waits patiently to enter. As an intelligent and merciful Ruler, He has clearly laid out in His word (bible) what is required of man in order for Him to inhabit a life. He has not changed His entrance exam nor will He. Man and the church may change what they think God requires, but the truth is that God has not changed any conditions.

God's simple requirements can be related to in this proposal;

Suppose a human King from a foreign country were scheduled to come and stay at your house for a few days. Imagine all the cleaning that would take place. How would you prepare for his visit? Would you vacuum, dust, take out the trash, sweep, scrub the floors, disinfect the bathroom, and wash the sheets? Even paint the walls, buy new bedding or furniture etc?

Now suppose the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords desired to come and indwell the temple of your heart forever! How would you clean your “heart” (home) of all its dirt and sin? How would you prepare for the entrance of the Holy Righteous Living Christ to take up residency in your life? How do you transfer your kingdom to His Kingdom?

This book will answer these questions and more...

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CHAPTER 1

Evidence of a Kingdom Transferred

**They will be separated from their sin
Gods plan; to indwell mans inward kingdom
Luke 17:21 ...Behold the kingdom of God is within you.**

Christianity is the only religion in the world that promises for a living God to indwell man. The other world religions merely state that if you keep a gods commandments things will go well with you in this life and in the next life. The New Testament clearly sets forth that Christ will come and indwell a human life if that human meets His conditions for entrance. This is a very powerful promise that is the essence of Gods New Covenant with man. Under the Old Covenant, described in the Old Testament, God promised to dwell among man or with man if they obeyed His commandments.

The New Testament states that the evidence or litmus test for someone who actually has the Spirit of Christ indwelling them is they will not continue in sin. The

dominion of sin will not hold them captive anymore. They will be set free from its power and dominion by the very life of Christ indwelling them. A human life, heart or body would be the temple of the living God. If Christ is IN a man he will be separated from his sin, and if Christ is NOT IN the man he will continue in his sin. The scripture also warns of the dire consequences of not having Christ within ones heart-or remaining self ruled. He is either in you or He is not!

FIRST: Let's establish through scripture that it is Christ's purpose to indwell a human life, thereby being in deep personal fellowship with that human.

Jn 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Jn 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

2Co 6:16 ...God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1Jn 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts...

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...

Jesus Christ is a living being and desires to gain entrance to your heart. This was Gods main purpose in sending His Son to earth. Most people think that Gods main purpose was to save them from Hell, but actually being saved from Hell is one of the by-products of His indwelling presence

and continued fellowship. True salvation is SOMEONE and it is the living Christ coming to your heart to lovingly rule and reign from within.

To prepare man for His indwelling, sin had to be dealt with because God is holy and He will not come and sit upon a garbage heap of sin. Mans temple first must be cleansed from all past sins and then it must be kept that way. He cleans us by forgiving all our confessed sins and self-rule and He keeps us clean by His indwelling presence. His life, death, and resurrection are all integral to this process.

SECOND: He is everywhere represented in the New Testament as a Deliverer and Savior from sin and not merely from hell. The following scriptures set forth this wonderful purpose:

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

Act 3:26 ...God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission (freedom, liberty) of sins.

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem (free) us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

From these above scriptures Christ says He will save, turn,

deliver, liberate, and free us from all our sins and iniquities. This freedom from our sins starts here on earth and continues on into heaven.

NOTE: When the scriptures talk about sin and iniquities it either refers to **branch “sins”** -lying, stealing, lusting, adultery etc... or the **root “sin”** which is a self-ruled heart, or a self-ruled kingdom, this being the ultimate sin because it has locked Christ out of what is rightfully to be His kingdom (more on this in chapter 2). When reading different verses it is important to discern which type of sin it is referring to, whether branch sins or the root sin- to understand its correct meaning. Sometimes verses refer to one of them and sometimes to both of them.

SCRIPTURAL PROOF

The main evidence or litmus test for someone who actually has the Spirit of Christ indwelling them is they will not continue in sin. Freedom from sin is a natural by-product of His abiding life in a soul. This is a **foundational truth** that is repeatedly proven in scripture.

1. Let's start with the below scripture:

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead

because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Verse 8 declares “they that are in the **flesh** cannot please God” - here “flesh” denotes worldly, sinful, lustful, and devilish which are all opposites of the Spirit of God who is holy, pure, righteous, and not of this world. Many think “flesh” here means the physical body of man - the muscles, bones and skin - and sometimes the scripture uses the word flesh to mean mans physical body. But in this instance it is referring to the “spirit” of man before conversion that is still self-ruled and therefore sinful, lustful, and worldly. We know this to be true because in verse 9 it says “but you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit” inferring that a true change had happened in those people; they had experienced the transforming life of Christ in them while they were alive on earth and not that they had to physically die to be free from sin. In verse 10, Paul states that “**IF** Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin” again not talking about being physically dead to be free from sin, but you’re dead to sin (self-rule) by the life of Christ in you. This means, if Christ is residing in a human life they would be “dead” or deceased and separated from a life of continued sin. The use of the word “if” is the controlling idea here “if Christ be in you” so therefore the opposite would be true “if” Christ is not in you one would continue in their sin and self-rule and no freedom would occur. This verse goes on to equate the indwelling Spirit of God with life and righteousness-“the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

2. Paul continues to develop this truth of being free from sin:

Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

In verse 18, Paul plainly states that a Christian state of “being” is to be free from sin and servants of righteousness. When Christ actually indwells you, this is the state that you’ll be in, free from sin and your own self-ruling. In verse 17, Paul is emphatic to use “were” - “you were the servants of sin” supporting the idea that they “were” the servants of sin before Christ was birthed into their hearts, or born again. As a result of being born from above they were free from sin. We must understand that freedom from sin is lived out in our lives in a practical manner and is not some “fantastical theory.”

In verse 15 Paul asks a question, “Shall we sin?” and answers it with “God forbid” meaning no; as Christians we shouldn’t sin, it is forbidden of God. Then, in verse 16, he explains that “to whom you yield yourself to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey.” “Whom” is a personal

pronoun indicating a person-you yield and obey a person; either you yield to your own self and obey your own rule or you yield yourself to Christ and obey His rule. The full idea here is a one time-forever- change of ones interior kingdom from yours to His. It's a deep, cathartic uprooting of your self rule completely to a Christ ruled kingdom-the biggest supreme decision of your life which is not to be entered into lightly (more on this in chapter 3). This is the ultimate "sin" a self-ruled kingdom - completely apart from Him and it will end in death as this verse says. The yielding and obeying described in this verse should **not** be understood to mean 'decisions' on subordinate or secondary "sins"(branch sins) such as lying or telling the truth in any given situation-one day you lie and the next day you tell the truth; thus the one day you yielded to sin and the next day you yielded to righteousness. This verse is talking about the root sin. The verse then gives the end result of whom you obey -if you continue on ruling yourself the end result will be "death" whereas if you abdicate your throne (self rule) to Christ's rule the result will be righteousness.

Verses 17& 18 makes it clear that they had been converted from their self rule unto Christ's rule -"God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin" - notice they "were the servants of sin" indicating sin was part of their past life not their present life but a change had happened in them and they were "then made free from sin" verse 18. Paul plainly states that a Christian state of "being" is to be free from sin and servants of righteousness. How they received this change was to "obey from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." The doctrine that they obeyed was the instruction of how to have Christ enter their lives (these will be explained in chapter 3).

3. The scripture continues to explain that the verifiable evidence of Christ's reign in your heart is that of being separated from your sins and self rule (root sin being the ultimate sin)

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, (of self rule) but under grace (Christ within you).

Verse 11 declares to “reckon yourselves to be dead to sin.” This word “reckon” means a completed ‘journal accounting’, as a transaction that has already transpired, as in “you are dead to sin” by the life of Christ within you and “alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord”. The word “reckon” does not mean to ‘imagine’ or pretend, as in imagine or pretend you are free from sin when in actuality you are living in it. It is not trying to be dead to sin through effort and discipline, but a state or disposition you find in yourself; that state being Christ in you. Again “alive unto

God” means you have been separated from sin through the life of Christ who actually resides in you.

Verse 12 has a directive “let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body,” indicating the ‘reign’ of self (root sin) should be terminated. Then you would not be bound to obey self which give birth to lusts (branch sins) – “that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”

Verses 13 directs us again, to surrender completely to Christ’s interior reign with “yield yourself unto God” and describes this change of ruler ship as being alive from the dead- “as those that are alive from the dead.”

Verse 14 concludes the result of having the living Christ residing in you is that “sin shall not have dominion over you” because you are now under the dominion of a gracious God who loves you and sent His Son unto you.

4. As the apostle Paul continues the corroboration of this foundational truth increases:

Rom 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Rom 6:20 For when ye were **the servants of sin**, ye were **free from righteousness.**

Rom 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

(Rom 6:21 What did you gain from doing the things that

you are now ashamed of ? The result of those things is death! (Amp. version of bible)

Rom 6:22 But now being **made free from sin**, and become servants to God, ye have **your fruit unto holiness**, and the end everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul in verse 19 again relates this kingdom change as “you have yielded your members” or you have yielded your rulership either to “uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity” or “to be servants of righteousness (Christ) unto holiness.” To “yield” indicates you make a choice -a willing laying down of ones heart to Christ or a choice to retain your own rule. He makes a startling conclusion in verse 20 “when ye were servants of sin (self rule), ye were free from righteousness (Christ’s rule)”. Relating the truth that you can’t possess both at the same time or, more clearly, be possessed by them both at the same time. If your inside kingdom is possessed by one or the other, it is by nature devoid of the other. Just as in the scientific world two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time, so too is it in the spiritual world, two kingdoms cannot occupy the same heart at the same time. Again, in verse 22, the state of being made free from sin is described as NOW, indicated by the words “now being” and “ye have” as present tenses – “now being made free from sin” and “ye have your fruits unto holiness.” Freedom from sin and holiness are to be experienced here on earth as well as in heaven. Verse 23 says “the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” expresses that Gods gift to us was to have His very Son indwelling us and when this occurs we have eternal life starting now on earth, for true “life” is in the Son. Paul warns us, if we continue on in our

sins and self-rule, death will be our reward, indicating pain and suffering on earth continuing on into hell - separation from Christ forever.

5. The scripture says we are to be the temple of God continuing this idea:

1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1Co 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

In verse 16, Paul is asking this question “What? Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?” indicating that the individuals were forgetting this central truth and/or that some of their behavior was causing Paul to question if Christ was actually in that individual. Paul warns us in verse 17 that if you “defile the temple of God” God will destroy that temple, meaning eternal Hell is promised you. To defile the temple always relates to sin, committing root and branch sins. Some say that to defile the temple relates to not taking care of the physical body. So therefore we must keep the physical body in shape by eating the right foods, taking vitamins, getting exercise, getting enough sleep etc. They believe this is how we keep the temple pure or undefiled. These may be all good things to do to stay healthy, but this is not all what this passage is talking about.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

God's main objective here is to emphasize that the interior heart or spirit of man is to be the temple of God, which incidentally is housed in the physical body. It is the interior spiritual kingdom that God desires to indwell. This temple must be free from sin and holy- verse 20 "glorify God in your body, and your spirit." God also says here that your body is to be His - it is His rightful place to inhabit verse 19 "ye are not your own" and verse 20 "which are God's."

6. The New Testament proceeds to develop this truth that if Christ is residing within a soul, they will not sin:

1Co 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.

Paul says that some among them were not born again and he discerned this because they were in sin. He called for them to AWAKE to the truth of being righteous and stop sinning. Paul clearly understood that if a person was in sin they didn't have the life of Christ indwelling. He instructed them to wake up and preach true righteousness. He said they should be ashamed for avoiding this crucial instruction. The word "knowledge" as in "some have not the knowledge of God" literally means to 'hold' or 'have possession of.' This indicates that God had not yet taken possession of some of them, for they had not met His conditions for entrance. Some had not experienced the life

of Christ within them, no conversion had taken place, they were not new creatures, or born from above, no kingdom change had happened. Paul expresses this condition as shameful for the church as a whole and for the individual. Shameful and distressing because if this inward kingdom change had not happened in some of these people, God still counted them with the unrighteous therefore they were still on their way to destruction. Paul cries for them to “AWAKE” from this critical error.

7. Paul continues to convey this core truth, when Christ takes possession of a soul that life will be delivered from sin by virtue of the life of Christ in that soul:

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not **after** the flesh, but **after** the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 For they that are **after** the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are **after** the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be

spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Here Paul compares a life lived in the “flesh” and “carnally”, or in sins and self-rule, and contrasts it with a life that is lived in the “Spirit” or a life that has Christ indwelling it. Romans 8: 1 expresses a freedom to all those who are “in” Christ or who are born “after” the Spirit of God and continues this theme of being born “after” the Spirit throughout these verses. The word “after” has the meaning of ‘with which it is joined’ denoting one who is “after the flesh” is joined with the flesh and that which is “after the Spirit” is joined to the Spirit. Joined denotes a union or a oneness with another. Either one is “joined” to themselves and self-rule (flesh or carnality) or one is “joined” with Christ’s Spirit and his ruler ship from within. Paul warns in verse 6 & 7 that to remain “unchanged” from above or to remain “carnal” or ‘fleshy’ you remain an enemy of God by virtue of not being “subject” to the indwelling Christ. The concept of these verses is that these two kingdoms, the flesh and the Spirit, are direct opposites of each other. You cannot have both kingdoms within you at the same time; it is an impossibility. You either have one or the other, but not both. They don’t mix, they are like oil and water or two magnets that resist each other, and they are polar opposites. They are enemies of each other. You either have Him reigning in you or you remain ruling yourself.

8. Now the Apostle Peter also understood a true Christian would

be dead to their sins:

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Again the phrase “being dead to sins” indicates that this had already taken place in their lives. It was not something they were striving for or trying to accomplish further down the road in their Christian life, but it was the very essence of their Christian life. It was the life of Christ residing, inhabiting, and indwelling them that delivered them from their sins and self-rule, and restored and healed their lives.

9. Peter continues that a Christian would be a partaker of the divine nature:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Peter uses words such as “be partakers” and “having escaped” to indicate something has already transpired in the true believer. They have already escaped from the lust and corruptions of their lives and have already become partakers of the “divine nature” by the life of the Son of God residing within them. A definite transaction has occurred within their hearts and minds. “The exceeding great and precious promises” are all the repeated declarations of Christ’s willingness to come unto you and make His abode with you, or be one with Him and the

Father. Christ Himself indwelling the human heart is the great promise of God the Father to mankind. He will give His very Son unto us if we will meet His conditions for entrance (more on this in chapter 3).

10. The Apostle John also substantiates this indispensable truth:

1Jn 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

1Jn 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

John concisely reveals in verse 5 that Christ was manifested or revealed to “**take away our sins**”. This indicates there was more to Christ’s coming than just forgiveness of our sin - which is a wonderful thing in and of itself - but He came to take away our sin and deliver us from them completely. Verse 6 says that anyone who still sins has not seen Him or known Him and whoever “abides” in Him will not sin. This is very declarative language and it is used to make a strong decisive point that would leave no room for misunderstanding. This “knowing” of Christ was not a mere intellectual understanding but a very personal and intimate experience with Him that produced this result - no sinning. This was not stated as a “goal” to

try and achieve, but as a resulting fact. He warns us in verse 7 not to be deceived concerning this clear and simple truth; those who have the Righteous One in them will do righteousness. In verse 8 he reinforces the foundational purpose that Christ's coming was to "destroy the works of the devil", which is sin. As stated previously, we must understand that Christ came not to just forgive our sins and send us on our way to sin over and over again, but that he came to destroy sin and set us free from its bondages. Then we would live in righteousness and true holiness in supreme loving fellowship with the most kind and loving Being in the Universe.

11. John adds to this central theme:

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Verse 9 twice states those who are 'born of God will not sin'. Now this is very fervent and emphatic language to express the only valid litmus test to being born from above is a separation from sin in practical everyday life. It indicates something new has happened in the soul. It is described as a "seed" giving the idea that it will produce something of like kind. As Christ was free of sin, so too will someone who is born of Him be free from sin. Not by their own effort are they separated from their self rule and sins, but by the gracious gift that was given them, which is Christ Jesus Himself. If these verses mean anything else than this, then the English language is of no profit to us.

12. John continues to verify this prime truth:

1Jn 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

John expresses that “we know” suggesting it was common knowledge among the early church that “whosoever is born of God sinneth not”. It was clear to the early church, in experience and in knowledge, that if someone continued committing sins they were not born of God and God was not in them. It must have been John's own experience or how could he have knowledge and understanding to write about it. Also the term “begotten” is used in the past tense “he that is begotten of God” relating that this transaction had already happened.

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Again, referencing one who sins, in this case the branch sin of hate stemming from the root sin, has **not** “eternal life abiding” in them or has not Christ abiding in them. Christ is always represented as eternal life. Eternal life is not a destination, as in heaven, but the ‘knowing’ of Christ Jesus Himself within ones soul.

The scripture declares this in:

Jn 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and

hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

13. Now we come to words of the Cornerstone figure Jesus Christ Himself. His very words declare that He would personally set a person free from sin:

Jn 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jn 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Jn 8:35 And the servant abideth not in the house forever: *but* the Son abideth ever.

Jn 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Jesus, in verse 36, said He would make one free from sin. We know He was talking about sin because in verse 34 where He said “whosoever commits sin is a servant of sin”. Notice Jesus also said in verse 36 “**IF** the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” This word **IF** is indicating something must happen - the kingdom change must happen and also this verse indicates that it is His life within you that will free you from sin and not just the keeping of Christian rules and laws.

14. Now we have two examples of Jesus commanding people to not sin

anymore:

Jn 5:14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

Jn 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Jesus commanded the man and the woman to “go and sin no more.” If living without sin is impossible then why did Jesus command these two to “sin no more”?

15. Jesus goes on to explain this transformation:

Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born a new, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Lk 17:21 ... behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Jn 3:6 (Jesus said;) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

In these above verses, Jesus said one **MUST** be born again in order to see the kingdom of God or you will remain born of the flesh (root and branch sins). If you'll meet His conditions, He will send His Spirit to you and you'll be Divinely born again. Jesus is defining these two kingdoms -flesh and Spirit-never the twain shall meet. You either have one kingdom in you or the other kingdom, but it is impossible to have both at the same time. To reiterate, Christ's kingdom is either in you or it is not; there is no middle ground and no gray area.

16. The New Testament conveys this idea of a kingdom change as a new birth, new man, new creature, or born again

The idea here is something new has transpired in the soul of a man - it is Christ Himself the living God in residence. If a man remains unchanged and still in his sins (branch sins) and self rule (root sin) then this transaction has not transpired yet, nothing has actually happened, no newness of life has been birthed.

Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, **he cannot see the kingdom of God**.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the **new man**, **which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness**.

Col 1:13 **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:

This “newness” is not merely one of language, ideas, or intellectual understanding but is a definite cathartic experience that is dramatic and instant. It is a revelation of Christ Jesus to the soul! When one enters through the strait gate of repentance and forsakes all of ones sin, Christ will come unto that honest exposed soul. The interaction between the two will be intense, powerful, and life

changing. One has just met the King of Kings and Lord of Lords personally, and He is powerful, holy, loving, true, and pure.

17. Actually every book of the New Testament holds this truth as its central issue

Here are some of the additional scriptures from each book that express this wonderful foundational truth; He came to indwell man and when He actually takes residency in the human heart that heart is set free from sin (self-rule) by virtue of Him ruling it.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission (freedom) of sins.

Mar 10:15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Lk 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Jn 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Jn 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

1Co 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid.

2Co 13:5 Put yourselves to the test and judge yourselves, to find out whether you are living in faith. Surely you know that Christ Jesus is in you?---unless you have completely failed.

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Eph 5:25 as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Php 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

2Th 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you,

and keep you from evil.

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Tit 2:14 He gave himself for us, to rescue us from all wickedness and to make us a pure people who belong to him alone and are eager to do good.

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

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Jas 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to keep himself unspotted from the world.

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the

doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

3Jn 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

18. Here are even more scriptures:

Mat 5:8&48	Mat7:16-19	Mat7:22-23	Mat12:33-35
Mar2:21-22	Lk6:43-46	Lk16:13	Rom 1:18
Rom8:5-7	2Cor6:14	Gal5:16-17	Eph 1:3-4
Col 1:13	1Th4:4&7	1Th5:22&23	Tim2:19
Tit 2:12	Heb10:14	Heb10:29-31	Heb 12:14
Heb13:12	1Pet1:15-16	2Pet1:4	2Pet3:14
Jas3:11-12	Jas4:82	1Jn 3:3	1Jn4:17
1Jn5:1	2Jn 2		

The above list is not conclusive of all the scriptures that express this foundational truth. In His word, God uses many different themes to express His desire to indwell the heart of man, yet He cannot and will not indwell a heart that has not turned from all their sin and completely abandoned their right to rule themselves. I urge you to do studies on the following subjects such as: born again, born from above, new life, new creatures, translated from darkness to light, partakers of the divine nature, children of God, marriage relationship to Christ, holiness, righteousness, purity, liberty, no condemnation, freedom

from sin, rest, peace, life and death, deliverance, more than conquerors, freedom etc.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we must recognize that the New Testament is very direct and clear about this subject; He is either in you or He is not. The true test of being “born again” or having the living Christ in you is that you’ll be separated from your sins. All the scriptures presented in this chapter prove that freedom from sin is the only litmus test that can be used to determine the authenticity of a Christian life; this is the foundational truth whereby we must examine ourselves. The sheer number of scriptures pointing to this truth gives it enormous weight that must be acknowledged and submitted to. If only one or two scriptures conveyed this idea then it would be conceivable that some may question its validity or deny its importance. But certainly, by virtue of the large amount of verifying scriptures, we can only conclude it is substantive truth and therefore it demands our full attention, examination, and obedience.

To use any other standard is ill advised, contrary to scripture, and would be building upon a wrong foundation and thereby produce a faulty product. Many in the “modern Christian church” continue to use a faulty test system to determine a Christian life. Their tests mainly include, verbally confessing Christ as their Savior, going to church, paying tithes, reading the bible, praying, going witnessing, being kind and loving to their neighbor, and trying to obey the commands of God. But the reality of this defective test system is that anyone can actually “do” these outward things and still remain wholly unchanged from within.

They may even strongly desire and love the Lord, but if they continue to fail in their struggle and fight against inward and outward sins it is evidence that Christ has not actually taken residence in their life. And in the end all their efforts and duties will tragically fail them.

We can also reason, by this foundational truth, if someone who proclaims to be a “Christian” is involved in lust, pornography, homosexuality(fornication), adultery or any branch sin, they have not been “born from above”, their root sin still remains. If they had the life of Christ in them, they would never do such wicked things because they would have the power of God within them to “be more than conquerors” over their sins. Therefore, we can deduce that their “Christian” religion is a counterfeit or false one. They may have all the right language and words, and believe all the tenants of the Christian faith, and be very kind and caring to others, and love the Lord but in actuality they are only relating to Christ ‘outside’ of themselves. If they were relating to Christ ‘inside’ of them they would have the power to overcome these branch sins because their root sin of self rule had already been abandoned to Christ’s inward rule.

We must understand that this foundational truth applies to all men and women, because God is not a respecter of persons. God will judge a person according to His word not according to their title or who they intend to be someday. No matter what title you have, such as “Christian pastor”, “Christian teacher”, “Christian person” or what you intend to become someday, such as a better Christian, or one with less sin, you will be judged by this crucial truth.

Therefore when we hear of a “Christian” pastor who has

“fallen” in adultery what conclusion must we make? We must conclude and agree with Jesus, Paul, Peter, John and the whole New Testament that this man was never born again, never regenerated, never received the life of the Holy Christ, but had a religion of mere words. It is clear this mans religion of effort and trying to be good failed him. He was NOT born from above. He may have desirously intended not to sin and to follow the teaching of Christ, but in the end he committed egregious wickedness and the reality of his life was exposed. This mans religion is the same as all the other religions of the world that try to keep a gods commands and teachings but without the power to overcome sin. The only difference would be that this man actually came to the correct and only Deliverer, Christ Jesus (not Buda or Mohamed) but he failed to deliver his self-ruled life to Christ, which of course is a devastating tragedy of eternal proportions. If we come to any other conclusion, concerning this pastor who commits adultery, we are in error and greatly deceived about what it means to be a true Christian or to be born again. We must “AWAKE to righteousness!” Again, if you come to any other conclusion, you will find yourself fighting for sin, and defending sin; therefore you are fighting against Christ personally and His redemptive life!

The worst thing one could do is to intellectually acknowledge this foundational truth without surrendering ones heart to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. All must examine their own souls to determine if Christ is in residence. We must all be brutally honest concerning our inward life - sin or no sin? I implore you to begin today!

This brings us to the question: What must I do to have the life of Christ indwell me? How do I have the loving Christ

enter into my heart and life? How can I become His? What must I do to be born again? But before we discuss His conditions for entrance (chapter 3) we must take a look at what sin is (chapter 2).

CHAPTER 2

Sin; the Great Crime in the Kingdom!

What is sin?

The New Testament expresses sin in basically two types; **root sin and branch sins.**

To help us visualize these two categories of sin lets use an analogy that Jesus often used of a fruit tree. A fruit tree has branches that hold the ripe fruit that is seen by all, but this same fruit tree has a root below the ground which is unseen but obviously there. Using this tree analogy, we have branch sins that everyone knows are wrong such as lying, stealing, adultery, murder, rape, etc... and then we have the root of all these branch sins which is a self ruled heart or life. Not until the root of a self ruled life, or a self governed kingdom is totally surrendered and turned over to Christ can He actually indwell a life and lovingly rule it from within. When this kingdom transfer happens all the branch sins, both inward and outward, will cease, as well as the root sin.

NOTE: This chapter contains many verses in which the root sin and the branch sins are expressed in the same verses. In the below section on the **root sin**, I emphasize where the branch sins come from which is the self-ruled heart (root sin). In the section on **branch sins** (on page

42), I emphasize the branch sins, but they are still produced from a self-ruled heart. It is for the sake of clarity only that I have discussed them separately, but in truth they go hand in hand. Once we understand these two types of sin, root sin and branch sins, the whole of scripture opens up to us and it becomes startlingly clear what man must repent of in order to receive Christ into their heart and life (chapter 3).

THE ROOT SIN

Jesus said:

Mar 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

Mar 7:22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Mar 7:23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

The heart is understood to mean the core of a man or the root of a man. The root of a man is either self-ruled or Christ ruled. A self ruled heart is where branch sins come from as stated in verse 21; “evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness”. A heart that has not Christ reigning within it will produce evil things as Jesus states in the verse 23. A person who has a self ruled heart may not commit all these branch sins at once, or even commit most of these in a life time, but the mere fact that they rule their own life is sin in itself. The specific branch sins an individual produce may be different in each person, but the point is that whatever branch sins are produced they all stem from a heart that has **not** the life of Christ in it.

EXAMPLE: A person may be a good and up standing citizen who does not break any civil laws, such as stealing from others, or murdering or raping anyone. They may never lie to or defraud anyone. They may have a reputation in town of being an honorable person and a kind and nice human being. All of these are wonderful attributes, but if the individual remains self-ruled they have committed the root sin.

Jesus repeats this and also applies this standard to religious people:

Mat 15:19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies...

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Mat 23:28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Here, Jesus said it doesn't matter how good you look on the outside because He looks on the inside. A man can be an upstanding citizen, pastor a big church, do many good works and still have a heart that is self-ruled and evil in the sight of God. Jesus said "out of the heart proceed" all the branch sins. The root of all the branch sins is a self ruled heart, or one that is not completely ruled by Christ. If the true kingdom change hasn't happened the heart remains self-ruled and it produces branch sins or gives birth to them.

EXAMPLE: a person may be a great father or mother and be extremely loving to their children. They may win parent of the year honors and volunteer in their child's classroom, but no matter how noble and good these things are (and I wish we had millions of such caring parents in this nation) their root must be submitted completely to Christ in order for Him to reside in them.

Jesus continues to express this theme of trees, roots, and branches to reveal where sin comes from:

Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

In verse 16, Jesus says you know them by their fruit. Then He asks 'can grapevines produce thorns?' or 'can a fig tree produce thistles?' The answers to these questions are so simple that even a child could answer them, a resounding NO. We understand that a fig tree can only produce a fig fruit. It doesn't try to produce a fig, it just does. It would be unnatural for it to produce an orange and if it did it would be a freak of nature and bizarre. So too Jesus is saying in the spiritual world, if one is born of Him or if ones root is grounded in Him, that life will naturally produce righteousness or good fruit and it would be unnatural for that life to produce unrighteous or evil fruit (verse 17).

Jesus again repeats this same truth in verse 18, but in a more black and white way. He says “a good tree **CANNOT** bring forth evil fruit” this is against nature’s principles and it is also against spiritual principles. He goes on to hammer home this truth “**NEITHER** can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.” Jesus is not giving a farm lesson here, but he is conveying the idea that the spiritual world is run the same as the natural world. In the spiritual world if a person does not have the living Christ indwelling them they will produce evil things (from Gods’ point of view), but if the persons kingdom has the living Christ residing within that life it will naturally produce good fruit.

Jesus tells us the final result of living with a corrupt root:

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Jesus is saying that if a persons life is producing bad fruit we must recognize that they have not the life of Christ in them; ie they are not “born again” and therefore not a true Christian “by their fruits you shall know them.” If they wait until the final judgment to understand this they will be “cast into the fire.” This may sound harsh, but because it is the reality of Gods world then it is kindness and love to explain this truth.

Jesus continues to stress this simple spiritual truth. If the root is good the

branches will produce good fruit.

Mat 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit.

He concludes again that “the tree is known by its fruit.” So if it is producing bad fruit you know the root is bad, if it produces good fruit you know the root is good. This is a very simple concept, but one that is ignored or “lost” to modern Christianity. The word “make” means to determine as in – one can determine that if a tree is producing bad fruit then the root is bad and if the tree is producing good fruit one can determine the root is good. This is a foundational understanding that all other truths can be built upon and related to. Jesus is making a very plain statement; either the tree is good and it produces good fruit or the tree is corrupt and it produces corrupt fruit. This means that a man either has Christ’s rule within and his life will then produce fruits of righteousness, or a man is self ruled and his life will produce any manner of branch sins; but you can’t have it both ways. When Jesus repeats a teaching many times we must know that it is of vital importance.

EXAMPLE: When a pastor of an Evangelical or Spirit filled church commits adultery “the church” basically condemns the action, but believes this man had a good root and somehow produced a bad fruit. This is an absolute contradiction to what Jesus just said. The reality is that this Pastor who committed adultery never had a good root; he never had his kingdom transferred to Christ. He was still ruling himself, although under the flag of Christianity, and that is why he sinned. Now this pastor on the outside may be nice, kind, smiling, doing good works for the ministry,

but inside he never had a kingdom change, he remained evil and corrupt in the eyes of God and his fruit proved it. A man who had a kingdom change could hardly be able to think of having an affair let alone have one! You will know them by their fruit even if that fruit takes a long time to be exposed. All along God has seen this mans true heart; his committing inward evil acts in his mind, the lies he told when no one else knew they were lies, his inward doubts and fears that he hid behind a smile etc.

Jesus continues to develop this concept:

Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

A good man has Christ Himself within his heart and Christ is his treasure. That man is then considered good in Gods sight and therefore will bring forth good fruit. If the root is bad or self-ruled, it can only produce evil things from Gods point of view.

NOTE: From mans point of view a self-ruled man may do “good” works, be a good family man and upstanding citizen, but within be self-ruled and therefore rooted and grounded in himself. But remember God looks upon the heart of a man and knows exactly what kingdom is in them. We must look at sin from Gods point of view and not mans point of view. Man may think some sins are awful and others are not so bad, but we must examine ourselves from Gods view point and what He says concerning root and branch sins.

The New Testament goes on to express this concept:

Jas 3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

Jas 3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Jas 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation (life) his works with meekness of wisdom.

Jas 3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

Jas 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

Jas 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

Jas 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James, as Jesus did, uses two natural world illustrations to explain a spiritual world reality. He asks two questions in verse 11 & 12 “can a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? and “can the fig tree bear olive berries? Either a vine, figs?”. Of course, the common sense answer to these two questions is a booming NO. The spiritual reality is the same as this natural reality; a mans heart is either occupied by Christ and therefore will

produce good things or a mans heart is occupied by self and therefore will produce evil things. But you can't have it both ways, one day good fruit and one day bad fruit, because a good root will always bear good fruit and a bad root will always produce bad fruit.

James then goes on say in verse 13 a wise man will understand this basic truth as well as live it. He says in verse 14 "lie not against the truth" or don't pretend that a life can produce both good and evil at the same time; this would be impossible and to present it this way would be a bold face lie. The lie is to say that these branch sins such as "bitter envying and strife," can be produced by a life that is indwelt by the living Christ. These branch sins are evidence that the life is still self-ruled. This life did not "receive from above" the living Christ and therefore they are still "earthly, sensual, devilish" and will produce such things as 'envy, strife and confusion' (vs. 15&16). In verse 17, he declares when someone who has received Christ, "the wisdom from above", which is "pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to know, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and without hypocrisy", will then bear these same fruits of righteousness from their own lives. It is by His residing life within a heart that fruits of righteousness are produced and not by the persons own disciplined efforts. He concludes in verse 18 that one who has made peace with God, one who is not warring with God for his own way and rule, will produce the fruit of righteousness. This life will actually desire to produce these fruits and will work in conjunction with his reigning Lord to do these things.

James explains how a man is drawn

away to sin by his own heart:

Jas 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Jas 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Jas 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

James says in verse 14 that a man is tempted when he is drawn way by his own lusts. If one is self-ruled, that heart will desire the things of the world. It is as though the lust in a man's heart reaches out to the enticements of the world or kingdom to which he belongs. If he is still self ruled he strongly desires the things of the world. If a man is Christ ruled he strongly desires the things of Christ's world. A man is tempted by the desires that are already in his heart. So we can see that if a man is continually tempted and has no victory over areas of sin in his life it is direct evidence that a kingdom change has not yet occurred in his heart. The self ruled heart is still seeking fulfillment from the world. **A Man can reform or stop some branch sins without a kingdom change, but he cannot obtain freedom and liberty from all branch sins without a Kingdom change.** James warns in verse 16 "do not err" or misunderstand the seriousness of the root sin, it will bring forth death (verse 15). This is an everlasting death, separated from Christ forever in Hell.

EXAMPLE: A man may stop drinking but still wrestle with anger and lust or a man may never touch another woman but his wife but still have lust in his thoughts and heart and fulfill this through pornography (even a professing Christian). The mode of fulfilling his lust may change but it is still there, no matter how he tries to deaden

it or kill it. Not until a true kingdom change occurs will its power be broken.

NOTE: Man always tries to justify their own sin by comparing themselves to others - a human justification system - by saying 'I'm not as bad as that person.' It seems our minds naturally can find the other one who is worse than we are and therefore we don't feel as bad about what we are doing. No matter what status in society you find yourself in, we compare our sins with others. The pastor compares himself to other pastors and says 'at least I didn't commit adultery, I just dreamt about it for years, but I didn't do it as pastor so and so did, so I'm not as bad.' Now this pastor feels better about not committing this sin outwardly, but in reality, in Gods' eyes these men's sin are the same; they both had the same root sin.

EXAMPLE: Even convicts in prison have their own human justice system by hating the child rapist and even going so far as to kill that person to rid the prison of this violator and to prove that even they have their standards. They feel quite proud of themselves for this standard they uphold. So we all develop our own justifications for sin in whatever class of society we are in, but the only system that works for every man is Gods system and we must determine where we stand with Him because He has the final say and He says no sin is acceptable in his eyes.

Now we understand the ROOT sin is a heart that has not surrendered itself to Christ on His terms, and therefore has not the life of the living Christ indwelling it. Now we can look at the result of this self ruled heart as producing BRANCH sins.

BRANCH SINS

Branch sins are expressed by two types: **outward** and **inward** sins. The outward sins are the most easily identified such as stealing, lying, or committing adultery etc. These outward sins that we commit are more easy to ‘see’ because our conscience quickly condemns us for them, and also because our civil society reinforces these behaviors as wrong or criminal. The inward sins are harder to identify because they happen in the mind; we can easily hide these sins from others and society doesn’t condemn us for them either. Society permits any form of deviant thought as long as we don’t act on these thoughts and commit a crime towards another. But with God He doesn’t ignore these inward sins, but condemns them as evil and has a solution for us to be free from them. In truth all outward sins begin within a heart and mind that doesn’t have Christ indwelling it. It is important for each individual to identify in themselves both inward and outward sins to prove who actually is indwelling their life.

Outward Branch Sins

Outward branch sins are exposed by our actions, eg. a person actually commits an act, such as lying, stealing, adultery or murder etc. The outward branch sins start with the breaking of the 10 commandments; do not kill, commit adultery, steal, lie, or covet. All are self explanatory except for covet. Covet means to have a strong desire to possess something that belongs to someone else, or to strongly lust after something. Now this coveting does start in the heart

and mind (discussed in inward branch sins), but if an outward act actually happens as a result of this inward coveting then it is easily understood by the person and others as wrong and therefore can be easily identified as an outward branch sin.

EXAMPLE: A person thinks of copying computer software at work, and then they actually copy the software and bring it home. This is stealing and against all company policy and software copyright laws. This act of stealing is the outward manifestation of that inward thought. Having a fleeting thought about stealing the software is not sin, but if you deviously contemplate with strong desire to steal it, then this is sin, even without the actual taking of the item. And obviously if you actual steal it then it is sin.

NOTE: A fleeting thought is not sin in and of itself; it is what you do with that thought that matters. When a person has Christ dwelling within them and if an evil thought comes into their mind from some outside source, it can be rejected and resisted by the person by an act of the will and the power of God that is in them. Evil thoughts and temptations will be able to be overcome by calling out to His residing life in you. And IF Christ is actually residing within you; your desires will change from worldly desires to heavenly desires. Possessions will not be something you seek after at all costs. The thought of stealing something is horrifying to a true Christian, not something that is tantalizing and desirous.

Apostles describing lists of outward branch sins

In the letters written to the early church, the Apostles described these branch sins by denouncing them as things a

true Christian **would not** do. Below are several “lists” of branch sins. These are things that a true Christian **would not** do:

Paul to the Ephesians

Eph 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, **as becometh saints**;

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Eph 5:5 For this **ye know**, that no whoremonger (no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life), nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Paul emphatically says in verse 3 that “fornication”, “uncleanness” or “covetousness” is never to be associated with the life of a true believer - “let it not be once named among you, as becoming saints.” He was inferring that if one commits any of these things one is not a saint. It’s a common mistake to think Paul was saying that when a ‘Christian’ commits these acts don’t talk about them or don’t tell anyone you did them. But this cannot be the meaning because he qualifies this statement by this controlling phrase “as becometh saints.” The idea is that these sins would never be part of a true Christian’s life or be associated with a true believers behavior. He continues, in verse 5, to qualify these wicked behaviors in relations to “whoremongers”, “unclean persons” “covetous men“, and “idolaters.” He says “ye know” that anyone who does such

things does not have any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ or God. The “ye know” statement gives the understanding that it was common knowledge in the early church that all who sinned these outward sins were not true Christians.

NOTE: Unfortunately this is not common knowledge in our ‘professing Christian’ churches today. Our churches allow any form of outward sin to be committed by a person and will still “consider” this person a ‘Christian.’ Even if the outward sin is adultery, homosexuality, pornography, rape, child molestation, etc.... When the truth is, one who commits such acts are NOT ‘Christians’ (they may speak all the right ‘Christian’ words and be sincere in following Christ, and be an elder or a Pastor) but their deeds expose who actually indwells them, themselves and not Christ.

Paul to the Galatians

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Here is one list of branch sins with the warning that all who do such thing will not inherit the kingdom of God. Not to

inherit the kingdom of God means you will not go to heaven in the end, but it also means the kingdom of God in not in you now. We know Jesus said the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21) and a life that produced one or the entire above list proves that their root has not been uprooted and it has not inherited the living Christ to reign within their hearts and minds. We must understand that in the New Testament the term “kingdom of God” most often relates to the living King, Christ Jesus, indwelling His true kingdom of a person’s heart.

EXAMPLE: now it is quite clear that someone professing to be a ‘Christian’ who commits adultery with another person is clearly misguided as to what a true Christian is. The fact that they committed adultery proves who is reigning in their hearts, **themselves** and **not Christ**, therefore they are not Christians.

Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off

the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on the **new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Paul first states in verse 3 that a true Christian will be “dead” to the root sin of ruling their own kingdom. They already have the life of Christ in them “your life is hid with Christ in God” and “Christ who is our life” (vs. 4). In verse 5 to “mortify” means to be “dead” to the things of earth, meaning the things of this world, the flesh and the self life. He warns that the wrath of God will be upon all who commit these branch sins. We know that if their root is wrong it is the reason why they naturally commit these branch sins. A person is not going to hell because they commit one of these branch sins, but they are going to hell because their root is bad. It is the one sin you will go to hell for - the root sin of NOT having Christ inhabit your life.

NOTE: When the apostles address the “children of disobedience” as in verse 6 he is talking of people who have not had this kingdom transfer or who have not Christ in their hearts. He is not talking of Christians who are disobedient for that day.

Paul to the Ephesians again

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

The term “children of disobedience” or the “children of wrath” is decisive language used to declare they are not Christians. The term “in times past” used in both verses means before they were Christians they walked “according to the course of this world” and “in the lusts of the flesh.”

Paul to the Corinthians

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such WERE some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Verse 11 says “and such **WERE** some of you” meaning before they were converted to Christ they committed some of these branch sins because their root was still unsundered. He then says “but ye are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord and by the Spirit”. Meaning they are now right with God, the kingdom transfer had actually happened. Some read this passage to mean as ‘Christians’ they dabbled in this list of sins. If that interpretation were true, then they would have sin coming from a good root and as we have proven conclusively this is not possible. This cannot be the meaning of this passage because verse 11 makes the controlling statement “and such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” This statement places these types of evil behaviors as referring to their past life (self

ruled-without Christ) and contrasts it to their life now that is lived in the Spirit (Christ ruled.)

Jude continues to expose various outward branch sins:

Jud 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jud 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Jud 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Jud 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Again Jude says in verse 18 “who walk after their own ungodly lusts”-these people are still motivated by their own self rule and not Christ’s rule, therefore they walk after their own lusts and are sensual and “have NOT the Spirit” within them verse 19.

Inward Branch Sins

Evil actions are always to be considered branch sins, but branch sins can also include inward sins that are committed in our hearts and minds through thoughts and desires. It’s when we desire the wrong things that we sin.

Now the inward branch sins happen in our thought life and have their desires fulfilled in our imaginations. Of course not all inward thoughts or desires are sin. We are created to dream and imagine, but God is specific about what we can't dream and imagine about. Some outward branch sins we discussed previously may be committed in ones mind with no outward action taking place and still be considered sin. These types of inward sins are very easy to hide from others because they happen within our minds.

Jesus always dealt with the interior life of man and further explains that the inward life needs to be changed and not just the outward behavior. The inward life consists in our minds, thoughts, desires and imaginations.

Jesus words on interior lust:

Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Here Jesus deals with a specific inward branch sin, adultery, and says if you lust after a women in your heart, even though no action has taken place it is the same as adultery. This is important because Jesus knew man would not be able to conquer his lust by his own effort, but only by Jesus Himself indwelling a man would that man be able to overcome sexual lust and other inward sins. Jesus set the bar high because he knew no man could measure up to it on their own effort. No man can conquer sexual lust without having Christ's life abiding within them.

Jesus words on interior anger

Mat 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment

Hate and bitterness can also be kept within the heart and mind without any outward acts being committed, such as killing the person whom you hate, and it is still considered sin from Gods point of view.

Apostle Johns words on interior anger

1Jn 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Anger can also be committed in ones heart without any outward action being taken. This type of anger leads to bitterness and can be held in ones heart without any outward deed taking place toward that person. 1 John3:15 declares that a person who hates another is a murderer. John explains that the reason why someone would hold hate in their heart towards another person is because they have NOT the life of Christ Abiding in them “no murderer hath **eternal life abiding in him**” (Christ Himself is Eternal Life). A mans inward thoughts and desires cannot be truly changed unless the Lord Jesus has taken up residency within that heart and mind.

CONCLUSION

The **root sin** is a self-ruled heart which is the antithesis of a Christ ruled heart and from a self ruled heart all the **branch sins** are birthed. When the self-ruled heart is uprooted and replaced by the resident Christ, this life then brings forth good fruit. This being a life liberated from inward and outward branch sins. If we apply this truth to our own lives, it can give us true evidence that is verifiable on whether the true kingdom change has happened in our lives, or not. If one struggles with sin and keeps committing sins, either inward or outward branch sins, then one must conclude that their root sin has not been dealt with and a true kingdom change has not yet occurred.

The scripture entreats us repeatedly to have this Kingdom change by uprooting our self-ruled life and surrendering our heart completely to Christ to come and indwell us. This then will break the power of the natural world upon us, and therefore we will stop the inward and outward branch sins. This kingdom change happens in an instant, when a person finally lays all down to God on His terms. Christ is given to that heart instantly.

Now we must ask what Gods terms are. How do I transfer my self ruled kingdom to Christ? How do I have the living Christ indwell my heart? What must I do to be born again? To have the Spirit of the living God make His abode or home in me? Let's move on to chapter 3 to tell us.

Chapter 3

How do I Transfer my kingdom to Christ?

Now we must look at what God say we must do to have Him invade or possess our lives. In the New Testament, the Lord requires us to cleanse ourselves from all our sin by confessing, repenting and forsaking our personal sins (branch sins), and our self-rule (root sin). The inward sanctum of the heart must be purified (Jas 4:8) before He will enter. Christ will not come and sit upon a rubbish heap of unconfessed sin. God cannot extend His mercy, forgiveness, and restoration until man meets these simple conditions. These conditions are simple because any man can do them, but they are the most challenging to man because of his stubborn, rebellious, and prideful heart.

Everyone who goes through this process will proceed along at different speeds depending on how honest they are about their sins and desirous for the Lord. But it must be noted

that this process must occur in each heart and not until it is finished will Christ be able to reside in that life.

It is important to understand that God is the most loving, kind, and merciful being in the Universe. He so loved us that He sent His only Son Jesus to liberate us from our sins. He desires all men to come to repentance, but He will not force you to repent. He is a complete gentleman. He merely tells you the truth concerning your life, His life, and the consequences of remaining un-surrendered to Him. And He waits for your decision, it is up to you.

If you ‘do’ all the following from the depth of your heart unto God himself personally, the Lord Jesus will come unto you and aid you in this process. He will extend mercy to you when He is satisfied that you have forsaken all your sins including your own self-rule. He will then give Himself to you and indwell your life. This is the glorious promise from God that He will give his Son unto you. And having the Life of Christ in you is the most rewarding, wonderful, loving, peaceful, and restful experience of your life. You have met your maker and all is well with your soul! Through this process He will help you to be delivered from any addictions, heal your hurts, and restore your life to peace and to be useful to Him. But you must do your part first.

This is the most important and weighty decision of your whole life. It is not a light, matter of fact, easy, trite, or thoughtless ‘turning your life over to Christ.’ But it is the paramount choice of your soul and it holds eternal consequences. By not repenting you are making a choice; you are choosing to live without Christ.

Are you willing to start? If you honestly want to be right with God and clean your heart, He will help you through this process. But don't go half way and stop somewhere in the middle, or you will not find Christ abiding in your heart. If you go part way, you may feel somewhat better for confessing part of your sins but this would leave you short of having Christ invade your life. You may feel better for confessing your wrong doing because we are created to experience 'relief' when we own up to our sin. Confessing only some of your sins will only leave you with a false 'feeling' of hope that all is fine. It is either all or nothing. Are you willing to be deadly honest with Him concerning your sins and surrender your entire life to Him?

FIRST: One must believe that God exists and is loving and kind before one will surrender their whole life unto Him. If you have no faith or belief in Christ then why would you surrender to Him? So we can understand that faith or belief in Christ Jesus is the fundamental starting point, it is the mortar that permeates through this whole process.

SECOND: There are three COMPONENTS to this process of cleaning ones' heart and mind. **The Awakening Component, The Repentance Component,** and **The Kingdom Transfer Component.** All these components must happen in a human heart before Christ can abide in you and you in Him.

I. THE AWAKENING COMPONENT

One must become awakened to their sins and see how

terrible their sins are from Gods point of view before one can deeply repent and forsake them. One must stand, as it were, in the courtroom of God. God is a Judge and He will judge mans sin. He is an all-knowing, all seeing, righteous Judge who knows all that man has done. But at the same time He is a compassionate, merciful and tender Father who offers mercy to man. He will not extend His mercy to an individual man except that man repents. He will judge everyone according to His law of life. If Christ is not in a life then God judges that person as a criminal in His eternal courtroom. God see's that person as a rebel and an ongoing destructive force to all He holds dear. He hates sin because it causes so much pain and damage to mankind. He cannot turn a blind eye to it, for this would be unjust and unloving.

As in any fair justice system the punishment must fit the crime. In the human justice system, if a murderer was punished by standing in the corner, as in a time out, then man would understand that human life was not that valuable. In God's justice system, He says that the punishment for a life lived without His Son indwelling it is eternal separation from Him in Hell. Therefore, we can understand by this extreme and permanent punishment how serious this rejection of His Son is to God. It is very serious because it is His only antidote for stopping all the pain and suffering perpetuated by sinful man. If a man continues on in his sins and self rule, that man will continue to inflict great pain and suffering to others. This grieves Gods very heart. To pardon an unrepentant criminal in any courtroom would crumble the foundation of any judicial system. It would naturally lead to the breakdown of the legal system and so the criminals would continue to wreak havoc on the public. So too it is with Gods judicial system here on earth; He cannot allow sin to go unfettered and therefore He

condemns sin, which is the egregious crime in His legal system.

God is so loving and kind that he desires to free us from our sins, its consequences and eternal punishment. He has made a way to be just in forgiving us our sin and to terminate our continued sinning. That divine plan is sending His Son to our hearts to indwell and live within us, after a man has turned from his own personal sins unto the relinquishing of his own self-rule. God is assured that when his Son is actually indwelling a life that that life will have no interest in continuing a life of crime (sin). Can you imagine a world without sin? Can you imagine a world with Christ and His love indwelling every heart? All sin would stop! No more murders, rape, adultery, theft, beatings, lies, fears, etc, therefore no more pain and suffering, hurt or destruction; this is God's plan for the world and it can only be accomplished one life at a time!

You will be judged for your sin, either on earth or after death, but if you wait until you die to be judged, it will be too late; He will not be able to extend mercy to you then. He will have to uphold justice and deliver you to Hell, of which he has warned mankind over and over again throughout His word (Bible).

What you must do

1. You must place yourself in Gods courtroom, so to speak, and allow yourself to be judged by Him:

2Co 5:10 For all of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. We will each receive what we deserve,

according to everything we have done, good or bad, in our bodily life.

Act 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and the dead. (GNB)

2. You must honestly acknowledge your own personal responsibility for your sin. You have sinned against God. You cannot blame others for your actions:

Psa 51:4 (GNB) I have sinned against you---only against you--- and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

Deu 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

You can't blame others for your sin: including your father or mother, brothers or sisters, friends or family, society or status in life, upbringing or genetics, nor Adam and Eve. You must admit you own culpability for your sins.

3. You must have an awakening of how God sees you and your sin:

He hates your sin, but He loves you. He is angry over sin because it causes so much pain and suffering. Are you not angered and grieved when you hear of a child being raped and murdered? So it is with God who is enraged at all the destruction, pain, and hurt a self-ruled life inflicts on others. God is grieved that you rule yourself in total disregard to His plan to free you from your sin; He desires to restore you back to His love.

Psa 11:5 He examines the good and the wicked alike; the lawless he hates with all his heart.

Psa 5:4 You are not a God who is pleased with wrongdoing; you allow no evil in your presence.

A. He sees you as a rebel to all He counts dear:

Hos 7:14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, ... and they rebel against me.

B. He sees you as an enemy working against His loving rule:

Jas 4:4 ... Don't you know that to be the world's friend means to be God's enemy? If you want to be the world's friend, you make yourself God's enemy.

Col 1:21 At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought.

C. He sees you as disobedient causing great hurt to Him and His creation:

Tit 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

Eze 6:9 ...I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me

4. You simply must take time to reason together with God about the seriousness of your actions

This is the greatest decision of your life and one that must be made with all sincerity and earnestness. And with great humility, guilt, and shame you must wholeheartedly agree with Him that you have sinned against Him. You

acknowledge that He is all right and you are all wrong; you have stubbornly ruled your life apart from Him.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

5. Judgement seat of Christ

It is as if you place yourselves at the Judgment seat of Christ and stand before Him as an accused criminal who is sentenced to Hell - a complete separation from His loving kindness and presence forever. You acknowledge that His Judgment is right and true. He has the duty and right to condemn you in His courtroom.

A. God is the Righteous Judge

Gen 18:25 .. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

B. I have sinned and God is justified in condemning me

Psa 51:4 (GNB) I have sinned against you---only against you--- and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me.

C. Your sentence is Hell

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

NOTE: Many in the ‘church’ avoid all talk of Hell because they find it offensive or counter productive to ‘leading one to the Lord.’ But if this were true then why did Jesus talk about hell so much? Jesus repeatedly warned us about hell because it is real. Hell is the very real punishment to them who will not surrender to Christ, and God being just and loving has frequently told us this truth. To avoid this teaching and truth amounts to blatant disregard for Christ and His words.

Becoming awakened

Steps 1-5 may take days or weeks to be fully awakened before God to your dire situation, we call this conviction. It’s a state of actually comprehending that all your sin and self rule has made you a criminal in Gods courtroom. A heart will not get very far with God in trying to justify their sin; make excuses for it, blaming others or God, or even pleading ignorance. One must take full responsibility for their sin.

EXAMPLE: When I was under conviction for 2 weeks I honestly asked “Hey God, it’s not fair for you to blame me for Adam and Eve’s sin, I wasn’t even there!” He answered “Oh Jeri, I don’t blame you for Adam and Eves sin I blame you for YOUR SINS.” I was busted, what could I say? I was guilty and rightfully so.

IMPORTANT NOTE: He reveals His loving kindness to us through the sacrifice of His dear and only Son Jesus and OFFERS us a way of escape, if we so choose, from our sin and Hell.

Jn 3:16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

1Jn 4:9 And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.

1Jn 4:10 This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.

If you have acknowledged your sins and self rule and have seen the error of your ways, then it is time to move on into repentance from these sins.

II. THE REPENTANCE COMPONENT

This is man cleansing his heart and life of sin by bringing it all into the light. The good, the bad, and the ugly must be exposed to Him. All must be revealed and nothing kept hidden. This is done by confession, repentance and forsaking all known sin—both branch sins and the root sin. (In the Repentance Component, we deal with all the negative sins that have controlled our life, and in the Kingdom Transfer Component, we deal with all the good things that must be surrendered.)

Now the Bible commands us that we must clean our hearts by repentance:

Eze 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,

every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die,

Lk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish.

Act 3:19 **Repent** ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission (freedom) of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Turning from our sins entails confessing, repenting, and forsaking of them. Below is a definition of each of these:

Confess- to admit and tell the Lord all your sins; to admit a wrongdoing, crime, or error, openly acknowledge something to be true: to admit the truth of something.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mat 3:6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Repent- a deep heartfelt turning from all your sins. It means to turn about, change ones mind, to reform, to

convert, make a change in principle and practice. It denotes a radical change in attitude, understanding, and behavior towards sin and God. It is not a light, flippant, or superficial engagement, but it is a weighty matter of great import. It carries the idea of grief, sorrow, sigh, pant, groan, to breathe strongly. It is to be done with all your heart, which includes our mind, emotions, and will.

Eze 18:30 Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Act 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn them from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Forsake- to give up, renounce all sin. Here you ‘leave behind’ individual wicked ways drugs, alcohol, pornography, lusts etc...: to sacrifice something that gives pleasure.

Pro 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Lk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Ideas to understand before you start the act of repenting

1. This process will require a tremendous honesty and willingness to bring all your darkness into the light and to keep nothing hidden or covered by shame or guilt. Shame and guilt are our beacons to direct us that we have not confessed these things to the Lord. **Mans part** is to confess their sins and turn from them and **Gods part** is to forgive,

restore and enter.

2. Only He and you know if you are ‘doing’ this process from the depth of your heart. He will not receive any half hearted or incomplete turning. You may be able to fool others, but you can never fool God, for He knows what is going on in your life.

3. If you hide some sins, you will not receive healing or deliverance from them. You must expose everything unto the Lord. The sins you have committed, and the sins that were committed against to you (sexual abuse, physical abuse, mental abuse etc.) It is when you bring these things of darkness into the light that forgiveness, healing, and deliverance begins. The human heart has a great propensity to avoid, ignore, and hide unpleasant things. We naturally want to cover sinful acts we have committed or sinful acts others have perpetrated upon us. Our minds want to avoid the thoughts about these acts so we won’t emotionally feel the sting of our conscience. We mentally and emotionally want to pretend these sins didn’t happen so we try to hide, bury, avoid, stuff, or ignore them. Some live with a false hope that if they disregard and conceal their sins their lives will improve. They believe the further they get from the unpleasant incident the sooner they will forget about it; that time will heal their hearts. But time doesn’t heal anything we keep hidden, it may grow dimmer to our memories but nothing has truly been healed or restored.

4. If a person has been sexually abused they must expose this abuse to the Lord - come clean about it with Him no matter how shameful it is - this is how healing begins. You have been a victim of a terrible act of sin and it is not your fault. But even though you are a victim of sin, you are still

responsible for your own sins unrelated to this victimization. One must also come clean concerning all the personal sins they have committed in their life. They do not get to avoid confessing their own sins because of the abuse they have suffered. God can heal and restore this person's life from this abuse and their own sin, but they must do it Gods way.

5. God created us to experience relief when we 'come clean' about anything. Even if you share a deep dark secret with a friend a level of healing begins, a weight lifts from your shoulders.

EXAMPLE: When you lie to a friend about anything you 'feel' terrible - that's your conscience telling you what is wrong - and the longer you let the lie go the more complicated your relationship becomes with that person. But once you decide to tell the truth (even before you confess the lie to your friend) you 'feel' relief - this again is your conscience telling you that what were thinking of doing is right. When you actually confess the lie to your friend and ask forgiveness the relationship has a chance of being mended. Human relationships don't always get healed, but your conscience will be restored to peace about this situation.

You will 'feel' relief about thinking of confessing your sins before the Lord (this is your conscience confirming that this is a correct thing to do), but you must follow through with the actual act of confessing all your sins before the Lord. When you complete this act of repenting of all your sins your relationship will be restored with the Lord and He will indwell your life.

6. The purpose of our conscience is to guide us on what is right and wrong (although it does need to be aligned with the word of God or it may give us faulty guidance). Whatever your conscience is ‘bothering’ you about is a good place to start confessing.

7. Repentance is a complete change of heart and mind. It is not a light, happy change of mind as in ‘be positive toward God’ and quit being ‘negative about Him.’ But it is a serious change of your mind from how you perceive your own personal sin to how God sees your sin. It is making an about face from your sins and self rule unto Him. It is a sobering, solemn, and serious ‘undoing’ of your sinful life and self ruled kingdom before the Living God. It is a deep heart felt sorrow for the sins you have committed and a willingness to depart from them.

NOTE: I have divided the repenting process into two categories - branch sins and root sin - for the sake of clarity as well as discussing the concepts of confessing, repenting, and forsaking in each category. The repenting of **branch sins** is discussed in **The Repentance Component** and the repenting of the **root sin** is discussed in **The Kingdom Transfer Component**. This approach is mainly for instruction so there is no misunderstanding about what one is required to do.

Confessing, Repenting, and Forsaking Branch Sins

(The branch sins are defined in Chapter 2)

Now you bring all your branch sins, one at a time, to the

Lord. Make a list if necessary and be thorough. This will take some time but it needs to be a complete ‘undoing’ of your ways. Usually your conscience already is bothering you about ‘something’ and that’s a good place to start - small or big - start there.

1. It is very important that you **repent** of each transgression one at a time because you committed them one at a time. You must confess and repent of all your sins. When I say you must confess all your sins, I don’t mean if you’re 40 years old you start at age 3 and repent of stealing a toy from your brother. But you start with the sins that are most recent and troubling to you - the ones your conscience is bugging you about. As you confess and repent of your most egregious and recent sins, you will realize your ‘history’ with that particular sin has been ongoing throughout your life.

Let’s say you start by confessing a particular lie to so and so, then you proceed to another lie you told someone else and this keeps going until after the 50th lie you realize you’re a liar. Now, this new revelation or awakening about yourself causes you to repent for this whole ‘body of sin’, in this case, your many lies. When the Lord perceives that you ‘know’ the depth of your lying, He will move you on to the next area of sin. Then you continue on confessing another ‘body of sin’ such as stealing, starting with the most recent transgression until the weight of your life of stealing becomes apparent (and all the lies you’ve told to hide this sin). Then onto sexual sins: pornography, lust, sexual relations before marriage, adultery (and all the lies you’ve told to hide these sins.) Then onto other sins: anger, fears, bitterness, unforgiveness etc.... As you proceed honestly through this process, it will become apparent to

you all the destruction that your self ruled life has caused you, others, and grieves God.

The importance of going through this process, confessing one sin at a time, is that as the list of sins grows you will see yourself as a 'sinner'. The 'weight' of your sins will cause you to 'see' and 'feel' how much damage and suffering you have caused others and the Lord. Most people think 'I'm not so bad', but this is a false impression. As you continue this process of confession, this false impression of 'not being so bad', changes. It now changes to thinking you are very corrupt, evil, and wicked because of the sins you have just confessed. You now have need of a Savior - One who can deliver you from all your wickedness and sin.

2. If you **confess** only part or some of these branch sins and hide others you will stop the whole process. God will help an honest heart and will show you more sin as you continue. If you don't have the time in one session with the Lord to complete everything, just keep coming back to Him, (it may take a few weeks or months) just don't stop until it is complete.

3. **Forsaking** each branch sin is vital. It's the willingness never to do these things again. Once you 'see' how you have ruled your life with egregious lies, deception, pride, anger, fears, etc...you realize you are lost! Now one actually has a deep desire to depart from all this evil and destruction. This process also naturally develops a profound yearning within you to seek the Lord for His aid and help.

NOTE: When Christ personally forgives you of these confessed sins, you will 'feel' a release, freedom, and

liberty from the shame and guilt of all these past crimes. This is a wonderful experience and a true one.

4. You must be willing to make **restitution** to others for what sins you have done against them. Restitution means to give back: the return of something to its rightful owner, paying back; compensation for a loss, damage, or injury. You must be willing to make amends. This includes returning items you stole, and asking forgiveness for any verbal and physical abuse you inflicted on others. You don't have to make amends right now during the repenting process, but you must have a full intention of doing so. Some things may be extremely hard to face - especially when criminal activity and jail time are involved - but never the less you must be willing to follow through with restitution or you will stop this whole process by your reluctance to come clean and face the music (consequences).

Lev 6:2 An offering is to be made if any of you sin against the LORD by refusing to return what another Israelite has left as a deposit or by stealing something from him or by cheating him

Lev 6:3 or by lying about something that has been lost and swearing that you did not find it.

Lev 6:4 When you sin in any of these ways, you must repay whatever you got by dishonest means. On the day you are found guilty, you must repay the owner in full, plus an additional 20 percent.

2Sa 12:6 For having done such a cruel thing, he must pay back four times as much as he took.

Pro 6:30 People don't despise a thief if he steals food when he is hungry;

Pro 6:31 yet if he is caught, he must pay back seven times

more---he must give up everything he has.

Luk 19:8 Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, sir! I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much."

Jesus summed up the duty of restitution by saying:

Mat 7:12 "Do for others what you want them to do for you"

NOTE: If someone stole your tool box wouldn't you want it back? And if the person who stole it returned it along with extra cash to compensate you for your pain and suffering, wouldn't you be happy? And if this person said the reason he was doing this was because he had become a Christian and the Lord wanted him to make amends for his sins, what effect would this have on you? Wouldn't it be a powerful witness for the Lord and His righteous ways? (Restitution is the best way a community can be affected for the Lord)

EXAMPLE: After I was born again as a teenager, I did a lot of restitution for theft. By the mercy of God I didn't end up in Juvenal hall. It was a scary and painful process, but one I would not trade for anything. I was humbled and ashamed of what I had done and the whole process of repentance and restitution taught me that it was not worth it to break Gods commandments. I have never stolen anything since. I think God knows what He is doing and when we clean our hearts His way; it is lasting and fruitful.

EXAMPLE: At my church during the "Jesus Movement" there were so many young people giving money to the "Target" store (including me) for the items they had

shoplifted that the accountant didn't know what to do with all this extra cash. He finally had to make an account called the "Restitution account" to record all the extra money. This had a profound effect on the community.

5. If you have completely repented from your heart, you will be humbled, ashamed, and sorrowful for how you have lived your life.

2Ki 22:19 and you repented and humbled yourself before me.

Isa 66:2 I myself created the whole universe! I am pleased with those who are humble and repentant, who fear me and obey me.

Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning...

The only way a human can be humbled before the Lord is by confessing, repenting and forsaking all of their sins. It is the only way that the 'weight' of their crimes can become evident to their hearts and minds.

After repenting of all your **branch sins**, your heart and mind are ready to repent of your **root sin** of self-rule. Who in their right mind would want to continue ruling themselves when they have just 'seen' all the wickedness their self ruled heart has produced? This is the very point of confessing all your sins. All these branch sins have been produced by your own self-ruling and if you keep running your own life then you will keep producing these sins.

Now you must complete this process of cleaning your heart by exposing your root sin which is discussed in the next

section: **The Kingdom Transfer Component.**

III. THE KINGDOM TRANSFER COMPONENT

Transferring your kingdom is to be understood as ‘giving up the right to rule yourself’ and transferring that right to Christ. Jesus talks of this kingdom transfer in the following parables;

Mat 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Mat 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

Mat 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it

Jesus describes this transaction of the transferring of ones self ruled life to His rule as “selling all” to receive something of greater value - that being Christ Himself. “Selling all” doesn’t literally mean one must sell every possession they own before Christ will enter their life (although some are required to sell everything because the possessions they have are the whole of their image - more on this later).

Jesus continues to describe this ‘giving up of

ones self’:

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself (die to self rule*), and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life (die to self rule*) for my sake shall find it.

(author added for clarification)*

This ‘denying’ or ‘losing’ ones life is done by repenting and forsaking of the **ROOT** sin of self-rule. It must be done before Christ can enter. This would be called conversion; converting from self-rule to Christ rule. It is not merely as easy as saying “I give myself to you Lord.” If it were this easy, a mere verbalizing of these words, then more people would do it. We must understand that there are several elements to be considered in order for us to lay down our self-rule correctly.

Four Reasons for separating the Kingdom transfer component from the repentance component.

1. The idea of the Kingdom transfer is so crucial that I separated it on its own. Too many in Christendom have lost the understanding of this vital concept. Many people ‘assume’ ‘it’ happens after any form of confession or any incomplete repentance has occurred. It is not the repenting or forsaking of any or all sins (both branch and root sin) that makes one ‘born again,’ but it is the actual entrance of the Lord Christ by His Spirit into that converted life that transforms it and makes one a Christian. It is only when

Christ indwells a heart that one is born again and not until then (remember Christ will not indwell a heart that is full of unconfessed sin and still ruling itself).

2. Repenting is the process that must take place before Christ can/will enter. It is critical to understand that there is an end to the true repentance process. The end is when Christ indwells your heart. This can only happen after Christ is assured you have confessed all your sins to Him and you have died to the right to rule yourself. THEN He comes unto you personally and resides within your heart and life. Now you are His child and you have a precious relationship with the Lord and you grow in wisdom and love.

3. It is vital to understand that without the process of repenting and forsaking of all your branch sins it is impossible to get to the ROOT sin and lay it completely down to Christ. Some have tried to skip this cleansing process of repenting of branch sins and only call for people to ‘give their lives to Him,’ but this doesn’t work. It doesn’t work because this person never ‘looked’ at all the “bodies of sins” they have committed, and therefore they never ‘see’ the wickedness of their OWN ways. They are never humbled by their OWN ways and therefore the life they would be giving to God is still ‘good’ in their sight. This cleansing process of all sin is the only way that an individual actually sees the need for Christ to run their life, and therefore they are willing and desirous to submit to His loving and righteous ways.

4. Lastly, I separated the laying down of root sin from the branch sins because there is a noticeable addition in turning from your ROOT sin. In repenting of your branch sins, it is

the ‘bad’ and ‘ugly’ things you are turning from, whereas turning from your root sin (self-rule) entails giving up or turning from all the ‘good’ things that your self rule has built, or claimed as its own. It is the laying down of all the hopes and dreams that your self-ruled heart has developed. Many of the dreams may be ‘good’ and ‘acceptable’ in societies eyes, such as being a social worker or studying to become a doctor, but even these have to be given up or laid down to the Lord of Lords before He will indwell you.

FIRST: We must understand the elements to be considered as part of us laying down our self-rule and transferring that rule completely to Christ. This process is divided into two parts **1. Your part**, and **2. Gods’ part**. You need only to concentrate on your part because God is quite able to do His part, but it is vital that you know what God will do for you when you fulfill your part; He will give Christ to you!

YOUR PART

1. You need to lay down all your hopes, dreams and plans that your self ruled life has developed, such as plans to marry, have children, go to college, get a job etc... These might be considered right in societies eyes, but they still need to be abandoned before the Lord. He wants to be Lord of all. Your hopes, dreams, and plans must be exposed, relinquished, and forsaken to Christ.

Jesus said:

Luke 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple

2. You need to give up friends and family if they don’t follow the Lord or if they would be a destructive influence

upon you as a Christian.

Jesus said:

Luk 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

This word “hate” means not to love others more than Christ, including your own life. He is to take the supreme place in our hearts above all others, including our own life.

EXAMPLE: You need to forsake drugs or drinking and those friends or family members who want to drag you back into it.

EXAMPLE: You will need to forsake any criminal activities and those friends and family members who were involved.

EXAMPLE: You will need to forsake all sexual relationship outside of marriage.

3. Your **image** or ‘pride’ as the bible calls it must be relinquished to the Lord. This has to do with your self image or who you want people to think that you are. It’s your reputation that you have built up concerning yourself; such as being cool, cute, disciplined, smart, educated, tough, funny, the life of the party etc. It has to do with your public image, status, or what defines you.

A person could be defined by fashion, or outward public reputation, or by what possessions they acquire - a car, boat, lavish house and lifestyle etc.... But it will always be something that holds ones heart and it will be ‘hard’ or

‘difficult’ to let go of. Usually a person will go to all lengths to preserve their image because they don’t want people to think of them in any other way. They will tell many lies and commit many sins to protect this image. They don’t want anyone to think badly of them so they put forth a ‘false self’ that others will like. Whether it’s the ‘good image’ of being successful in society or the ‘victim image’ of being wronged by society or any image in-between these, all must be exposed and relinquished to Him, before He can indwell.

Many women have ‘images’ that are controlled by how they look whereas many men have ‘images’ that are controlled by what possessions they own. Really anything that we count near and dear must be forsaken and given up to the Lord completely, without reservation because they hold our hearts or parts of it. Just as in marriage, a mate vows to give up all other lovers in preference for their beloved. So too must we relinquish anything that ‘holds our hearts’ before we are wedded to the Lord and He can indwell us.

EXAMPLE: One common ‘image’ is of beauty or of fashion. This person has developed their self image from their looks and they work extremely hard to stay at the top of the “A” list of beautiful people, whether it is in the family, school, society or the world (Hollywood). This image must be abandoned and given up to Christ before He will enter.

EXAMPLE: There are other kinds of images people operate from; Athletic, educated, political, musician, writer, etc... Part of your image may be associated with being a certain type of person; kind, happy, cool, loner, wise, funny,

serious, smart etc.

EXAMPLE: Some identify their image with their chosen profession, such as teacher, doctor, judge, working class guy, etc, but no matter what image you identify yourself with you must lay it all down to Christ. He may allow you to stay in this profession but you must first lay it all down to Him before He will indwell you.

EXAMPLE: For me it was my image of being ‘cool.’ Of course, I was the only one who actually thought I was cool and maybe my little gang of friends, but still it was a huge part of me - my self image. I also had to give up my friends because they continued on in the drugs and partying and I could no longer do that. I must stress that I ‘yielded’ my friends and my image of ‘coolness’ up to the Lord in my heart days before I actually ‘went forward’ at the altar call and found the Lord.

EXAMPLE: The alcoholic knows he will have to stop going to the bars with his friends every night. He will have to turn from this and forsake this pleasure unto the Lord. But what he will also need to forsake is his ‘image’ that was created when he was drinking. Maybe it was an ‘image’ of being wild and a rebel. Or the image of being the ‘happy’ clown, making people laugh by doing silly things when drunk. Or the image of being brave and confident. Whatever image was developed it must be identified and surrendered to the Lord. Whether you love the image or hate the image it must be exposed and yielded.

EXAMPLE: A straight “A” student may be wrapped up in how intelligent they are and very proud of this fact. They may purposely make others feel ‘stupid’ around them in

order to elevate themselves above everyone else. They constantly compare themselves on an intelligence scale. This image has to be laid down and abandoned.

EXAMPLE: Sometimes we don't think we have an image because we are so insecure, hurt or damaged. Our image has become identified by some 'bad' situation that has happened to us. Some have been emotionally broken by extremely painful situation; the death of a parent, or rape, or incest etc. But even in these situations we need to 'lay it all down' and 'turn it over' to the Lord. We do this by telling Him about 'it', sharing 'it' with Him, getting it off our chest, exposing it to the light of day. Some may have blamed God for this event and harbor unforgiveness toward Him; this must be confessed and repented of. Only then can God's true healing begin. But if you keep it hidden and covered no healing can ever start. Once this terrible situation has been exposed to the Lord, you must move on to giving Him your entire life even if you feel it is a worthless life; He is the Master of redemption and restoration.

EXAMPLE: A person who thinks they are a Christian because they were raised in a Christian home. They were taught to love Christ and to obey His commands but they are involved in sin- drugs, alcohol, pornography, adultery, homosexuality, lust, anger, or bitterness, etc... (maybe one or all of these). They have the 'image' or 'label' of being a 'Christian' but their lifestyle and inward thought life proves that Christ doesn't reside within their hearts. This is the hardest image to forsake. They have been raised to believe in the correct deliverer (Christ Jesus), but they have not yet been delivered themselves from their sins. They may feel they are denying Him by forsaking their 'Christian image',

but in truth it is their own 'self-righteous image' they are required to forsake. They have been relating to Christ 'outside' of themselves. Jesus has never been able to take His rightful place on the throne of their hearts because they have never repented correctly and their continued sins expose this reality. This person must lay down their image and title of being a 'Christian' because in fact they are NOT a Christian but only a professor of a religion called Christianity. (More on this subject in my next book)

NOTE: It is easier to turn from an image that society considers wrong such as, hells angel biker, drug dealer, criminals, prostitutes, pimps, etc than it is to turn from an image that society considers right. Most of the time our 'good' image is wrapped around our 'pride' and our selfishness to retain that image at all costs. Even a person who is considered good in societies eyes will have to surrender that image up to the Lord; whether you're a law abiding citizen, a religious person, a straight "A" student, or an athlete. It is harder to lay down these 'good' images to the Lord because we feel more strongly that it is our right to have them because society encourages us to retain them. But to the Lord a life lived without Him is always wrong and prideful. That being said, the Lord wants all of us to be law abiding citizens, but being a law abiding citizen has nothing to do with Christ indwelling us. He doesn't look at the good merits of our lives as a condition for indwelling us. Whatever your image and self rule is identified with, the bad or the good, that 'image' must be forsaken and yielded up to Him.

4. This may include forsaking material possessions also. Material possessions can have a hold of our hearts. In acquiring and holding on to some possessions most of our

blood, sweat, and tears are required to keep them. If you have a possession that you think you could not live without such as a cool car, boat, or motorcycle etc. then you must have a willingness to sell these things. You don't have to sell them before you surrender to Christ but you must make the decision to yield them to Christ now. If they are not part of your heart and image then they won't be a big deal to give up, but if they are a part of your heart and image then they will be a big deal for you to give up. Usually the bigger struggle you have in yielding them to Him the stronger hold they have on your heart. You must surrender these up to Him; He may allow you to keep them or He may have you sell them, but now it is His decision.

Jesus said:

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

EXAMPLE: In Luke 18:23 the rich young ruler was unwilling to give up all his riches and follow Christ. Jesus required the rich young ruler to sell all he had and give it to the poor because Jesus knew 'these possessions' held his heart; his 'image' of success was defined by the riches and authority he held. Jesus asked Him to forsake his very core 'image' and the rich young ruler would not.

NOTE: Christ requires us to forsake all that our self ruled hearts have developed because He desires to reveal to us the true things to cherish. Christ does not desire to deprive you of possessions, but He knows that possessions can have a hold on your heart and He desires all of you. He wants to give you the true treasure - that being Himself - a true relationship with Him! When one forsakes all to Christ, He then enters that life. The Lord then begins to restore to your

heart and mind His ways which are opposite of the worlds ways. One who has Christ abiding within them is a new creature and their desires will now be fashioned and grounded according to His loving heart and not according to the world's desires and treasures (possessions, money, image, status, lusts etc). Truly there is no greater pleasure/treasure than to have the living Christ indwelling your soul! It is true rest, peace, and joy!

NOTE: IF you have identified and forsaken the image you identify with, you can then invite Him to come into your heart to rule and reign supremely forever! Turn yourself over to Him completely to love and serve Him from this day forward. You must have a willingness to follow, obey, and serve Christ in everything. Your life is not your own anymore but belongs to Him. He will be your Lord and guide. You will no longer be a slave to yourself and sin!

Jesus said:

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other...

Rom 6:16 Surely you know that when you surrender yourselves as slaves to obey someone, you are in fact the slaves of the master you obey---either of sin, which results in death, or of obedience, which results in being put right with God.

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God! For though at one time you were slaves to sin, you have obeyed with all your heart the truths found in the teaching you received.

Rom 6:18 You were set free from sin and became the slaves of righteousness.

GODS' PART

If God accepts your repentance as true (and only He and you know if it is true and honest) then He reaches His hand down and forgives you personally. This is not merely a legal contract you have entered into (although the law has been satisfied) but a personal revealing of Jesus Christ Himself to you!

God looks on the heart:

1Sa 16:7 I do not judge as people judge. They look at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart.

1Ki 8:39 ...You alone know the thoughts of the human heart.

Rev 2:23 ...I am the one who knows everyone's thoughts and wishes.

1. He forgives, cleanses and washes your temple. If repentance is full and true He will reveal the cross to you -that His sacrifice was made for you personally and you will understand and experience His washing, cleansing, and forgiveness by His blood (emotionally feel, envision, or inward revelation).

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Christ is revealed to you - Salvation is the revelation of Christ to your soul. **Salvation is Someone**; it is Christ coming to your soul personally. His love for you will be revealed to your heart. It will be a very deep emotional, cathartic, and transforming experience. No other

relationship in this world can touch you so deeply. No one will have to assure you of your salvation ever, because you have a personal revelation from God Himself of Jesus. Salvation is Someone; it is Christ Jesus coming to your heart. No pastor or leader will have to reassure you of His love for you - You will know it because He has come unto you personally!

Jn 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest (show)myself to him.

Mat 16:17 "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven.

Gal 1:11 Let me tell you, my friends, that the gospel I preach is not of human origin.

Gal 1:12 I did not receive it from any human being, nor did anyone teach it to me. It was Jesus Christ himself who revealed it to me.

Eph 1:17 and ask the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you the Spirit, who will make you wise and reveal God to you, so that you will know him.

2Co 4:6 The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made his light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

3. When He makes entrance by His Spirit, you are now 'born again' and are ruled by the loving King of the universe. The fellowship with Him is divine, loving, kind and blissful. The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords lives in your heart!! You have found the true rest and peace for

your soul. You cry Abba Father - a child of God.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh(worldliness), but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Rom 8:10 But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God, even though your bodies are going to die because of sin.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2Co 6:16 ...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love...

Gal 4:6 To show that you are his children, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who cries out, "Father, my Father."

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Rev 3:19...be zealous therefore, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

CONCLUSION

Doing the things described in this booklet is a process and each person will have their own individual experience with the Lord. All the components; **Awakening** to our sin,

Repenting of our sin, and **The Kingdom Transfer**, must be satisfied or Christ will not indwell the heart. That said the more willing a heart is to take responsibility for their sin and face the music - so to speak - the faster the process will be.

As it is written here, it may seem technical, formal and long, but in truth this process of cleaning ones heart of all sin is not to be a technical and formal one but a heartfelt one. I have laid it out in a linear 'step' system for clarification, but in fact it is not a linear or formal one but one of deep revelation. As an honest heart becomes more convicted, gut wrenchingly honest, and painfully exposed before the living, loving Judge a more spontaneous 'heart explosion' of 'undoing' occurs. Then these 'steps' or components, can and often do, happen simultaneously in ones heart and mind. Just as when someone has a near death experience and their whole life somehow flashes before their eyes, so too can God flash ones entire self ruled life and all its crimes in moments before the humbled heart. Actual spoken audible words may not transpire between you and God because now the communication between you two is from the deep inner sanctum of your heart. God is the only one who can communicate with us in this deep and profound fashion and this intense communication usually opens the flood gates of our hearts with tears and weeping. Uncontrollable sobs may be the only audible accompaniment to this process, but this is truly music to His ears. All heaven rejoices when one person come to this type of repentance!

Lk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

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