

Born Again and New Wine Into New Bottles.

Mark 2:22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but ***new wine must be put into new bottles.***

1Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have ***purified your souls in obeying the truth*** through the **Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 23 Being ***born again***, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, ***by the word of God***, which liveth and abideth for ever.

The Saviour said, “Except a man be born from above,” unless he shall receive **a new heart, new desires, purposes, and motives, leading to a new life**, “he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3, margin. **The idea that it is necessary only to develop the good that exists in man by nature, is a fatal deception.** “The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” “Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 3:7. Of Christ it is written, “In Him was life; and the life was the light of men”—the only “name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” John 1:4; Acts 4:12. SC 18.2

“Those who become ***new creatures*** in Christ Jesus will bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, “love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.” Galatians 5:22, 23. They will no longer fashion themselves according to the former lusts, but by the faith of the Son of God they will follow in His steps, reflect His character, and purify themselves even as He is pure. ***The things they once hated they now love, and the things they once loved they hate.*** The proud and self-assertive become meek and lowly in heart. The vain and supercilious become serious and unobtrusive. The drunken become sober, and the profligate pure. The vain customs and fashions of the world are laid aside. Christians will seek not the “outward adorning,” but “the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.” 1 Peter 3:3, 4. SC 58.3.

There is no evidence of genuine repentance unless it works reformation. If he restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, confess his sins, and love God and his fellow men,” Matt. 22:37-40 first four of the Ten and the last six “the sinner may be sure that he has passed from death unto life.” SC 59.1

See 2SG 259.2, 1T 159.2, GC 461.2.

Rom. 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Note: If I do that which the natural-carnal-old creature hates I consent to the law—Ten Commandments that they are good. Here a disability may convey Paul's point. Sin has disabled us, we are lame and in our recovery is expressed the despair of not being able to run when we are trying to walk.

1Thess. 3:3 For *this is the will of God, even your sanctification*, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 *That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;*

1Cor. 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And *every man that striveth for the mastery* is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:* lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Rom. 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit *do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.* 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Col. 3:5 *Mortify therefore your members* which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:* 7 *In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.*

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verb (**mortifies, mortifying, mortified**) [*with object*]

1 cause (someone) to feel embarrassed, ashamed, or humiliated: *she was mortified to see her wrinkles in the mirror.*

2 subdue (the body or its needs and desires) by self-denial or discipline: *return to heaven by mortifying the flesh.*

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And

they that are Christ's *have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Note: Paul is teaching what Jesus taught (John 3:6;6:63) and stating the difference between The Old and New Man, Old and New Creature, Carnal man and Spiritual man; for the old man hated repentance, self denying love and these relationships to the Ten Commandments and Righteousness which he now does/obeys proving the law is good. 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? 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.

Isa. 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; *put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment,* relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. 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. 19 If ye be willing and obedient,

1Cor. 2:14 But the *natural* man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 2Corinthians 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. James 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. *See 2Cor. 13:12.* Romans 8:7 Because *the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God,* neither indeed can be.; Rom. 11:16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; 18 Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is

able to graff them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be ***not conformed to this world:*** but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning the ***former*** conversation ***the old man,*** which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And ***be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*** 24 And that ye put on the ***new man,*** which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. Col. 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man with his deeds;** 10 And **have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:**

1Thessalonians A.D. 54. 1Corinthians A.D. 57. 2Corinthians A.D. 59. Romans. James A.D. 60. Ephesians, Colossians A.D. 64.

I am deeply exercised in mind in reference to the ***low standard of piety*** among our people. And when I think of the woes passed on Capernaum, I think of how much heavier will come the condemnation upon those who know the truth and have not walked according to the truth, but in the sparks of their own kindling. In the night seasons I am addressing the people in a very solemn manner, beseeching them to ask their own consciences; What am I? Am I a Christian, or am I not? Is my heart renewed? Has the transforming grace of God moulded my character? Are my sins repented of? Are they confessed? Are they forgiven? Am I one with Christ as he is one with the Father? ***Do I hate what I once loved? Do I now love what I once hated?*** Do I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus? Do I feel I am the purchased possession of Jesus Christ, and that every hour I must consecrate myself to his service? SpTA01b 37.2

These souls brought forth fruit meet for repentance. They believed and were baptized, and rose to walk in newness of life—new creatures in Christ Jesus; not to fashion themselves according to the former lusts, but by the faith of the Son of

God to follow in His steps, to reflect His character, and to purify themselves even as He is pure. ***The things they once hated they now loved, and the things they once loved they hated.*** The proud and self-assertive became meek and lowly of heart. The vain and supercilious became serious and unobtrusive. The profane became reverent, the drunken sober, and the profligate pure. The vain fashions of the world were laid aside. Christians sought not the “outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but ... the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” 1 Peter 3:3, 4. GC 461.2