

## RELEASING THE FULLNESS THAT IS IN YOU

Over the last two weeks we have looked at our true design, how Jesus came to restore us into his image and likeness.

We saw that it was your spirit that was born again, reconnected back to God, the source of life. And you were declared complete.

Colossians 2:10 NLT So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Now I want to teach you how God intended for you to experience what you already possess by grace.

### 1) God can only give that for which you desire.

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

The word delight means to bend toward or to take pleasure in.

God wants you to experience all of the benefits of salvation more than you want them, yet he can only give you what you desire.

1 Chronicles 1:9 NIV And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, **for the Lord searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you.**

Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

### 2) Agree with God's word.

3 John 2 NKJV Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Look at the heart of God in this verse. It sounds like the primary desire of God the Father is that His children would prosper and be in health. Why is that? Because it is a picture of his nature and plan for all mankind.

To prosper means to increase, thrive or make great gain.

Think of the first command of God, be fruitful and multiply.

In this verse he tells us the key to experiencing what he has already provided by grace. The key is to have a prosperous soul (mind).

In the Greek this means that you will prosper and be in health to the extent that your soul (mind) prospers.

## **What is a prosperous mind?**

**A prosperous soul is one who agrees and acts upon God's word.**

2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Peter is saying that everything we need for the life God intended for us to have is released when we get the knowledge of what Jesus has already promised.

### **The power of the word.**

Isaiah 55:10-11 NLT "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. 11 It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always **produces** fruit. It will **accomplish** all I want it to, and it will **prosper** everywhere I send it.

The question is, how does the word produce, accomplish, and prosper?

Every precious promise is like a seed, it has the power to produce after its own kind.

God's word must be mixed with faith.

Hebrews 4:2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

### **Understanding our system of belief.**

Through God's redemptive design he has made you whole or complete, the key to releasing what you already possess is faith.

God designed us so that what we think can be developed into belief and then if it is acted upon it can become a reality.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

It is not the thoughts that reside in your mind that create belief. It is the thoughts that you give attention to that make their way into your heart and become belief and then when you speak what you believe it comes to pass.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

### **Two sources of words.**

God has a source of words called the Bible and when given attention to they become beliefs that produce abundance.

Satan has a source of words that if given attention to they create beliefs that produce destruction.

Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may **prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Conformed means to be placed into a mold.

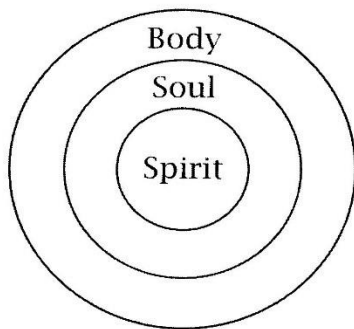
Satan has created thought patterns based on deception that have convinced us that all the effects of the fall are normal and to be expected.

Transformed means a metamorphosis; it describes a complete change as in a caterpillar into a butterfly.

The goal is to eradicate every lie from your belief system that keeps you in bondage and replace it with the truth that will set you free.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *prove* as “to establish the truth or validity of by argument or evidence...to be shown to be such; turn out.” Therefore, this is speaking of how to physically display God’s will in our lives.

If you want to be living proof of the new creation that God has already made you, you must understand how God designed you to function.



I want you to look at this diagram. It looks like a target, the inner circle represents your spirit, the middle circle represents your soul (mind, will and emotions) the outer circle represents your body.

What I want you to understand is that what you already possess must pass through your soul before it can manifest or be experienced in your body.

Your soul works like a valve that will either restrict or allow what is in your spirit to flow into your body.



(Illustration)

Picture your shower, if you turn the valve towards the hot sign, it blocks the cold water and allows only the hot water to flow.

If you turn the valve towards the cold, it will block the hot water and only allow the cold water to flow.

When your mind comes into agreement with God's word by the renewing of the mind, your soul (mind) is facing your spirit and allows every benefit of salvation to be experienced in your body.

As long as our minds remain conformed to this world, the valve faces the body, or the flesh and it blocks the flow of the spirit.

#### **Paul explains further.**

Romans 8:5-6 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

When Paul is talking about the flesh of the carnal mind, he is talking about the natural of an unrenewed mind that has been conformed to the patterns of this world and that thinking leads to death.

The mind that lives in agreement with the spirit leads to life and peace.

#### **Here is a great picture of God's design for you.**

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.