

GRACE For Addictions

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Part 5

BELIEVE

Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

THE BATTLE GROUND

I Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly, and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

YOUR RE-CREATED SPIRIT

Hebrews 10:14 "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

You are a spirit, you have a soul, and you live in a body. Your re-created spirit has been perfected forever. All of the life of God is in your re-created spirit. Your contact with the realm of the spirit is through your re-created spirit.

YOUR SOUL OR HEART

Your soul isn't perfect. It consists of your mind, will, emotions, thoughts and feelings. Your heart is your contact to your natural surroundings. Your natural success or failure is determined by the condition of your soul (or heart.)

YOUR BODY

Your body or flesh has the sin nature and will take the path of least resistance. Your body simply follows the leadership of the soul or heart.

RENEWING YOUR MIND

In order for natural success to be a part of your life, your mind must be renewed to the principles of success in the Word.

Romans 12:2 "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."

The only way you can be delivered from conforming to the world system is to let the Word transform your mind. Then you choose to conform to the Word instead of the world system.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE

Hosea 4:6a "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

The only way God's people can be destroyed is through a lack of knowledge of what God has provided for them through the finished work of Jesus.

WHY WE STUDY

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

You are to study to show your soul or heart that you have been approved by God and His blessings are for you. Then you will be able to discern what is law and what is grace. Always make the decision for grace.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH AND RECOVERING YOUR SOUL

II Timothy 2:25-26 "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

When your mind isn't renewed to the Word you will say and believe something different about yourself than what the Word says about you. You are, then, opposing yourself or your soul.

When you repent to the acknowledging of the truth or to what the Word says about you, you are simply changing your mind. When you repent or change your mind, you recover your soul or heart from the snare or trap of the devil. When you oppose yourself your soul is being held captive against your will.

WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION

Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling..."

Paul said to work out your salvation. Your salvation is in your re-created spirit through the new birth. With fear and trembling means with reverence and self-distrust in your own ability. To work it out means to take what is in your spirit outward to your soul.

When you know your identity you can rest in the peace of God that's on the inside of you as you face the pressures of life that come from the outside.

GIVING BIRTH TO YOUR DREAM

James 1:2-4 "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

The only way you can count it all joy when (not if) you face tests and trials is to "know" the finished work of Jesus applies to you. Knowing this causes patience to work itself out.

Patience here is referred to as feminine. Faith is referred to as masculine. "Perfect work" means to carry a child or your dream to full term. It's your faith and patience that gives birth to your dream.

FAITH AND PATIENCE INHERIT

Hebrews 6:12 "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

It's because of your faith and patience that you inherit your dreams. The enemy's goal is to get you to look at the outward appearance and call what you see with your natural eyes truth. This is only "a" truth or fact; it's not "the" truth. When you begin to call "a" truth "the" truth you abort your dream.

BELIEVING TO THE SAVING OF YOUR SOUL

Hebrews 10:39 "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

You draw back in your soul or heart because you lack knowledge. When you draw back it's to your own destruction. The saving of your soul is the renewing of your mind to the truth of the Word.

NOW THAT YOU'VE RENEWED YOUR MIND!

Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

After you have believed to the saving of your soul or the renewing of your mind, now you can have faith or confidence that the things you've hoped for or the things you've "seen" will come to pass. Hope is your ability to see the future and where you want to go.

FAITH UNDER PRESSURE

I Peter 1:9 "Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls."

The salvation of your soul or heart gives you the ability to believe God under pressure.

NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

II Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue..."

Everything concerning your spiritual and natural success has been given to you. It's "knowing" that causes your spiritual and natural success to come to pass.

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QUESTIONS

1. What part of you is perfect?
2. What part of you determines your natural success?
3. Is your success already established?

ANSWERS

1. Your re-created spirit is perfect at salvation.
2. Your soul (mind, will, emotions, thoughts, and feelings) determines your natural success.
3. Yes. it has been given to us. II Peter 1:3