

**Corinthians 5:17**

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

**Society Today**

- We live in an era of technology.
- With technology comes speed and exposure. Society becomes instant. We can send messages, pictures and information to another country in seconds using SMS, Whatsapp, Facebook, email, etc.
- Information is at our fingertips. If you don't know, ask Google. Google, who scored the most tries in the 1995 rugby world cup? And Google spits out the answer.
- Google, my phone is not charging, what are the possible problems and solutions? There we go, Google kicks out the answer.
- News is spread with electronic media. Media has a big impact on our lives.
- When there are farm murders, looting, protesting, violence, etc. the knowledge of these events drives mindsets, fear, hate, and sometimes more violence.
- After reading about people being attacked on my phone before I went to bed, I dreamt that someone was in my house and I woke up with a terrible fear in me.
- That concern drove me to install beams outside my house connected to my alarms so that there is a warning that I'm under attack.
- Look at the movies today. People paint pictures of marriages and relationships that are unrealistic.
- People paint pictures of themselves on Facebook that are not really them. Pictures are modified to take out blemishes or change looks.
- People could post a lot of scripture, but not be a Christian. Some make out like they live this luxurious life, but back at home it is not like that.
- Society is very much focused on the outer appearance. They want to make people believe things that are not true.
- I'm too fat, I'm too skinny, I'm too poor, I'm too rich. I'm holy, I'm in a powerful position. It is all external representation.
- Have you seen the picture on the internet with happy comedians and actors who committed suicide? The slogan says, "This is what depression looks like". Happy on the outside but dying on the inside.
- There used to be a Cremora advert (giving away my age). Saying, "it's not inside its on top". This morning, I'm telling you, "it's not on top, its inside".
- When we become a new creation, we don't change on the outside. I'm talking about our appearance. There is a change on the inside.
- People tend to think if they look different on the outside, they are different on the inside. If I take a homeless person and clean him up and put him in a suite - he will still be a homeless person. Nothing has changed inside of him, he only appears better on the outside.

**Winston Churchill said: "I no longer believe what people say I believe what they do".**

### **John 15:5**

*I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

- There is a difference to be with Christ and to be in Christ. Many people walked with Christ, but not many of those people were in Christ.
- Judas was with Christ, but not in Christ.
- How often do families (spouses, children) live in the same house and not really know each other or have union with each other? The families are together or with each another.
- A lot of people cling to Jesus for salvation, but they have no union with Him.
- Union is not to do with proximity from each other but love/intimacy.
- Love is not time together or doing things for each other. Love is much deeper and wider than that.
- To talk about Him, to do for Him, to fight for Him or even to die for Him is not union with Him.
- To love is to become one with Him. To have of Him in you and you in Him.

### **Change on the inside means**

#### **Genesis 3:1-13 - The Fall of Man**

*Now the serpent was craftier than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

- Eve was in union with God and Adam before she was misled by the Serpent.
- The Serpent, who is an outsider, comes in. The Serpent starts out his conversation with a lie or incorrect information. Eve corrects the serpent because she knows the truth.
- The Serpent then says the truth is a lie and calls God a liar.
- Satan promises that Eve will have more abilities. Suddenly the forbidden fruit becomes desirable.
- Eve feels alone and shares the forbidden fruit Adam.
- Adam was a good husband, he didn't ask questions, he did what his wife told him to do (23)

## The Source

- What happened to Eve?
- Eve's source changed. Eve's only source was God until she made her source the lies from the serpent.
- Because of Eve's sin, we are all born into sin. Our source is sin, unless we repent and accept Jesus as our Saviour.

### **John 3:3**

*Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."*

- What happened in the Western cape a year ago? We ran out of water. Our water supply came from dams that were running dry! Suddenly everyone was looking for a new source of water.
- My Cousin farms with grapes, he was forced to other water sources. The new source had a high iron content that started effecting his crops. The source changed and the effect on his crop changed.
- When I take a VW Beetle and I replace that little air-cooled 1960 engine inside with a high-performance motor running on nitro's – the source of power in that VW Beetle has changed. That little Beetle will never be the same again.

Jesus said to the woman at the well:

### **John 4:14**

*but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."*

## Roots

- You must be rooted to the source!
- If you plant 100meters away from the water source, your plants will die. The roots need to be in good soil close to the source so it can supply the plant/tree with the minerals and water.
- When the roots are uprooted, the plant/tree is cut off from the source and will wither and die.
- Plants/trees are sensitive, you can't just take it out of the ground and plant it again. The plant/tree roots are disturbed and take time to settle down again or it might even die.
- Our roots must settle where God planted us. People who think they can just up and go from one church to another move on dangerous terrain. The church is our house, the ground where God planted us to receive what we need to grow and be connected to Him.
- This is the reason we don't just allow anyone to preach in our church. We need to understand 'where are you planted?' and "who is your source?". There are so many preachers that are not connected to a church or accountable to anyone that want to preach to others.
- What are the roots that I'm talking about?
- Your heart is the roots that supply your Spirit and your Soul!
- David a man after God's heart understood a couple things we have missed.

### **Psalms 51:10**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

- David is saying - Lord connect my roots accurately to You, so I can live an unwavering life before You.

### **Ezekiel 36:26**

*Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

#### **New View**

- They had a Navy seal on radio the other day. As part of the special training they go 5 days without sleep and minimal food. The seal was recalling an incident where they were in boats and another seal in training scream that there is a training coming. All the seals without hesitation jumped into the water. When you don't sleep for 5 days, you start hallucinating. When your source is cut off, your view changes.
- Eve believed the lie of the Serpent and desired more wisdom.
- The scripture says after eating the fruit their eyes were opened

### **Genesis 3:7**

*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.*

- If your source is right and you are rooted in Christ, you will see things from His perspective.
- When the world sees hopelessness, you see hope. You see possible when everyone else can only see impossible.
- **2 Kings 6:17**  
*Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*
- Being correctly connected will be like seeing from black and white to seeing everything in colour.

#### **New Thinking**

- Technology today is on the change daily. Our cell phones and computers need to be connected to the internet so that it can download the latest version of software.
- Inside the electronic device is what they call AI (Artificial Intelligence). The intelligence looks at where you move, what you do, etc. It even listens into some of your phone calls. The AI adapts to you.
- We need to be connected to the source so we can be upgraded daily.
- **1 Corinthians 2:16**  
*For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.*
- We think differently to anyone else because we have the mind of Christ.
- What am I capable of when I have the mind of Christ?
- You can't compare a Nokia 3210 to a Samsung Note S11. You can't compare an unsaved person's mindset to that of a person with the mind of Christ!

#### **New Action/behaviour**

#### **New Ability**

- **John 15:5** says apart from Christ we can do nothing.
- It is like having the most advanced electronic equipment, but it is not connected to a power source.
- In Christ we have the ability of Christ and He can work in us.

**Mark 9:23**

*And Jesus said to him, "If You can?" All things are possible to him who believes."*

**Acts 1:8**

*but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*

You will receive the power and ability when you are connected to the source.

**Other Scriptures to read:****Mark 7:14-23 – The Heart of Man**

*After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."] When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable. And He said to them, "Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."*

**Luke 10:27**

*And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF."*