

The Word of Faith

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PRESENT YOUR BODIES

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."

Romans 12:1,2, "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. 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."

This will help us see the difference between the inward man and the outward man. Paul said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren..." He wasn't writing to sinners. He wasn't writing to the world. He was writing to the saints at Rome. He addresses this letter, in Romans 1:7, "To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints."

It applies to all, beloved of God, called to be saints. So he said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies..." You do something with your body. If you don't do anything with it, nothing will ever be done with it. I don't know whether you can see it or not, but in our church teachings we have just cluttered up some of this teaching until our minds are all fuzzy and

muddy, and it is difficult to get the real truth over to folks.

I want you to notice something. He didn't say to present yourselves to God. As a usual thing, our consecration and dedication services are all out of line. We don't know what we are doing, so that is the reason they aren't as effective as they ought to be. He did not say for you to present yourselves to God, because if you are a child of God you already belong to Him. You can't very well present to someone what already belongs to them.

He didn't say a word about dedicating yourselves, or giving yourselves in that sense. But you find that if you are born again, you are His. You are that inward man that has become a new man in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." What man is he talking about? This outward man? No, it couldn't be the outward man because he said this man is a new creature.

We have missed it in religious circles so many times. People want folks to join the church. They want them to do better. They want them to try to live right. You know, I never have tried to live right. I just got born again, and I've been living right ever since then.

Living right is good, but it won't make you a Christian and it

won't take you to heaven. Being born again will though. It becomes religion and it isn't Christianity. Christianity is being born again. Christianity is receiving the gift of eternal life. When eternal life (which is the nature and the life of God) is imparted to your spirit, it changes you.

This life of God coming into you (the real you) makes this inward man a new man. You don't have to make yourself new. You couldn't make yourself a new man anyhow. Being born again makes you a new man with a new nature. You have a new nature in you because he went right on to say, "...old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

You will have trouble with the flesh, but you won't have trouble with you. Again, some things that we have said are really misleading unless we teach the truth. People say, "You have to die out to old self." No you don't. Old self is dead and you have a new self in the place of him. What you need to do is die out to flesh.

The flesh is not the old self. Your flesh is the same body and the same flesh it was before you were saved, but that man on the inside (which was the old you and the old self) has become a new self and a new man in Christ. This man on the inside has become a new man.

When he becomes a new man then "old things are passed away; behold all things are

become new." He is a "new creature" in Christ Jesus. The body is not new. At the coming of the Lord, thank God, we will have a new body. But He expects the new man, this hidden man of the heart, this inward man that has become a new man in Christ, to do something with the body. He expects you not to let the body dominate you to be a carnal Christian, or a body-ruled Christian.

Do like Paul said--I do something with my body, I keep it under, I bring it into subjection to my spirit. I don't let my body rule my spirit or the inward man. I let the inward man rule the outward man. He said this, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies..." That is the house you are living in. You are the caretaker of that house, not God. You do something with your body. "...ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." I like another translation which reads, "...which is your spiritual service."

In the church world we have those who say, "Well, it doesn't make any difference about the body, what the body does, or how it sins. This old body is never going to get to heaven anyhow." But you see my brother and sister, it does make some difference to God what you do with your body. He wants transfigured bodies.

Then, notice in the 2nd verse that he says something about doing something with your mind. He said, "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." This is what astounded me when I

realized something here. I'm sorry to say that I had preached for fifteen years before I saw this.

I don't know much yet, but thank God for what I have learned. It astounded me one day when it dawned on me what he did say. He was writing here to people who were born again and Spirit-filled, and yet their being born again and Spirit-filled had not affected their bodies or their minds. How many people do you know that are like that?

He is telling them that you are going to have to do something with your body and you're going to have to do something with your mind. God isn't going to do anything with those. God contacted your spirit. You contacted God with your spirit, and your spirit--the inward man, the hidden man of the heart--became a new man in Christ. Now then it is up to you to do something. He is telling us that we need first to present our bodies a living sacrifice and second we need to get our minds renewed with the Word of God.

One of the greatest needs of the church today is to have renewed minds. Just because you are a Christian and even Spirit-filled, doesn't give you a renewed mind. Your mind becomes renewed with the Word of God. One reason that God put teachers in the church (those who are really called to teach) is to renew our minds.

We know this then, that man is a spirit. We know that he is in the same class with God, because God is a Spirit, and because he was made to fellowship with God. God made man for His own pleasure, and so that He would have someone to fellowship with. Man is not an animal.

Man has to be in the same class

with God or he couldn't fellowship with God. Did you ever try to fellowship with an old cow? Well, they are in a different kingdom than you are in. They are in a different class than you are in. We can't fellowship with them, but we can fellowship with one another, and we can fellowship with God, because we are in the same class of being as God. Praise the Lord!

To the woman at the well in Samaria in the 4th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus said, "God is a Spirit..." She said, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." He said to her, "The hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." So we know that God is a Spirit; and yet God, who is a Spirit, took upon Himself a man's body. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. The first chapter of John's Gospel said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Then in the 14th verse he says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." When God took upon Himself a human body, He was no less God than He was when He didn't have a body. We know that man at physical death leaves his body, and that when he leaves his body he is

no less man than he was when he had his body. The story of Abraham, Lazarus, and the rich man proves that.

Paul said, "Wilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord." And he said, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." So then, we know that God is only revealed to man through the spirit. It is the spirit of man that contacts God.

The real man is spirit, he has a soul, and he lives in a body. You can let that body continue to dominate you if you want to. That body, if you'll let it, will want to go on doing the things it has always done. This inward man has to dominate it and present the body to God a living sacrifice. That helps us then in Christian living and Christian life.

ALL FAITHS CRUSADES

FT. WORTH, TEXAS, Christian Center, 4301 North East 28th, (Highway 183). Starting Sunday Evening, February 20, at 7:00 P.M., thru Sunday Evening, February 27, 7:00 P.M. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Saturday at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

ARDMORE, OKLA., Northwest Assembly of God, 1501 7th Street, N.W., (1 block north of Cook's Department Store, turn left). Starting Sunday Evening, March 5, 7:00 P.M. thru Sunday Evening, March 12, 7:00 P.M. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Saturday at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Holiday Inn Northwest, 3535 Northwest 39th Expressway (US 66 and Portland Avenue). Starting Sunday Afternoon, March 26, at 2:30 P.M. and thru Sun-

day Afternoon, April 2, 2:30 P.M. There will be two services each day, Monday thru Saturday, at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

MONTHLY LESSON

"For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (Mark 5:28).

The lesson this month is entitled, Touching Jesus. If we touch Jesus, by faith, we can have what we say. Write for your free copy today and learn more about touching Jesus.

BROADCAST CHANGES

TIME CHANGE FOR WHYD-FM

Beginning March 21, The Faith Seminar of the Air, heard over WHYD-FM in Columbus, Georgia, will move from 11:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Make a note of this time change so that you will not miss any of the teaching series.

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The Faith Seminar of the Air may now be heard over four new radio stations. Thank God for those who are willing to sacrifice so that others may also hear this faith message. Let us know if you are listening.

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Testimonies in Brief

Your Bible Faith Study Course and your Bible Prayer Study Course was loaned to me by a friend. I began to study and pray as I had never done before. Things began to happen before my very eyes. On September 13th, we had our first Full Gospel Bible Study. Three people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and one was healed of arthritis. Praise the Lord! God is blessing and we have seen many miracles being performed in our community. I.C.

Brother Hagin, we wrote you for prayer for the healing of my feet and also my son's feet. After your prayer, our feet are well. We thank God for His healing power. D.G.

Thank you for your prayers. I have been able to sleep without that miserable itch on my arms for the past eight nights. That's the first time in about three years. This is something to be thankful for. H.C.

I want to express again, my appreciation to you for what your ministry has meant to me. Your book, The Authority of the Believer, was used by God to set me free and open up a new life to me. I praise God for your faithfulness. Mrs. H.D.

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