

Preaching The Gospel to Yourself

So that I, *insert your name here*, will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, I remind myself that:

Unless one is born again, he or she cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and I am justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

I, *insert your name here*, am **strengthened** with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all **steadfastness** and **patience**; **joyously** giving thanks to the Father, who has **qualified** me to share in **the inheritance of the saints in Light**.

For He **rescued** me from the domain of darkness and **transferred** me to the kingdom of His beloved Son in whom **I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins**.

And although I was formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now **reconciled** me in His fleshly body through death, in order to present me before Him **holy** and **blameless** and **beyond reproach** if indeed I continue in the faith **firmly established** and **steadfast**, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that I have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

I was **washed**, I was **sanctified**, I was **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Therefore, as I have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so I will walk in Him, having been **firmly rooted** and **now being built up in Him** and **established in my faith**, just as I was instructed, and **overflowing with gratitude**.

I see to it that no one takes me captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

For in Him, in Christ, all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and **in Him, I have been made complete**.

When I was dead in my transgressions and the uncircumcision of my flesh, **He made me alive together with Him, having forgiven me all my transgressions**, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against me, which was hostile to me; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

What shall I say then? Am I to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall **I who died to sin** still live in it? Or do I not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Now if I have died with Christ, I believe that **I shall also live with Him**, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider myself to be **dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus**.

God has given me **a new heart and put a new spirit within me: His Spirit**.

My life now is walking out (experientially here on earth) **what has already been credited to my account** (positional identity in Jesus); **empowered, energized, enabled, excited by that new heart and God's Spirit put in me!**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling **for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure**.

(Scriptures Referenced: Romans 3:21-26; Colossians 1:10-14; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Colossians 2:6-15; Romans 6:1-11; Romans 8; Ezekiel 36:26-29; Philippians 2:12-13.)