

Devotional: As The Spirit Increases, The Flesh Decreases

Christian Devotion on Living in the Spirit

Read: Colossians 3:1-14(NKJV)

I just love this chapter. We can all find ourselves somewhere in this chapter.

In verses 1-3, it reminds us that our minds need to be focused more on what is above. Storing up treasures in Heaven. Our real life is in Christ Jesus—it is not in what we have here on earth. There is no eternal value in earthly things. As we are clothed more with the new spiritual self, more of the flesh will die away. As the things of the Spirit increases our flesh decreases. We are made brand-new creations at the time of our 'spiritual birth' yet walking that out in our everyday life doesn't happen overnight. We need to actively put off, or rid ourselves, of the desires and works of the flesh, and this is a daily process. It's a daily dying to self.

May we have a real desire to be clothed with Jesus Christ—in every area of our lives. We need to allow the nature of the Holy Spirit to be in control and to increase more in our lives. By doing this we will continually be transformed and progressively changed to live more according to God's standards rather than the world's standards.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well-pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

- Romans 12:1-2 (AMPC)

Fill us with your Holy Spirit
Afresh today, O Lord,
So we will be totally transformed
From what we were before.

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