

## Become who you already are!

Luther expressed that the believer should become someone he already had become. One of many paradoxes we find in the Bible. We have already become something we one day will become fully! 1 John chapter 4 verses 17:

**«By this love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as Jesus is, so also are we in this world.»** Salvation is something solid, substantial and absolute. It is eternal and not limited or partly given. We can have confidence, even on the day of judgment, because we are already made like Jesus here in this world. The believer is given the same wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption as Jesus Christ. 1. Cor. 1.30:

**«He is the reason you have a relationship with Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.»**

Become who you are! God gives what He demands, this is the Gospel. Not only has God given us forgiveness through Christ Jesus, but He has also given us everything we need for today and tomorrow, to live a Godly life here on earth. 2 Cor. 9.8:

**«And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work.»**

So for every demand or task God will give or will give to you, He will give to you the exact strength that you will need. Walking in grace, is our calling. To walk out the steps that God himself has put before us. God calls us to obedience as the most important thing. He provides for us, but we need to take the steps and make it happen. Walking in faith, is our calling. We walk not according to what we see, but according to faith, not seen. The Gospel is about He who loved us first, so that we can love Him back. We love, because He loved us first. Everything we do that is motivated for us seeking to be loved, makes us religious. Whatever we do based on His love in us, makes us and people alive! When His love gets to be the very foundations for what we think, say and for all our actions, then we will truly experience His freedom and love. Love is in this world to get love, you need to love or be loving. The Kingdom of God, gives love unconditional and before anything is achieved or accomplished. It is only those who have been affirmed by God, that will be able to affirm others with this kind of love. When we as Christians start to live out a life based on this unconditional love, people will be curious. God is love. That is who He is! And His love is rooted in eternity. Jeremiah 31.3:

**«I have loved you with an everlasting love. That is why I have continued to be faithful to you.»**

It is good to have this love as the anchor of our belief and faith! Often we love, to be loved. We seek affirmation through the way we live, and when we seek it elsewhere than with God, we get lost. God simply loves us, because that is who He is! Fantastic God we serve. He does not pay us according to our mistakes or failure, but as far as east is from west, He let our sins be away from us! When Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, he asked God who he should say had sent him. I AM was the answer he got. Because God IS, he does not have to accomplish anything that he is not! He lives out of who He IS! And the good news is that we have been made like Jesus Christ here and now, on this earth! We have been made like Him with His Crucifixion (Galatians 2.20) and we have been like Him with His baptism into death (Romans 6.4) and finally we have been raised with Him and are seated with Him in the heavenly! (Ephesians 2.7)

So the Christian life is not to try to make anything happen, but it is to act on what already has happened. This is what makes Christianity the true and life giving and life changing power! It is all about Him, Jesus Christ. What He has done, is doing and will do!

Jesus became sin for us, so that we would become the righteousness of God.

In 2 Cor. 5.21:

**“God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.”**

The original Greek translation here is that we have been made Gods righteousness in person! Not only given a righteousness to be covered in, but we have been changed into His very righteousness! We are nothing in our selves, but in Him, we are everything God demands and ask from us. Gods grace is without measure and it is wonderful and beyond our understanding and our capacity to grasp or understand.

Become who you are! You are righteous, so therefore live righteous. You are holy, therefore live holy! You have been given wisdom, live with wisdom! You have been redeemed, so live redeemed and free from sin! We can also say the very same words over us as sinners: Become who you are! You are crucified with Christ Jesus, so lay down your striving! You have been buried with Christ Jesus, so die from sin, because you already dead to sin! It is two important truths that we need to get a hold on as Christians: As sinners we are dead with Christ Jesus. As born again Christians we are new creations and seated in the heavenly with a new identity in God as brothers and sisters of the Son of God. And Christ Jesus is not embarrassed to call us brothers and sisters! He take delight in us as His family and God loves us as a perfect father! We are spotless, perfect in Christ Jesus in the eyes of God!

Romans 5 verses 8 and 9:

**“But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, because we have now been declared righteous by his blood, we will be saved through him from God’s wrath.»**

Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. So, we are no longer sinners, because this is written in past. But, now as new creations, we are made righteous in Christ Jesus and free from sin and condemnation! (Romans 8.1)

- Become who you are: A new creation in Christ, made spotless and perfect in God!

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