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God's Image in You

I had learned years ago that praying in the Holy Spirit was a revelation gift. It says in 1 Corinthians 14:2, “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.” I found that I couldn’t spend much time praying in tongues without my belief structure being changed.

Your belief structure is truly where you’re at in your life. You have, on the inside, an image of who you are, and who God is. It is out of this image that you base every belief that you have. This is why people can change things on the outside but still feel the same about themselves. Any change in our life must first come from the inside before it ever becomes permanent on the outside.

Every one of us lives our life by our belief structure. This is what you honestly believe about yourself, life and God. When you look at yourself in the mirror, what you see is filtered through your belief structure. We all know people who are beautiful yet they think they are not. We know people who we would call successful, but they don’t see it.

On the inside of you there is a picture of God and everything you believe about God comes from this image. Every time you stand in faith it is filtered through this image. The root of faith does not come through a head of wisdom, but from a heart with a true image of who God is. It reads in Mark 11:23, “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”

Our believing or doubting comes from the heart. The image of God on the inside of you is who you really believe He is. Right or wrong!!! Every stand of faith that you take must be rooted in a true image of who God is. I hope that you can see the importance of having the proper image.

Mark 11:24 says, “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” We must believe first before we have. If the picture of God on the inside of you is different than what you are standing for then you have doubt in your heart. To truly believe, that image of God inside of you must line up with who He really is.

When you hear people say in all sincerity, “I believed God and nothing happened,” I trust that they really meant that statement, but believing comes from the heart, not from the head. They may have done everything possible to stand, but their struggle was not with sickness, or poverty, but it was deep within them, a picture that disagreed with who God is. Sickness, disease, poverty and everything the devil brought into this world, was defeated at the cross. Jesus was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8).

We are not trying to move God to heal us or wrestle the devil to the ground. The true battle of faith is changing our belief structure from what is in us into what is in the Word of God. When you actually believe God is our healer, then instantly you will be healed.

Religion is a tool that is used to deceive. I'm not talking about what church you go to because religion comes in all shapes and sizes. Basically, when the picture of God on the inside of you disagrees with who He really is, then you are dealing with religion.

Usually your belief structure is formed when you are young. In most cases it is from the people around you. Watching the way people live and listening to what they say has had a great influence on you. The world is in the process right now of indoctrinating our youth on who God is. You can hear almost every young movie star or rap star thank Jesus Christ for all of their blessings. They don't live for Him but somewhere they came to believe that a relationship with Jesus doesn't cost anything. Now they are passing that same belief to our children.

Every sermon we hear with our ears is filtered through this picture on the inside of us, and that is how we decide if we agree or disagree with it. This is great unless the image of God in your belief structure is wrong. You are then deceived by religion. The problem with deception is that you don't know that you are wrong, you believe with all of your heart that you are right.

Hebrews 10:22 tells us, "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." This is talking about consecration and sanctification of our heart towards Him. As we humble ourselves and seek for truth instead of fighting for what we believe, then we can have everything that He has promised us.

Peter had a problem with religion. He believed something to be true that wasn't. In John 13:36-38, Peter argues with Jesus, "Simon Peter said to Him, 'Lord, where are You going?' Jesus answered him, 'Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.' Peter said to Him, 'Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake.' Jesus answered him, 'Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.'"

Peter believed with all of his heart that he would be able to lay his life down for Jesus. Jesus' reply said, you may want to lay your life down but you don't have it yet on the inside of you. Sometimes you may feel the same way as Peter did. With everything in you, you stood for something that didn't come to pass. You argued with great intensity something you believed to be true, and found out later you were wrong.

It is a very sobering day when we find that we were deceived by our own belief structure. We all come from different backgrounds, experiences and upbringings. So it is not a surprise that most of people have a different opinion about life and God. My question is how we all can think so differently when there is only one God.

Thank God that there are answers for us. We don't have to stay the same and continue being deceived. Peter changed, and willingly laid his life down for Christ. He changed and so can you and I. I don't ever want you to take everything I say to be truth. The goal here is to allow us all to lean on the teacher of the Holy Spirit. If every one of us is taught by God, then we will believe the same. I've had to learn to humble myself when it comes to doctrine. Instead of fighting for what I believe, I began to fight for truth.

Deuteronomy 29:29 says, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." When the secret things of God are revealed to you, then you can do the words of the law. The answer to walking into all the

things of God is in changing that image on the inside of you. Once this is accomplished, then the things on the outside have to change.

The mysteries that we pray out when we pray in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:2) are not for God, but for us. Every time you allow the Holy Ghost to pray through you in that heavenly language, you are taking the secrets that belong to God, and revealing them to your spirit. You are depositing TRUTH into your belief structure.

It doesn't take a long time until you begin to change. In your heart is a picture of yourself and of God (Proverbs 23:7a). Everything you believe comes from this picture. As you begin to pray in your heavenly language, the Holy Spirit takes His paintbrush and paints truth on the canvas of your heart. Soon you begin to see things differently; the way you look at God and the way you see yourself will change. As you change on the inside, and you see God for who He truly is, then you also become harder to deceive. Every doctrine that you hear travels through this image, and if it doesn't line up you can't believe it. Your belief structure now protects you from false ideas of yourself, and of God.

1 John 2:26-27, "These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."

As we humble ourselves and allow the Anointed One, the Holy Spirit, to teach us a little more truth every day by praying in our heavenly language, then our belief structure will change bit by bit, closer to His image. Then we will abide fully in Him. A life without limitations is ahead of us.

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