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Introduction

Romans 8:6 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If spiritually mindedness brings life and peace, how can I then focus my mind to become that?

In this manual we are going to look for an answer to how we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds to prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God?

BECAUSE God wants us to have life and peace; by looking at:

- Why the Spirit?
- How can I set my mind on the SPIRIT;
- What does Salvation look like;
- Believing in SALVATION; and
- Receiving SALVATION

A. Why the Spirit?

Romans 8:3-5 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit..

From the above we can determine:

1. There are laws of the
2. Flesh; and
3. Spirit

and we are affected by the one we choose to walk in: Flesh or Spirit.

- When we choose flesh, we set our minds on fleshly things which lead to death (and condemnation).
- When we choose the law of the Spirit we set our minds on the things of the Spirit which leads to life and peace.

B. How can I set my mind on the Spirit so that I can be transformed?

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

From the above verse we can see our minds need something to be set upon. The following things are lifted out for us to set our minds upon:

1. Word of TRUTH;
2. Trust;
3. Believe; and
4. Salvation.

1. Truth

John 14:6 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- What is the TRUTH? Jesus.
- How can I set my mind on Jesus? Set our mind on Jesus, the Word of God

When we set our minds on the WORD of God we have to give ourselves to the TRUTH through:

2. Trust (Faith)

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 13 In Him you also trusted (have Faith in), after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

When I trust I will believe that I am:

- Blessed because the Word says I am:

Ephesians 1:3 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

- I am not alone but God is with me

John 15:26 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

Trusting God that He is the TRUTH I can now believe and have life

3. Believe

Mark 16:16 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

When we believe we start doing the WORD. When we start doing the WORD we come to

know Jesus and the SPIRIT of the TRUTH that is IN the TRUTH because He overshadow the Truth:

- John 14:17 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

If we do not believe the TRUTH there is condemnation as is written in:

- 2 Thessalonians 2:12 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Because I believe I also experience:

4. Salvation

Psalms 3:8 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 8 Salvation belongs to the Lord.
Your blessing is upon Your people.
Selah

The fruit of Salvation is that we are:

- *Rescued* and brought to *safety* (physically or morally)
- *Delivered and or healed*;
- Received *aid or help*,
- Enabled to become *victorious*, and that we
- Obtain *prosperity*.

When we want Salvation we usually want one or more of the above.

- ❖ But what if Salvation comes in a different form?
- ❖ *Just maybe we can miss Salvation because we expected something different....*

Let's go and look at the following with our renewed minds:

- How does Salvation look like?
- Salvation obtained through believing in Salvation;
- Receiving Salvation; and
- Being Saved.

C. What does Salvation look like?

1) It is the gospel

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word

of truth, **the gospel of your salvation**; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

2) It belongs to the Lord

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3) It is a Name

Acts 4:10-12 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, **by Him this man stands here before you whole.** 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other **name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- Salvation is in the NAME of Jesus Christ of Nazareth

Let's see what we confess if we confess the NAME Jesus Christ of Nazareth:

- i. Jesus = "Jehovah is salvation" and that we accept that Jesus is the:
 - Way;
 - **Truth**; and
 - Life

As is written in:

John 14:6 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- ii. Christ = "anointed".

To explain what it means to be anointed let's read:

Revelation 3:18 (NKJV Strong's Bible) **and anoint your eyes with eye salve**, that you may see..

From the above we can see **anointing** has a specific reason and substance: In the above case the:

- **substance** is the WORD of God that said that salve must be used to anoint your eyes; and the
- **reason** is SO THAT YOU CAN SEE.

Therefore if we are Anointed (CHRIST) with Jesus (the TRUTH) we are saved (REASON)

iii. Nazareth: Nazareth = "the **guarded** one"

To explain what is meant with Nazareth let's read:

- Ephesians 1:12-13 and 4:30 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 12 that we who first **trusted in Christ** should be to the praise of His glory.
13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having **believed**, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- 4:30 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

To be sealed with the Holy Spirit literally means to be:

- sealed for security (**guarded** by Holy Spirit) from Satan since things sealed up are concealed (as the contents of a letter), to hide, keep in silence and to keep secret.

From the above we can determine Salvation looks like:

- Jesus Christ of Nazareth

The more we conform to the TRUTH the more we are anointed and the more we are saved from all that steals from us.

D. Salvation obtained through believing in Salvation

When we believe we start doing the WORD.

Knowing that Salvation belongs to the Lord, is in His Name and is the gospel we must ask ourselves:

How can I obtain Salvation?

- Rom 10:9 - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 - For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

and

- Mark 16:16 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

It is clear that Salvation can only be obtained through:

- ❖ Believing and confessing the TRUTH by **do**ing the WORD (being baptized).

This is to:

1. Show we are prepared to obey a simple instruction; and
2. Display our conversion to the world.

Baptism is done in front of witnesses. (Otherwise it would be impossible to confess with the mouth and believe in the heart WITHOUT anyone else ever knowing)

Therefore **CALL on Jesus. He will show you:**

- The Way;
- **In Truth**; so that you can
- Have Life

As is written in:

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV Strong's Bible) ³ 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Let us now CALL on Jesus Christ of Nazareth the:

1) Way

Let us CALL on the WORD of God as the WAY to the FATHER:

- We will receive light

John 1:1-5 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the **light** of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:7 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might **believe**.

John 1:12 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in **His name**:

2) Truth

Let us CALL on the TRUTH of God by drinking the WORD of God, filling ourselves with the water of life.

The following scriptures will show us how drinking the WORD becomes water of LIFE:

John 1:14 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and **truth**.

John 1:17 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 3:5-6 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water** and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:14-17 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:18-21 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 4:13-14 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but **whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**"

John 4:24 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 7:37-39 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

3) Life

Let us **DO** what we are told and have life:

John 2:5 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 5 His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it.**"

When we do God's WORD we receive life as:

John 2:4 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."

John 2:7-9 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

If these waterpots were for the washing of as the culture was, we can determine:

- The water of the WORD in you can become LIFE in the BLOOD of Jesus just like the water in the pots could become wine.

The water of the WORD is for cleansing and sanctifying the Church to be Jesus bride (Eph 5:25-27) The water of LIFE (living water) is the Holy Spirit which wells up inside us (Jhn 7:37-39 & discussed above)

E. Receiving Salvation

What do we receive when we receive Salvation?

a. Health and healing and revelation of the road to abundance and peace

Lk 12:31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you."

And

Jeremiah 33:6 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 6 Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

b. Salvation is to receive HOPE

Ephesians 4:4 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

And also

Ps 119:81 My soul faints for Your salvation, But I hope in Your word.

c. Salvation is to be sealed by Holy Spirit and a day of redemption

Ephesians 4:30 (NKJV Strong's Bible) 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Summary : Being SAVED

Remember if we want to renew our mind about Salvation we need to have the following focus points:

TRUTH, TRUST, BELIEVE and then we can and will receive SALVATION

From the above I found that for me to be blessed with (receive) Salvation the following need to be in place:

1. Word of TRUTH because Jesus is the TRUTH, the way and life;
2. In Faith I can Trust in Christ the Anointing and Power of God;
3. That when I have done what He has shown me to DO (because I BELIEVE) that I will
4. Receive Salvation from our Savior Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Jesus is the way, our life and peace!