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ACTS 17:11

Galatians 5:25
Lesson #25
Walking in the Spirit
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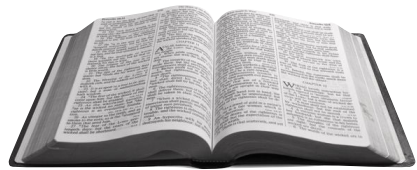
New Covenant Repentance starts with

**giving attention
to SELF rather
than SIN!**



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How to read the Old Testament



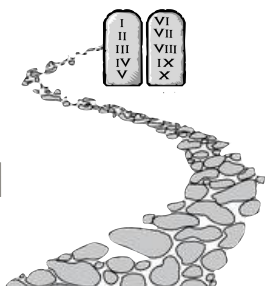
Life under the Law versus "in the Spirit"

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Two paths to change

O.C. emphasis

Law centered
Fear motivated
Works oriented
This life focused



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Deuteronomy 11

"26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today; 28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known."

O.C. disciples are often driven by fear of condemnation or pride of achievement.

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ECONOMIC COLLAPSE RISING FOOD PRICES
HISTORIC NATURAL DISASTERS
 EXTREME DROUGHT, FLOODS, FIRES, STORMS & MORE
AMERICA'S CURRENT PATH
 GREAT JUDGMENT & DESTRUCTION
 CIVIL UNREST & WAR

GREATEST AWAKENING
 AMERICA TO HER KNEES
 TURNING BACK TO GOD
GOD'S PATH HEALING
 GREAT AWAKENING & RESTORATION
 A NEW DAY! GREAT REFORMATION

**THE COMING
DESTRUCTION
OF AMERICA**

A Biblical Examination
of the Judgments of God
Upon a Land

Neal Jackson

URGENT...TIMELY...PROPHETIC!

**GOD'S ANSWER
TO AMERICA**

HOW TO SAVE AND CHANGE A NATION

DEVILLE

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Deuteronomy 4

"1 Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform, so that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you....3 for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the Lord your God has destroyed them from among you. 4 But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you."

O.C. disciples are often working for temporal / material gain.

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6 Keys to Guarantee Biblical WEALTH & PROSPERITY

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The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; —

HE WON'T BE VISITED BY HARM.

PROVERBS 19:23

GOD SAYS YES TO OVER 3000 PROMISES

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2 Corinthians 5:14

"For the love of Christ controls us,"

Two paths

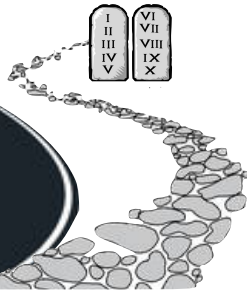


N.C. emphasis
Spirit centered
Love motivated
Faith oriented
Heaven focused

O.C. emphasis
Law centered
Fear motivated
Works oriented
This life focused

Matthew 6:22

"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light."



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Hebrews 8

"7 For if that first (OLD) covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second (NEW). 8 For finding fault with them, He says, 'Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; 9 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not care for them, says the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.' 13 **When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.**"

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John 16

"12 I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 **He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.**"

The Holy Spirit's role in repentance is focused on the **inner life (heart)**.

The Spirit's guidance is **focused on our perception** more than our action.

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παρακλητος (parakletos)

"one who comes alongside to help"

Translated as:

"Helper"

"Mediator"

"Teacher"

"Comforter"

"Advocate"

"Encourager"

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Galatians 5

“¹³ For you were called to **freedom**, brethren;

“Freedom” from the condemnation of the Old (Law) Covenant was secured.

only do not **turn your freedom** into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.”

Without continued repentance it could be abused but not nullified.

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REPENT

exchanging hope
in self
and the world
for the Cross of Christ



★ The sin of unbelief
★ Conversion / Initiation

repent

letting go of worldly
attachments, attitudes,
& actions for
Kingdom living



★ Acts of sin
★ Communion / involvement

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Galatians 5:25

“If we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk by the Spirit.”

- **N.C. life is through the Spirit not the Law, therefore behave accordingly.**

Galatians 5

“¹⁶ But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you **may not do the things that you please.** ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.”

- **While in this “mortal body of death” we will live conflicted lives.**

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Galatians 5

“¹⁹ Now the **deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

The “fruit of the Spirit” and the “deeds of the flesh” are a sign not the source of the problem.

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The old self's M.O. (signs)

“things like these”

Abuse of self

immorality, impurity,
sensuality,

Abuse of spirituality

idolatry, sorcery,

Abuse of society

enmities, strife, jealousy,
outbursts of anger, disputes,
dissensions, factions, envying,
drunkenness, carousing,

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**“We shine when the fire
inside us burns
brighter than
the fire around us.”**

**This is the
ministry of
the Spirit
as Paraclete.**



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The root of the issue is the **perception of the "self"**.

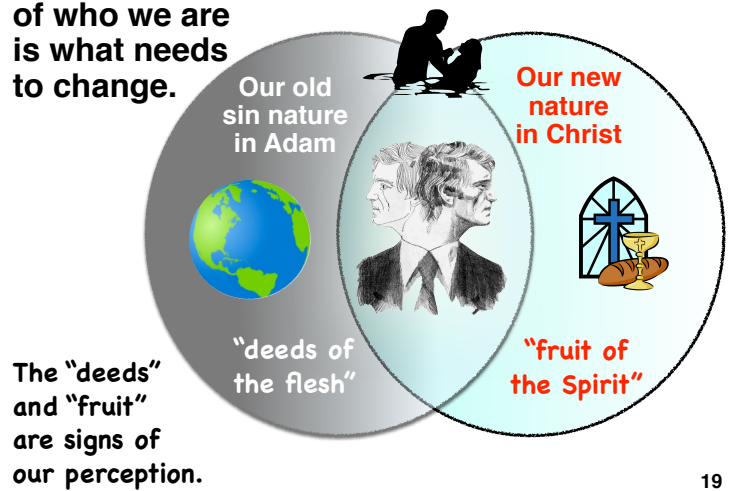
Ephesians 4

"22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and **put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

- Believers have two natures, each of which is capable of being **activated by the choices** that we make.
- Note that the choices have to do with **perception of the "self"** rather than the fruit or the works.

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Our "perception" of who we are is what needs to change.



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There are two natures in every Christian.

The one we feed is the one that grows and we most often chose to follow.

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The signs (fruit) of the Spirit (new man).



love	vs. uncaring
joy	vs. depressed disappointment
peace	vs. discontent
patience	vs. impatient
kindness	vs. hard-hearted
goodness	vs. worthless
faithfulness	vs. disloyal
gentleness	vs. insensitive
self-control	vs. undisciplined



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1 Corinthians 13

"4 Love is patient,
love is kind,
is not jealous;
love does not brag
is not arrogant,
5 does not act unbecomingly;
it does not seek its own,
is not provoked,
does not hold on to a wrong suffered,
6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness,
rejoices with the truth;
7 bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
8 Love never fails;"

Love is more about **responding** than achieving.

Love is more about **being** than doing.

Love is more about **grace** than justice.

Love is more about **self-perception** than discipline.

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Romans 12 Paul's Commission

vs 14-21

vs 1a

1. Grace of God deeply sensed

vs 1b-2

2. Cross of Christ willingly carried

vs 3-5

3. Body of Christ rightly discerned

vs 9-13

5. Love for the brethren openly shown

vs 6-8

4. Gifts of the Spirit properly used



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Romans 12
Paul's Commission

*Where should daily
repentance start?*

NOTE: the order of issues

- ✓ It starts inside and works out.
- ✓ It is heavy on "response" to....
- ✓ It gives a lot of attention to the "body life" in the church.



**NOTE: what is not
mentioned**

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Note what is not mentioned.

1. Nothing is said about **being productive in the work of ministry.**
2. Nothing is said about **being segregated from a world of sinners and pain.**
3. Nothing is said about **being outwardly religious.**
4. Nothing is said about **the world bowing at our doorstep or turning up roses.**
5. Nothing is said about **boldness, miracles, signs and wonders, etc.**

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John 15

"¹ I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. . . . ⁴ **Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing . . . ⁹ Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

We don't bear fruit by focusing on the fruit but by **abiding in the vine - embracing Christ's love.**

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Summary

1. N.C. repentance is **a ministry of the Holy Spirit** not the Law.
2. We live **conflicted lives** as broken people living in a broken world.
3. Repentance starts with our **perception** of who we are in Christ.
4. We must choose to **put off** the old self and **put on** our new life.
5. Spiritual fruit is measured by **our response to life's circumstances.**

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A "quiet time"

Time alone with the Paraclete (Spirit of Christ) is necessary in combating the confusion, stress, and loneliness of life.

It is the place where God can
remind us of the truth,
renew our mind, and
reassure our soul
in preparation for the challenges of life.

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