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HOW TO TURN YOUR FAITH LOOSE PART 2

Romans 10:10

“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Mark 11:23

“For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, ‘be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;’ and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. ‘

We have covered lessons on what it means to believe with the heart. Now we are going to learn how to activate our faith – or how to turn our faith loose.

BELIEVING PLUS CONFESSING EQUALS ACTIVATED FAITH

Notice the latter part of **Romans 10:10**: *“...with the mouth confession is made UNTO...”* the text says that with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. But that is not only true concerning salvation, it is true concerning anything else you receive from God. Everything you receive from God comes the same way---through faith.

For example, it is with the heart that man believes when it comes to receiving healing, and it is with the mouth that confession is made unto healing. It is with the heart that man believes when it comes to receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and it is with the mouth that confession is made unto receiving it. What it is that you receive from God, it is done the same way – through faith. Faith is activated by believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth.

Let’s read **Mark 11:23** again,

“For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall SAY unto this mountain, ‘Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall BELIEVE [that is BELIEVE in his heart] that those things which he SAITH shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he SAITH.”

Notice that in this verse Jesus mentions believing one time, but he mentions saying three times. Folks are not missing it in the believing part. They are missing it in the saying part.

You have to say with your mouth what you believe in your heart if the Word is to work for you. Nowhere in the bible does it teach that if you just believe in your heart that you will get an answer. But it does teach that if you believe with your heart and say what you believe with your mouth, whatever you want from God's word shall come to pass in your life. Romans 10:8-10 also shows us this faith principle.

Romans 10:8-10

*"**8 but what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy MOUTH, and in thy heart: that is, the word of FAITH, which we preach; 9 that if thou shalt CONFESS with thy MOUTH the Lord Jesus, and shalt BELIEVE in thine HEART that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the HEART man BELIEVETH unto righteousness; and with the mouth CONFESSION is made unto SALVATION.**"*

Now notice in verse 8 that the word of faith must be in your mouth as well as in your heart for faith to work for you. If the Word is only in your heart, it will not work! But, when faith is in both your heart and in your mouth, thank God, your faith will work.

RIGHT THINKING, BELIEVING, AND CONFESSING

Romans 10:10 says, *"... with the MOUTH confession is made unto..."* I want to discuss right thinking and right believing and right confessing. What you think and what you believe will affect your confession – what you say.

If your thinking is right, your believing will be right because what you meditate (think on) on will eventually get down into your heart. And you will begin to believe what you have been meditating upon. If your believing is right, then your confessing will be right. But if any one of the three is wrong – your thinking, your believing, or your confessing – then all three of them will be wrong.

God has given us His Word to get our thinking straightened out. When we think in line with God's Word, our believing will be right. When we are believing right, then what we say with our mouths will be right.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF CONFESSION

I am sure of this one thing: Very few Christians have actually realized and recognized the place that confession holds in the scheme of things. It is to be regretted that whenever we use the word “confession,” people invariably think of just confessing sins, weaknesses, and failures. That is the negative side of confession, but there is a positive side. The bible has more to say about the positive side of confession than it does about the negative side.

CONFESSION DEFINED

The dictionary says that “to confess” means to acknowledge or to own up to or to acknowledge faith in. it also means to make confession of one’s faults. But remember, one definition is to make confession of one’s faith or to acknowledge faith in God’s word.

If we just live on one side of this confession subject, the negative side, and constantly confess our faults and failures, and that is all we ever confess, then we are going to grow to be lopsided in our Christian life. This will build weakness and sin and failure-consciousness into our spirits.

Actually, Christianity is called “the Great confession.” Confessing is actually three things:

1. Confession is stating something we believe
2. Confession is declaring something we know to be true.
3. Confession is proclaiming a truth we have accepted wholeheartedly.

In other words, your confession is a proclamation of what you know to be true. Your confession states what you believe. Your confession declares something you know. And your confession proclaims a truth you have accepted wholeheartedly.

WHAT ARE WE TO CONFESS?

The major problem for us in this area is to KNOW WHAT we are to confess. Our confession needs to center around these principal truths:

1. What God has done for us through Christ in His plan of salvation.
2. What God has done in us by the Word and the Holy Ghost in the new birth and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

3. Who we are to God the Father in Christ Jesus.
4. What Jesus is presently doing for us at the right hand of the Father where He ever lives to make intercession for us.
5. What God can accomplish through us, or what His Word will accomplish through us as we proclaim it.

CONFESSING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

People may ask about methods of studying the bible and I suggest to believers that they read through the New Testament, primarily the epistles which are written to the church, and underline with a red pencil or yellow marker or write down the scriptures that the expression "in Him," "in Christ," or "in whom," referring to Jesus.

The moment you find these scriptures, begin to confess that this is who you are and what you have. If you will do that, I can guarantee you that before many days, life will be different for you.

We will give you a few examples from the scriptures to get you started. Then you will have to find the rest on your own because we could not cover all of them (there are approximately 133 or 134 of them). When you find these scriptures, start to confess that they are a reality in your life. We should confess these scriptures not only before God, but before the world.

NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST

II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore if any man be IN CHRIST (there is the expression "in Christ"), he is a NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

What a revolutionary truth this scripture is for the Church to teach, believe, and confess! We are new creatures in Christ Jesus. We are NOT JUST FORGIVEN SINNERS. We are not poor, weak, staggering, sinning, "barely-getting-along" church members. That is NOT WHO WE ARE. We are NEW CREATURES, created by God in Christ Jesus.

In Ephesians 2:10 Paul wrote to the Church in Ephesus that we are created by God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we are new creatures created in Christ Jesus with the life of God, the nature of God, and the ability of God in us.

II Corinthians 5:17 has always been a favorite scripture and I believe one reason for that is that it changes the way we think about ourselves. You are a new creature in Christ, and the more you talk about this new birth, the more real the new creation becomes to you because that is who you are and that is what you are!

IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION

Here is another “in Him” or “in whom” scripture.

Ephesians 1:7-8

“7, IN WHOM (in Christ) we have (present tense) REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence.”

Notice the first part of **verse 7** **“IN WHOM WE HAVE...”** Thank God, we are not trying to get redemption; we have it. We are not *going* to have it some time in the future; we *have it* now – it is present tense. What is it that we have now in Him or in Christ? REDEMPTION! That means that Satan’s dominion over our lives has been broken.

Satan lost his dominion over your life the moment you became a new creature. In the new birth you received a new lord, Jesus Christ (**Col. 1:13**). Now, Jesus Christ is to reign over your life. Satan was your lord, but now Jesus is your Lord. **Romans 10:9** says, ***“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (or Jesus as Lord) ... thou shalt be saved.”***

Satan’s dominion ended and Jesus’ dominion began the moment you were born again. ***“In whom (Jesus Christ) we have redemption...”*** (**Eph 1:7**). Many times, people say, “Thank God, I am redeemed from sin.” But that is just part of the story, but not nearly all of it.

REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW

Galatians 3:13

“13 Christ hath REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, being made a curse for us; for it is written, ‘Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:’”

We are redeemed from the curse of the Law. What is the curse of the law? Go back to the Law and fine out. The Law invariably refers to the first five books of the Bible which are also called the Pentateuch. As you study those five books of the Law, you will find that the curse or the punishment for breaking God's Law is threefold:

1. Poverty
2. Sickness
3. The second death

Thank God that Jesus has redeemed us from the curse of poverty (Deut. 28:15-68). Did you know that? He has also redeemed us from the curse of sickness (Deut.28:15-68). Christ has redeemed us from the curse of death – that is spiritual death or eternal separation from God now, and physical death when Jesus comes again. We need have no fear of the second death. Hell is the home of the spiritually dead and I am not spiritually dead, and neither are you if you are born again!

REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF POVERTY

Yes, you are redeemed from the curse of poverty. Some folks think that it is the will of God for a person to go through life and not ever have anything. We have heard that taught a lot.

Many times, we believe what we are taught by tradition instead of believing what the Bible says. For example, you hear people say all the time, "The bible teaches that money is the root of all evil." The Bible doesn't say that at all! What it does say is ***"The love of money is the root of all evil."*** (I Tim. 6:10.) You can be guilty of that sin and not have even one dime if all you think about is having more and more money.

You also hear people say, "I guess I must be another Job," referring to the calamities and trials of Job as recorded in the **Book of Job**. Some people think poor old Job went through life with poverty stricken, sick, and afflicted, but he didn't. Most bible scholars believe the events recorded in the entire Book of Job took place in about nine months' time.

When the thieves broke in and stole Job's things, he was in captivity to Satan. When the fire burned up Job's crops, he was in captivity to Satan. When the storm came and blew the house down on his children and they were all killed, Job was in captivity to Satan. When Job was smitten with boils from his head to his feet and his wife turned against him and said, ***"Curse***

God and die,” Job was in captivity to Satan. But the Bible says that God turned Job’s captivity in Job 42:10.!

In other words, you had better be careful saying you are another Job, because that implies you will have to become one of the richest men in the world, just as Job did (Job 1:3). You will also have twice as much as you ever had before (Job 42:10, 12), and you will be healed and live to a good old age, just as Job did in Job 42:16-17. Job lived a hundred years after the calamities and trials recorded in the Book of Job.

Many times, preachers say the blessings are just for the Jews. When you read the bible, you find that is not true. Do not take scripture out of context. Read and learn what it says!

Galatians 3:13-14

“¹³ Christ HATH REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW, being made a curse for us: for it is written: ‘Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: ¹⁴ That the BLESSING OF ABRAHAM might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM IS FOR ALL BELIEVERS

Abraham’s blessing was threefold in nature.

1. It was a material or a financial blessing

Genesis 13:2, 15; Deut. 28:4,5, 8, 11, 12

2. It was a physical blessing

Genesis 13:6; 17:16; Exodus 15:26; 23:25-26

3. It was a spiritual blessing

Galatians 3:14

In the New Testament, III John 2 agrees that God wants us to be prosperous materially, financially, physicaly, and spiritually.

III John 2

“² Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH.”

Prosperity is not just for the Jews under the Old Covenant. III John 2 was written to believers! The Bible is our final authority. I am sorry to say, that you can't believe everything you read everywhere. You had better check up on what you read, whether it is a periodical, a book or even a message preached. If it doesn't line up with scripture, then throw it out.

One periodical written by a certain “bible scholar” said that long life here on the earth was not a New Testament blessing. Let's see what **Ephesians 6:2-3** says:

“² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.”

Paul was preaching New Testament doctrine to the church at Ephesus. He taught them and instructed them in their rights and privileges in Christ – the blessings and provisions that belonged to them. He taught them through **Ephesians 6:3** that long life belonged to them if they honored their fathers and mothers. It was long life on earth, not just in heaven!

Some denominations taught years ago that material and financial blessings are not ours just the Jews, but they do not learn that from scripture. **Galatians 3:14** tells it is ours as gentiles that have received salvation.

Don't swallow the erroneous teaching that you are not to have anything in life and that you ought to go through life with your noses to the grindstone. Some denominations teach that it is humility and piety.

God created everything for man and gave him dominion over the works of his hands (**Genesis 1:28**). Do I mean everything he created? Yes, everything. The hills, the silver, the cattle, the world and all the fullness there. We are God's caretakers of the world.

Someone said, “Then how come the devil and his crowd have all the prosperity?” The answer to that is that Adam committed high treason (**Genesis 2:17; 3:6-7; Romans 5:14**). Adam sold out to the devil and Satan then became the god of this world. That is why in the New Testament Satan is called the god of this world (**II Cor. 4:4**). But Jesus, the second Adam (**I Cor. 15:45-47**) came to redeem us from the hand of Satan (**Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:13**).

Romans 5:17

“For if by one man’s offence (Adam) reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”

The Amplified translation of this verse reads,

“...[they] reign as kings in life through the One, Jesus Christ...”

In this scripture we see that the Bible says that WE shall reign as kings in life. That means that IN Christ we have dominion over Satan in our lives. We are to dominate, and not be dominated by Satan or circumstances.

Circumstances are not to dominate you; you are to dominate circumstances. Poverty is not to rule and reign over you; you are to rule and reign over poverty. Sickness and disease are not to rule and reign over you; you are to rule and reign over sickness and disease. Each member in the body of Christ is to reign as kings in life by Christ Jesus, in whom we have our redemption.

HEIRS OF ABRAHAM’S BLESSING

Galatians 3:29

“²⁹ And IF YE BE CHRIST’S, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE PROMISE.”

Galatians 3:7

“⁷ Know ye therefore that THEY WHICH ARE OF FAITH, the same are the CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM.”

Thank God, Abraham’s blessing is ours!

When you get hold of this truth in your heart you should get so thrilled that you get up and shout. We should be thrilled over the Word of God! Some people never get emotional over anything because they think it is carnal. But sometimes when I teach the word, I get so thrilled with the mighty truths in it that I want to jump and shout, and you should too!

Shouldn't we get more thrilled at the Word of God than we do about being thrilled at a ballgame? We excited about someone running down the field with a bag of wind under their arm. No one condemns them for that because they consider it to be all right.

But I tell you brothers and sisters, when you get thrilled about the Word of God, and you show it on the outside some people call you a "nut!"

It shouldn't be that way, bcause we should be thrilled to find out that the blessing of Abraham is ours! Now that is something to be thrilled about. When we get our mind renewed with the Word of God then we know what a real thrill is!

In **Deuteronomy 28** the bible lists the curse of breaking God's Law. However, in verses **1-14** the Bible also lists the blessings of obedience to God. The blessings listed here are the blessings of Abraham. Notice what God says to his people:

Deuteronomy 28:8, 11-13

8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto... 11 And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods... 12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure... 13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath... "

Remember, God was talking about material and financial blessings. Instead of being on the tail end because of lack of knowledge, you will be right at the head.

What else is the Bible saying in **verse 13**? It is saying that you will not be on the bottom financially; you will be on the top! You should start confessing that the blessing of Abraham is yours. Just to know that you are redeemed from the curse of the Law, the curse of poverty, sickness, and the second death will change your life. It is yours.

THE RICHES OF THE EARTH ARE FOR YOU

A preacher was told by the Lord, "Don't pray for money anymore. Don't pray for money because, you see, you have authority in My Name – the Name of Jesus – on the earth, after all, I put all the riches on the earth for my children."

Do you think God put cattle, silver, and gold here for the devil and his bunch? We know God loves the sinner, but does He love a sinner more than He loves His own children? No, of course not! God put the riches of the world here for His people.

God said to Israel in **Isaiah 1:19**, ***“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.”*** I know if God wants us to eat the best, He wants us to wear the best. He wants us to have the best of everything. Jesus came to the earth to introduce and reveal the Father to us. And Jesus is the One who said, ***“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give GOOD THINGS TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?”*** (**Matthew 7:11**).

Back to the preacher. The Lord continued speaking regarding his finances and said, “Instead of praying that I would do something about your finances, because I have already made provision for you, you just simply say, ‘Satan, take your hands off my money.’” Jesus continued with, “You just claim what you want and what you need. YOU claim it.” The preacher responded with, “How do I do that, Lord?”

Jesus said, “Well, if you need \$200 this week, you say, ‘Satan take your hands off my money in Jesus’ Name. Father, I claim \$200 this week.’”

Jesus then said, ***“My Word says you reign in life by Christ Jesus”*** (**Romans 5:17**).

The preacher would say he responded with fear and trembling but did as the Lord instructed him. Yes, God will put up with a little unbelief in you when you are new in spiritual things, but after a while he will expect more out of you!

In fact, the preacher told the Lord “If I get the amount of money I need, I will know this really works, because the last time I was here (the church he was to minister at) they only gave me about \$60 a week for two weeks’ ministering.” The preacher continued, “All right, Lord, I am going to claim an amount of money which I know they think is impossible.” Then he said, “Satan, you take your hands off my money in the Name of Jesus. Father, I claim \$150 this week.” (This event took place over 40 years ago.)

You see, faith doesn’t believe for the possible; faith believes for the impossible.

The preacher was only supposed to be at that church for a week, but it turned out he was there ten days. So, he said to the Lord, “Lord, I am claiming \$200 for these ten days. And Satan, in Jesus’ Name, you take your hands off my money.”

Up to that point in this preacher's life he had been poverty stricken. The Pastor of the church never said a word to the congregation about the offering. He simply passed the plate and when it was over, there was \$240 given. He had claimed \$200.

After he learned the lesson that God wants us to prosper, he then over the course of time went back to the churches he had ministered at and taught them what the bible says. He had learned the key to being taken care of properly. **James 4:2** teaches us that ***"we have not because we ask not."*** Some would call what this man learned, "name it and claim it," but it is more than that. When we learn that we have been redeemed from the curse of poverty, sickness, and death, your life changes. We have been redeemed is present tense! It is ours now by faith!

As we have seen, there is a rich inheritance in Jesus Christ for us to discover in the Word of God. In Christ we have become new creatures and have been redeemed from the curse of the Law. Poverty, sickness, and spiritual death can no longer reign over us, for we reign as kings in this life by Jesus Christ.

As you go back and meditate on these scriptural truths that we have discussed, and as you confess them to be true for your own life, you will cause these truths to become a reality in your heart and life. Believing with your heart and confessing with your mouth – that is how you turn your faith loose.