

BUT GOD

Scripture:

Ephesians 2:1-7

Introduction

The past would be filled with nothing but awful mistakes, but God intervened. The present would hold nothing but fear and confusion, but God gives peace. The future should hold nothing but judgement, but God through Jesus gives pardon.

When your name is linked with God's, circumstances change, and new horizons unfold.

I. Life without a link with God

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Romans 7:18-19

A. Living under Satanic domination

1. Following the devil's will
2. JOHN BOYETT

B. Living without any defense

1. Your nature aligned to sin
2. No ability to change your nature

O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Romans 7:24

II. But God

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

1 Corinth. 15:45

You want to
EXEMPTED FROM
Satan's will

II. But God

A. Changes made when names were linked with God

1. Joseph—a convict, God made him ruler
2. David—a shepherd, God made him king
3. Lazarus—a corpse, but God gave new life

B. Jesus came as the link to God

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

1. Through him we are changed
2. Expect a miracle

III. New dimension of life with Jesus

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10b

A. We are given a new nature

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2

1. New nature is God sensitive

- a. We are not to be carnal
- b. Our nature must be spiritual

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

2. We are to operate in God's will

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New man
or
Romans
Huddleston

III. New dimension of life with Jesus

B. Holy Spirit the key to the new nature

1. Jesus was "Immanuel"—God with us, the Holy Spirit is God in us.
2. Promised to each of us

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 2:39

3. Holy Spirit our down payment on eternity

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14