

Romans # 157

“Renewal means Complete Renovation”

From being shaped by the world to being shaped by God for His purpose and His glory

Romans 12:1-3 John 8:44

Sin and spiritual death are the basis of Satan’s rule over this world; therefore, God so loved the world, that He gave it a Savior.

But before Jesus Christ can have a kingdom where Satan is the legitimate ruler, He must take away the basis of citizenship in the devil’s world; spiritual death at birth and the penalty of personal sinning after that.

The devil’s kingdom on earth is a kingdom of darkness and in contrast, Jesus Christ has a spiritual kingdom of light on earth as He is the Light of the world.

And the Lord Jesus Christ has overcome the world, so that we as believers can overcome the world; **1stJohn 5:4-5**, *“for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”*

Our worldview is shaped by what we think about God, reality and absolutes and how that relates to man as to whether he’s essentially good or bad.

We are what we think and there is ultimately only two worldviews: we either think like the devil; not oriented to eternity or we think like Jesus Christ; oriented to eternity.

Satan offered an arrogant appeal to Eve and she bought into it and that view has been around since then and it’s very enticing to man.

The rational, reasonable, logical response to God’s loving grace plan is that we should live our new life in service to Him and not ourselves.

Our daily service to God proves that the will of God is good, pleasing or acceptable and perfect or complete, as it’s demonstrated through our lives.

The transformation is not just changing what we think but more importantly, how we think.

Success in the plan of God is understanding how to think like God thinks or having the mind of Christ and it’s not a life based on emotion but on thinking accurately and objectively according to God’s revelation of Himself and His plan.

To place our bodies under orders as living holy sacrifices is not a one-time dedication decision.

The Christian life is never guided by one decision; it’s true that it takes one decision to become a Christian but after that, there’s no one-decision Heaven on earth existence.

Justification salvation is a one-time decision but the spiritual life which follows is a series of decisions where we place our minds and bodies under orders to God for daily commands in His service.

Basically, worship is expressed in certain functions after we’ve offered ourselves as living sacrifices; such as singing, praying, giving, receiving biblical truth and the Communion service.

Persistent true and proper worship produces capacity for the imputation of divine blessings from the justice of God.

The greatest impact in the last 2,000 years; an impact that will continue until the Rapture of the Church comes from true disciples of Jesus Christ.

God designed a system where invisible impact from an invisible hero is far greater than that of any visible hero.

Billions of years ago in eternity past, God the Father deposited in escrow; two categories of greater-

grace blessings for us: one for time and one for eternity.

Spiritually mature true discipleship is the divine objective for the believer in time; the purpose for all commands of Scripture related to time; the only way to glorify Jesus Christ in time and the basis for all temporal and eternal rewards and blessings.

Spiritual maturity is related to the grace of God which is all that God can do for man from salvation through eternity, apart from the believer's merit, ability, planning, behavior or talent.

Grace is the genius of God; biblical truth is the revelation of that genius and spiritual maturity is the glorification of that genius.

Spiritual maturity results in maximum poise, self-control, self-restraint and self-regulation.

As a result, we have a life of genuine maximum production.

True disciple's spiritual maturity removes all the frustrations of life caused by not meeting our own standards or not succeeding as we or others thought we would.

We have a destiny far greater than that of any person who's ever been successful or great in this life and not only that, our attitude toward biblical truth will determine what happens to USA as a client-nation to God.