

# PARTNER LETTER MAY 2009

Dear Partner

## OUR LIFE AND OUR WALK IN THE SPIRIT!

Galatians 5:25 *If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit.*

### 1. OUR LIFE IN THE SPIRIT!

**A.** As a result of the New Birth, the spirit of man is regenerated, and Christ comes to dwell within. Then Christ baptises the born-again believer in the Holy Spirit and He also comes to dwell in the spirit of that man. The regenerated spirit of man is sometimes called The New Man.

Colossians 3:9-10 *Lie not to one another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.*

10. *And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.*

In Ephesians 4:22-24 *That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts.*

23 *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

24 *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*

In Ephesians both the words, *put off* and *put on* are in the past tense, and should show the word *have* in front of them, *have put off*, and *have put on*.

**B.** There are some other Scriptures relative to the New Man or the regenerated spirit of man.

2 Corinthians 5:17 a New Creation, has no past!

1 Peter 3:4 the hidden man of the heart great price in God's sight.

Romans 7:22 delight in the word in the inward man.

Ephesians 3:16, be strengthened with might in the inward man.

Remember that we are not saved by our works, but our neighbour might be, we are to be living letters read and known by all men.

### 2. OUR WALK IN THE SPIRIT!

Galatians 5:16 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.*

Please notice that it **does not** say, *Do not fulfil the lusts of the flesh and you will walk in the Spirit.*

But this is exactly what so many try to do!

Our walk is not one of overcoming the flesh in order to walk in the Spirit, but rather the other way around, as Paul so aptly put it. *Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.*

The very first thing we need to do in our Walk in The Spirit is to feed the inner man, the spirit man.

We do this by studying The Word, meditating on The Word and letting The Word dwell richly in us, by prayer and by fellowship with the saints.

Note these references 1 Peter 2:2, Psalm 1:1-3, Joshua 1:8, Ephesians 3:14-20,

Colossians 3:16.

The next thing to do is renewing the mind!

Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.*

Ephesians 4:23 *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

The mind is the problem area for most of us, because it is the area, which receives two sources of information.

One source is *via the spirit from God* since we have been born again and the other is *via the body from the world, and the five natural senses* supplying the information as it was before we were born again.

The mind then has to make a decision which to believe, and this brings either blessing or problems in our life. If the mind blocks the flow from God it is really a carnal mind as Romans 8:6-7 shows us. Or else it accepts the spiritual direction from God and as a result we walk in The Spirit.

The next step is the yielding of our members. Once again our actions have been programmed for many years by natural reasoning. But now as a result of the New Birth and us becoming a New Creation, our mind has accepted spiritual truth and direction, so now we can yield our members that is the physical body, as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13.

### **3. THE PLAN IN ROMANS 6:6, 11, 19.**

Romans is a marvellous book of teaching on the New Creation message, it is worth making a detailed study sometime. v6 *Knowing this that our old man is (was) crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*

This is speaking of the New Birth and it is The Lord's doing.

V11 *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

This speaks of renewing the mind and it is our responsibility. v19 *I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh (natural limitations) for as ye have yielded servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.*

This again is our responsibility, to learn by doing, the yielding of our bodies to the leading of the Spirit and The Word. If we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh!

LET ME RECAP A LITTLE FOR YOU AT THIS TIME.

The land of Egypt, from which the Children of Israel were delivered, is a type of the world from which we were delivered at the New Birth. On accepting Jesus and being accepted by Him we came up out of Egypt, [the world], out of the bondage of sin. Most Christians even though free, many still find themselves wandering in the wilderness, just like the Children of Israel, with no real power to do anything about their situation, troubled by tests and trials. You need know that God does not lead you to tests and trials. Even though the Children of Israel were free they still had the problems, so it is with many today, they are free but tests and trials will still come on offer, but not from God. In John 16:33 Jesus made this wonderful statement, *In the world you will have trouble, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

The Amplified Bible puts it this way *I have told you these things, so that IN ME you may have perfect peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and*

*distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident; certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*

Someone once said the difficulty was not getting the Children of Israel out of Egypt it was getting Egypt out of the Children of Israel. Now isn't that just the truth for so many today also! If Jesus said we would have trouble in the world, then we ought to stay out of the world as much as possible and get into the spirit where God is!

Dr. Norman Campbell

A GOOD QUOTE OF THE MONTH! *Be yourself, be tenacious, be kind and be thankful. This is the short recipe for success and happiness in life.*

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**Blessings**

**Norman & Elizabeth**

#### Quotes from the seminar:

*In a successful marriage you fall in love many times with the same person!*

*Commitment: To have a successful marriage both parties need to want (not just wish for) this and be totally committed to it.*