

Knowing Jesus- February 29, 2023
Jesus' Work Within Us- Part II

Previous: The Need to Restore Our Godlikeness

Genesis 1:26-27 We were created with God's DNA

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule..." **Genesis 1:27-28**

John 1:23-25 Jesus understood the human heart

"But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all people, and because He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind."

John 2:24-25; cf. Mark 7:20-23

God Continues to Love Us and We Resist Him

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'" **Matthew 23:37-39**

God is Committed to Us

God Cannot do What We Resist!

Jesus' Purpose in Life

1. Jesus Provided Forgiveness of Sins!

"And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins." **Matthew 26:27-28**

"Sins" are the manifestations of "Evil" in people's lives.

2. Jesus Intended to Restore our Relationship with God as children to a loving father.

"And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood." **Luke 22:20; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 11:19-21**

3. Jesus established a process for transforming our Inner Nature so we will grow into Godlikeness.

John 3:1-8 You must be "born of the Spirit"

Luke 8:4-15 **The Parable of the Sower and the Seed**
Good soil: an honest and good heart... hold fast.

The "Spiritual Growth" Journey

- **There is comfort in knowing Jesus understands our predisposition from birth to serving the appetites of the physical body.**

Keep watching and praying, so that you will not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." **Mark 14:38**

Sensory connection to life influences our peace, happiness and emotions, which ultimately become the primary concern of the mind in decision making.

- **God's work within us will, over time, dominate use of the physical body for purposes that reflect God's righteousness. John 14:8-16**

We grow in our understanding of our heavenly Father.

We grow in our understanding of work He desires us to do.

He gives the Holy Spirit as a help in our learning.