November 1, 2011
New Creation Realities Chapter One
The Living Word

Scriptures

Romans 7:22  For in my inner being I delight in God's law; NIV

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. NIV

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. NIV

Eph 4:22-24
22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. NIV

1 Peter 3:4-5
4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, NIV

2 Peter 1:3-4
3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. NIV

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW MAN

A. The Spirit is the inward man, the divine likeness that we long after.
B. Only a regenerated man can delight in the law of God.
C. The rational part of man as opposed to the sensual; the opposition to a Carnal and corrupt nature.
D. According to Ephesians 4:22, the old man is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, that is, evil passions and desires of the soul in an unrenewed state.
E. The inward man is called the new man and denotes not the mere intellect or conscience, but is a personification of the principles of action by which a Christian is governed.
F. The new man is a renovated nature, a new creation or new creature. The condition of the heart is changed. The change is so great that one who has experienced it is “a new man.” A change in his principles and feelings. Ephesians 4:24.
G. “In the spirit of your mind” is in your temperament; in your heart; in your nature.
November 1, 2011
New Creation Realities Chapter One
The Living Word

H. It is necessary for a man to be renewed in order to be saved, escaping the corruption of evil desires.
I. It is a matter of “obligation” and “proper” to exhort Christians to be renewed; they need renovated strength every day.

Heb 4:12-13
12 For the word (logos) of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. NIV

1. Our Attitude determines:
   a. The place the word holds in our heart.
   b. It is the Father speaking to us or it is just an ordinary book.

The word should be as real as if the Father was speaking to you personally and face to face. The word was designed by the father to take Jesus’ place in His absence.

2. The conversation should be as if Jesus was speaking directly to you.
   a. Jesus speaks, “If a man love me and keep my word; the Father and I will love him and make our home with him. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I am going to be your strength. When weakness comes, remember that I am the strength of your life.”
   b. Man’s word is usually dead, but the word of God is living, active.
   c. Verse 13 states “that no created thing is hidden from Him.”

3. The Living Word, the Logos, takes on a personality; it becomes Christ himself.
   a. Our contact between our Father is through His Word. “All things are open and bare before His eyes.” The word then has eyes. It sees our conduct and our attitude towards it.
   b. When I hold the Bible in my hands I hold the Life of God in my hands. It scrutinizes my conduct; that judges me.
   c. The word feeds my inner man, that is, my spirit.
   d. It imparts faith to my spirit, builds love into it.

4. God’s only means of reaching me is through His Word. So the Word becomes a vital thing.
   a. The Word is Christ revealed.
   b. The Word is God present with us, speaking the Living message of the loving Father God.
   c. The Word is always Now. It is His Word to me today. It is His voice, His last message.
   d. It becomes a living thing in my heart as I lovingly act upon it. It becomes a living thing on the lips of love.
The Living Word

e. It has no power on the lips of those who are out of fellowship with Him, who are living in the realm of reason.
f. The Word makes our ministry limitless.
g. His Word is what He is. It is the mind of the Father. It is the will of the Father. It shows the way of the Father.
h. Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
i. Jeremiah 15:16 “Thy words were found and I did eat them.”
j. The Word is the Bread of Heaven, food for our spirits.

Romans 7:22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; NIV

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. NIV

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. NIV

Eph. 4:22-24
22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. NIV

1 Peter 3:4-5
4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, NIV

2 Peter 1:3-4
3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. NIV

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW MAN

J. The Spirit is the inward man, the divine likeness that we long after.
K. Only a regenerated man can delight in the law of God.
L. The rational part of man as opposed to the sensual; the opposition to a Carnal and corrupt nature.
M. According to Ephesians 4:22, the old man is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, that is, evil passions and desires of the soul in an unrenewed state.
The inward man is called the new man and denotes not the mere intellect or conscience, but is a personification of the principles of action by which a Christian is governed.

The new man is a renovated nature, a new creation or new creature. The condition of the heart is changed. The change is so great that one who has experienced it is “a new man.” A change in his principles and feelings.

Ephesians 4:24.

“In the spirit of your mind” is in your temperament; in your heart; in your nature.

It is necessary for a man to be renewed in order to be saved, escaping the corruption of evil desires.

It is a matter of “obligation” and “proper” to exhort Christians to be renewed; they need renovated strength every day.

Heb 4:12-13
12 For the word (logos) of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. NIV

Our Attitude determines:

a. The place the word holds in our heart.
b. It is the Father speaking to us or it is just and ordinary book.

The word should be as real as if the Father was speaking to us personally and face to face. The word was designed by the father to take Jesus’ place in His absence.

The conversation should be as Jesus was speaking directly to you.

a. Jesus speaks, “If a man love me and keep my word; the Father and I will love him and make our home with him. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I am going to be your strength. When weakness comes, remember that I am the strength of your life.”
b. Man’s word is usually dead, but the word of God is living, active.
c. Verse 13 states “that no created thing is hidden from Him.”

The Living Word, the Logos, takes on a personality; it becomes Christ himself.

a. Our contact between our Father is through His Word. “All things are open and bare before his eyes.” The word then has eyes. It sees our conduct and our attitude towards it.
b. When I hold the Bible in my hands I hold the Life of God in my hands. It scrutinizes my conduct; that judges me.
c. The word feeds my inner man, that is, my spirit.
d. It imparts faith to my spirit, builds love into it.
November 1, 2011
New Creation Realities Chapter One
The Living Word

8. God’s only means of reaching me is through His Word. So the Word becomes a vital thing.
   a. The Word is Christ revealed.
   b. The Word is God present with us, speaking the Living message of the loving Father God.
   c. The Word is always Now. It is His Word to me today. It is His voice, His last message.
   d. It becomes a living thing in my heart as I lovingly act upon it. It becomes a living thing on the lips of love.
   e. It has no power on the lips of those who are out of fellowship with Him, who are living in the realm of reason.
   f. The Word makes our ministry limitless.
   g. His Word is what He is. It is the mind of the Father. It is the will of the Father. It shows the way of the Father.
   h. Matthew 4:4 “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”
   i. Jeremiah 15:16 “Thy words were found and I did eat them.”
   j. The Word is the Bread of Heaven, food for our spirits.

END NOTES
The "Word of God" is "what God speaks" - whether it is a promise or a threatening; whether it be Law or gospel; whether it be a simple declaration or a statement of a doctrine. The idea here is, that what "God had said" is suited to detect hypocrisy and to lay open the true nature of the feelings of the soul, so that there can be no escape for the guilty. His "truth" is adapted to bring out the real feelings, and to show man exactly what he is. Truth always has this power—whether preached, or read, or communicated by conversation, or impressed upon the memory and conscience by the Holy Spirit. The "truth" of God, however made known to the mind, in some way it will bring out the real feelings, and show what man is.

The Word is quick "living." It is not dead, inert, and powerless. It has a "living" power, and is energetic and active.

It is powerful “mighty.” Its power is seen in awakening the conscience; alarming the fears; laying bare the secret feelings of the heart, and causing the sinner to tremble with the apprehension of the coming judgment.

The Word is “sharper than a two-edged sword.” It is able to devour and penetrate to reach the heart—the inner man--- lays open the motives and the feelings of the man. It separates and inflicts a deadly wound. The sinner dies, man becomes dead to his former hopes. Two-edged makes it easier to penetrate, as well as, cut with every way.

The Word is a “discerner of the thoughts” meaning it helps us to see our character in light of the truth. It lays out our real feelings and our motives for us to examine, as we have never done before. The Word is the power of the truth.