

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying Message Seven : Being Renewed in the Spirit of Our Mind for the Practical Existence of the One New Man**

### **I. Overview:**

In Colossians 3:10 there are the creation of the new man and the renewal of the new man; the creation of the new man was completed on the cross, but the renewal of the new man is still going on. The new man was created by Christ, but we believers every day need to put off the old man and put on the new man through the renewing in order to partake of this creation. According to Ephesians 4:23, which is vital and crucial to us, the key to putting off the old man and putting on the new man is in being renewed in the spirit of our mind. The renewing Spirit is mingled with our regenerated spirit as one mingled spirit to spread into our mind in order to renew our entire being. As we drink of the Spirit, the first part of our soul that He saturates is our mind. If we drink of the Spirit, we will be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and this renewing will make us all into one new man.

### **II. Truth and Enlightenment:**

Day 1 —

A. Explain the new man's creation and renewal.

According to Ephesians 4:24, the new man is created in righteousness and holiness of the reality, but according to Colossians 3:10, the new man is being renewed. From Christ's side, the new man has already been created. But from our side, our experience, the new man is being renewed. This renewing is actually the putting on of the new man.

B. State that how much of the new man we put on depends on how much we are renewed.

On the cross Christ has slain the ordinances in order to produce the one new man in resurrection. When we believed in the Lord Jesus, the life-giving Spirit came into our spirit, bringing with Him the new man as a finished product. In this way the new man was born into our spirit. As Colossians 3:10 says, we need to put on the new man, which is being renewed.

Day 2 —

A. How does God use the environment to renew us?

God's intention is not merely to chastise or correct us, but to use the outward environment to trouble us, to remind us, and to wake us up to realize that we have God as our nature, yet we do not live Him according to His nature. God, therefore, uses the environment to put us into "prison." Then we are reminded to pray and the eventual outcome of our prayer is not merely that we get corrected but that we get renewed.

B. Explain the real Christian life being to have God added into us day by day.

The real Christian life is to have God added into us morning and evening and day by day. Sometimes God may allow the church to pass through a "storm." God may allow this "storm" to occur because He wants us to be renewed. God's intention is for us to be renewed day by day. In order to be renewed, we need the new addition of God into us daily.

Day 3 —

A. Expound that the way we put on the new man is by being renewed in the spirit of our mind.

The divine Spirit dwells in our human spirit, and now "he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit". This indicates the mingling of the Lord as the Spirit with our spirit. The more that we pray, fellowship with the Lord, call on His dear name, and open our entire being to Him, the more such a mingled spirit spreads into our mind, thus becoming the spirit of our mind.

B. Explain the way of renewing lying in prayer and in reading the Scriptures.

To be renewed in our mind is for us to get rid of all our old concepts concerning the things of the human life and be made new again by the teaching of the Holy Scriptures and the enlightening of the Holy Spirit. When you read the Bible and become familiar with it, the Holy Spirit will enlighten you. While you thus pray and read the Word day by day, the mind in you is being changed from the old to the new. Such a renewing of the mind issues in the transformation of the believers in their spiritual life.

Day 4 —

A. Expound what the nature and effect are of “being renewed in the spirit of your mind.”

To be renewed in the spirit of our mind is inward and intrinsic. The renewing in the spirit of our mind always revolutionizes our logic, philosophy, thought, concept, and psychology. As a result, our perception in all things is different. A natural man is a very shallow man, but if we are spiritual, we will be deep.

B. Explain how the renewing Spirit to spread into our mind.

The renewing Spirit is mingled with our regenerated spirit as one mingled spirit to spread into our mind to renew our entire being as a member of the new man by putting off our old man, that is, by renouncing and denying our old self, and by putting on the new man. This mingled spirit becomes the spirit in our mind. It is by this mingled spirit that our mind is renewed.

Day 5 —

A. Expound that being renewed in the spirit of our mind is for the one new man. According to Colossians 3:10-11, in the new man Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, and free man have no place. The renewal is not merely for our behavior. The renewal is even more to get rid of our racial ordinances and to get rid of the natural persons. In the new man there is room only for Christ.

B. Explain our mind being the problem for the practical existence of the one new man.

God has created the new man, but the new man has not fully come into existence because of our unrenewed mind. Our mind is the problem. Almost people from different races and cultures always bring in their particular ordinances. These different ordinances usually create a problem for us because our mind needs more renewing.

Day 6 —

A. How do we experience that we are renewed when we are in the spirit of our mind?

To drink of the Spirit is to open ourselves to the Lord by praying to Him, calling upon His name, and fellowshiping with Him. The Lord wants to spread from our spirit first into our mind and then into our emotion and will. Our regenerated spirit mingled with the indwelling Spirit of God spreads into our mind.

B. Explain the only one way that the one new man can be realized practically.

This only one way is by our mind being renewed. The one new man can only be realized by the Spirit of God permeating our mentality. When the element of God gets into our mentality, we will think as He thinks, we will see things the way He does, and we will consider the situation as He does. It is then that the one new man will come into existence.

### **III. Conclusion:**

There are two aspects to God's renewing work. On the one hand, God infuses His ever-new essence into our being to renew our entire being. The Spirit of God is also the renewing Spirit who infuses the attributes of God into our inward parts to renew us. On the other hand, God arranges our environment to consume our outer man and destroy our old constitutions that our inner man may be renewed. Check our experience, whenever we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord can touch the depths of our being. In 2 Corinthians 1:9 Paul's environment he had encountered made him to conclude the response of death in himself that caused him to have no confidence on himself but on God, who raises the dead. John 11:25 the Lord is the resurrection and the life, and through death one can bring in the resurrection. Do not be afraid of death, for God is the resurrected God, and because death comes, the resurrection has the opportunity to manifest its power.