

Don't Forget To Remember!

PARADIGM SHIFT = a radical change in underlying beliefs

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
2. in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
3. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
4. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
5. made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.
6. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
7. in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
8. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--
9. not by works, so that no one can boast.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

I. We are a NEW people –

Ephesians 2:4 - But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy

1 Peter 2:9-10

9. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
10. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

16. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.
17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

II. We have a NEW position!

Ephesians 2:6 - And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

- God did two things ... and both were promotions!

1. He raised us up with Christ!

2. He sat us down with Christ!

III. We have a NEW potential!

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Colossians 3:1-4

1. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

2. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

1. Renew Your Perspective

Vs. 1 says, "...set your hearts on things above..." - also -

2 Corinthians 4:4 - The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Isaiah 40:31- but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

V1 "...set your hearts..." - synonyms = affections, desires, goals, ambitions

v2 "...set your minds..." - synonyms = thinking, attitudes, understanding, perception

2. Release Your Past

Vs 3 says, "...For you died..." - also -

Galatians 2:20 - I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

That's why the Apostle Paul also said...

Philippians 3:12-14

12. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

13. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

14. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The most common reason for a wrong perspective of our spiritual selves comes from an inaccurate understanding of what truly happened when we were 'BORN AGAIN'

Acts 7:39 "...they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt" That's amazing to me!

3. Remember Your Purpose

Vs. 4 says, "...you will also appear with him in glory"

Ephesians 2:6-7

6. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

7. in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:3-4 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND"

Philippians 2:5 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"

(KJV) - 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus'

Rev. 3:3 - Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.