



WORD BREAK

046 - REPAIRING THE RESERVOIR (Part8)

Dear Child of God,

Welcome to "WORD BREAK" #46, which is designed to give you a nugget from God's Word to strengthen your daily walk.

GATE #3 — THE OLD GATE (continued)

Today, we are going to begin looking at the 6 Foundational Doctrines of the Faith. They are found in Hebrews 6:1-3.

"1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will* do if God permits." (NKJV)

#1 — REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

Repentance is an almost forgotten word in the society in which we live. This in itself shows us how desperately we need a foundation overhaul.

The Greek word translated **Repentance** is **metanoia**. It is pronounced (**met-an'-oy-ah**) and means **"change of direction."**

Dead Works are deeds, actions, or things done that are void of life.

Romans 8:10 tells us this.

"10 And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness." (NASB)

The very first part of this foundation is to repent from allowing your body to run your life. Your spirit man is the part of your three part being that is "Born Again." Your body did not get saved. Works of life will always come from your recreated spirit; on the other hand, works of death will always come from the flesh man. The moment a person comes to Christ, he or she must immediately change his or her direction from what the body wants to do, to one of life that continually flows out of your born again spirit.

One reason we see people and ministries fall, is because this first foundational doctrine was never fully embraced. Paul labels these dead works as works of the flesh, and addresses them in many of his letters.

Ephesians 5:3-5 list a number of these death filled works that we as believers must repent and turn away from.

"3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world."

Now take a look at Colossians 3:1-10.

"1 So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. 2 Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ — that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

3 Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life — even though invisible to spectators — is with Christ in God. He is your life. 4 When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too — the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

5 And that means killing off everything connected with that way of death: sexual promiscuity, impurity, lust, doing whatever you feel like whenever you feel like it, and grabbing whatever attracts your fancy. That's a life shaped by things and feelings instead of by God. 6 It's because of this kind of thing that God is about to explode in anger. 7 It wasn't long ago that you were doing all that stuff and not knowing any better. 8 But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

9 Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire.

10 Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete." (THE MESSAGE)

We must learn to live out of our spirits, and to put down the works of the flesh. These letters were written to believers. They were Christians who never truly repented from these dead works. It's not enough to be forgiven; we must completely change our direction.

Pray this with me.

"Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I ask you to search my heart; see if there is any wicked way in me. Reveal and remove all dead works once and for all from my life. Cleanse me now with the precious Blood of Jesus. I repent! I do a 180, an about face, a U TURN, a complete change in direction, right now, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen!"

Thank you for joining me for this edition of "WORD BREAK". See you this Sunday!

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