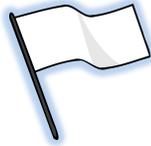


Letting Go!

Letting Go of The Past

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*"Do not call to mind the former things, or consider things of the past.
Behold, I am going to do something new, Now it will spring up;*

So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God. 1 Corinthians 3:21,22

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 38 -39

What is strangely and obviously missing? Can you see what it was? The Past! Nothing in the present or the future or the future can separate you from the love of God only the past can.

Our old location was in Adam but Jesus gave us a new location, "In Christ." Why is God so adamant about us not remembering or bringing to mind the past? IDENTITY! IDENTITY! IDENTITY!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Jesus said, No one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins." Mark 2:22

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.

If our old life died with Christ why do we continue to identify with it? How do you walk in newness of life when you relate and identify with your old self?

One of the biggest issues the church has had is to teach people to say a prayer to ask Jesus into their hearts so they know where they're going some day when they die.

That's not the true Gospel message. We have made Jesus an add on, to our already existing life. Do you see that? The good news is repent (Change your mind) and be baptized (Die to self to live). That's a major problem in the church and deterrent of renewal and it's why we identify with the past, because we don't believe we died. What are we holding onto?

Deny your former life in the flesh. Jesus said, If anyone, anyone, were all invited. If anyone wants to be my follower you must first, before anything else deny, forget about themselves, pick up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

The "Now-Now" of God

In Adam apart from Christ	In Christ	In Glory
Dead & Buried	Born Again being Transformed	Glory
PRESENT		FUTURE

PAST

There is no more past in Christ, only the present and future. There is only the "Now-Now" of God. God doesn't want us imitating Lots wife by disobeying and looking back and being stuck and frozen like a statue.

The past freezes us in our tracks, like a statue and we get stuck and cold and the only thing that can melt the ice is a revelation of the love of Jesus.

Philippians 4:8,13,14. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

No one wins a race by looking back. The athlete doesn't focus on where he's, been, but where he is going, the finish line. How can I get stuck in my Christian life?

It's a tactic, the strategy of the enemy to keep me focused and stuck in my past studying an old nature, someone who died and doesn't exist anymore!

Faith comes before the manifestation, faith is the substance of things expected...but if I believe I'm a byproduct of my past what am I going to manifest?...

Then Jesus declared, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62

There is no review mirror in the Kingdom of God! The Good news is so good. God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. We've been blessed with every spiritual blessing.

We are completely, completely, complete in Him lacking nothing. Our lives are hidden in Him. We've been predestined to be conformed into His image.

We can look to the finish line through the finished work of the cross and see how our gracious Father and Jesus Christ love us and all those around us and we can shine.

We can run confidently with endurance the race that God has set before us, no looking back. We do this by keeping our eyes always fixed forward on Jesus the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Do not bring to mind your old life, let us not entertain the past, let us not relate to where we've been but rather the cross and where He's been. God has done a new thing, the One thing, that's needed by a new and living way and His name is Jesus the Christ.

You are not your past, you are Gods Masterpiece today the new creation in Christ!