

Feeding the Hungry Heart

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Study Text: Genesis 12:1-2 ; John 2:1-11

"I will make you...I will bless you...and you will be a blessing."

The problem: *in our natural state, we are not a blessing.*

➤ The problem is that we know _____.

The solution: "I will make you...": John 2:1-11

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

1. In Christ, I am _____.

"What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

2. In Christ, I am no longer the _____ I once was.

Colossians 3:9-10 "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self..."

"...and have put on the new self, which is *continually being renewed* in knowledge in the image of its Creator." - Colossians 3:9-10

3. In Christ, I am a _____ who is continually _____.

The Process: through the presence of the Holy Spirit

"But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative – that is, the Holy Spirit – He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the Peace I give is a gift the world cannot give."
John 14:26-27

4. The Spirit...

- The Spirit _____.
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"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and *where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*"
- 2 Corinthians 3:17

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The Gift: "I will bless you..."

5. God's greatest blessing to us is _____
as the _____.

6. Your _____ is yet ahead
because your _____ is yet ahead!

**The quality of your life is more about what is going on
_____ your heart and mind
than it is about what is going on _____ you.**

"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. ***But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.***" Romans 8:5-6

"... Put on your new nature, and ***be renewed as you learn to know your Creator,***
and become like Him." - Colossians 3:10

The End Result: "...and you will be a blessing."

"For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more." - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

> where we come from 1) a new creation 2) same person 3) new creation, being made new again 4) teaches and reminds, brings peace, brings freedom
5) Himself, Holy Spirit in us 6) best life, best you 7) inside, around