

Weekly Teachings

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Obstacles To Spiritual Growth

We are told to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The Christian life is one of continual advancement. Some have the idea that since they have prayed a prayer of repentance or may be baptized that every thing is accomplished. That is the very idea why we are admonished! As we count down to Pentecost, the anniversary of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the church, we shall explore three obstacles to our spiritual growth. God gives his spirit to those who obey him (**Acts 5:32**).

Many in the church of God are spiritual complacent. They forgot the teaching of (**2 Peter 3:18**). Many are destroyed for lack of knowledge. The apostle Paul, a man who wrote most of the new testament scriptures remarked, "I press towards the mark of 'the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus'". He count not himself as having arrived. Neither should we!

Another obstacle to our spiritual growth is ignorance of our identity in Christ. And what is our status? Did he not raise us up and let us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (**Ephesians 2:6**)? Well, let us walk like it and act like it because we were purged from the old leaven (**1 Corinthians 5:7**). We are new creations. We must live up to this expectation. This is our status. We are dead to the old way of thinking! We are continually being transformed to the image of Christ unless we are reprobate! Know your status. That is ammunition against the assault of the enemy! Ask for more revelation of who you are in Christ. Read it, believe it, speak it and live by it. We mean business.

Now, some are disconnect from the word. This is one way to live without power. There is no word of God without power (**Luke 1:37**). Jesus answered Satan by quoting the word. That is our example! Psalms 1 records the life that is possible for those who meditate on his word day and night. This person will always bear fruit in his season! Many would like to walk in faith and power. This is possible by hearing the word of God (**Romans 10:17**). Make this your standard operating procedure (SOP). In industry we had a SOP. That was a must. Let us make the word of God our SOP. Jesus said man shall live by every word of God? Are you?

Let us grow up spiritually. Avoiding these three obstacle is a start!

Please read then pass on.