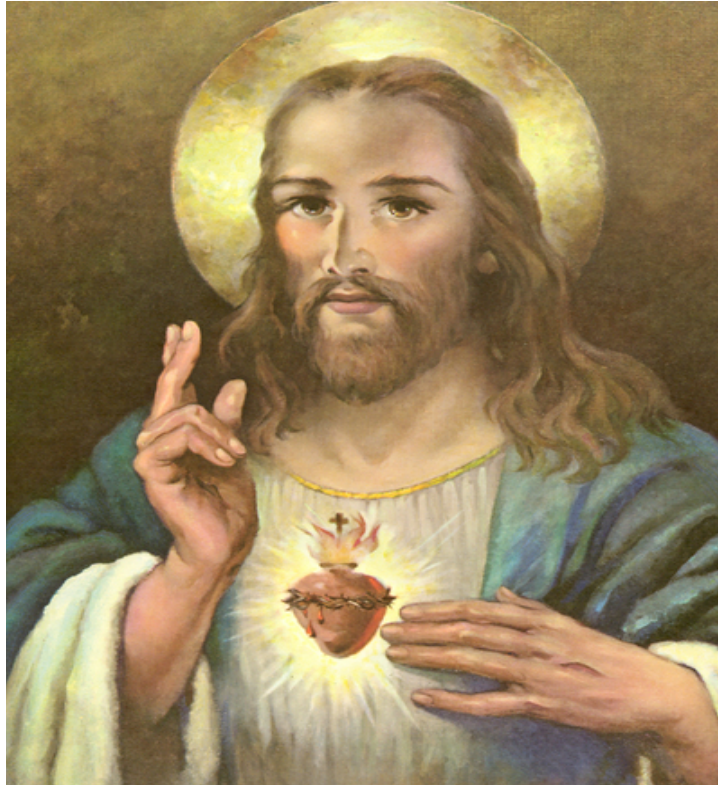


THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Ezekiel 36:27; “I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a Heart of flesh.”

TRANSFORMED BY THE LORD!

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we be thankful for our faith and change lives, in Christ Jesus. Lord, please give us more spiritual understanding of Your Will. Father, please help us through Your Holy Spirit, to know what You want us to do for You. Lord, please help us to live for You alone Lord. Father, please bestow upon us more and more of Your Divine Wisdom. Lord, please give us more strength and endurance to run the race set before us. Finally Father, please fill us up with Your Joy and thankfulness. Father God, I ask this prayer in Jesus name.....Amen!

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Well hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to this month's inspired message, ***Transformed by the Lord.*** What am I trying to say when I say, transformed by the Lord? Well, transform is the present state of mind meaning total transformation has not yet happened. However, being transformed, means someone or something has already made a thorough or dramatic change in the form, appearance, or character of something or someone. In **2 Corinthians 5:17** it is written; **Therefore if any person is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come!** What is God trying to say with this scripture? The context of this scripture appears to be saying that, as born again Christians, we become brand new people on the inside. The Holy Spirit gives us a new life and we will never be the same anymore. After the Lord transforms us, we are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated----we are re-created, (new creations), living in vital union with Christ. It is also written in **Colossians 2:6**; **So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.** Receiving Jesus as Lord of your life is the beginning of life with Christ. But you must follow His leadership by being rooted, built up, and strengthened in faith. Christ wants to guide us, and help us with our daily problems. We can live for Christ by (1) committing our life and submitting our will to Him, seeking to learn from Him, His life, and His teaching; and recognizing the Holy Spirit's power in you. For more information and understanding see; (**Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22**)

The scripture also says to be rooted in Christ. When I hear the word roots, the first thing that comes to my mind is plants, bushes, trees and so on. Reason being, they all have roots that need water and nourishment to survive and grow properly. The fact is that, all vegetation draws nourishment from the soil through their roots. However, we as mortal human beings, draw our life giving strength from Christ. The more we draw our strength from the Lord, the less we will be fooled by false prophets who claim that they have all of life's answers. If Jesus is our strength, we will be free from human regulations. The Lord Christ Jesus, tells us not to conform any longer to the evil ways of this broken world we live in! According to God, if we conform to whatever society has to offer, we can not be spiritually transformed!

In **Romans 12:2**, God says; **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is---His good, pleasing and perfect Will.** For all of those that have renewed their minds and have

been transformed, God has good, pleasing, and perfect plans for His children. God wants us to be transformed people with renewed minds, living to always honor and obey Him. Reason being is that He wants only what is best for us. Also, because God gave His one and only Son to make our new lives possible; we should joyfully give ourselves as living sacrifices for Him. God also tells us that after transformation with regard to our former way of life, we are to put off our old self. In **Ephesians 4:22-24** it is written;

You were taught, with regards to your former way of life, to put off your old self...to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, God tells that, our old way of life before we believed in Christ, should be now completely in the past. We should put it behind us like old worn clothes to be thrown away. This is both a once and for-all decision when we decide to accept Christ's gift of salvation; and also a daily conscious commitment. The Lord tells us that we are not to be driven by desire and impulse. After God's total transformation, we must put on our new role; head in a new direction; and have a new way of thinking that the Holy Spirit gives to all who are truly transformed! The Holy Spirit within us is our seal or guarantee that we truly belong to God.....Amen!

Let us pray, Father we thank you for another inspired message this month. Lord, may this inspired message touch the hearts and minds of your people. Father, I pray that more and more people will be awakened from their darkness, and be totally transformed by Your Divine Light!

Father, I asked this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Amen!!



GRACE *By Sarah Young*

MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, BUT ITS SUFFICIENCY IS FOR ONE DAY AT A TIME. That's why it is essential for us to learn how to live in the present, and not in the future. Our mind's so easily slips into the future, where worries abound. We also spend way to much time analyzing the past. Meanwhile, splendors of the present moments parade before us, and we don't even notice. Part of our problem stems from our tendency to strive for self sufficiency. God will help us to learn to rest in His sufficiency, depending on Him more and more.

We all need God's Grace to live in the presence. Grace is all about the Lord's provisions for us, but accepting that goes against the grain of our natural tendencies. Each day we face a number of situations requiring God's help. Moment by moment God proffers to us the needed assistance. Our part is to recognize our neediness and receive what God has to offer.

The Lord's Presence is with us always, providing everything that we need.

So my brothers and sisters, try not to worry about tomorrow's needs.

Try to remember that, God's sufficiency is for a day at a time---today!

Matthew 6:34; Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: Psalm 46:10; Be still' and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.

My brothers and sisters in the Lord, war and destruction are inevitable, but so is God's final victory. At that time, all will stand quietly before the Lord Almighty. How proper, then, for us to be still now, reverently honoring Him and His Power and Majesty. When our minds are anxious and troubled, take time out, to be still and to exalt God daily!!

SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR THIS MONTH

Ecclesiastes 10:12; Words from a wise man’s mouth are gracious, but a fool is consumed by his own lips.

Proverbs 25:21,22; If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

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A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR LIVING

Spiritual Wisdom can spare us from the emptiness that results from a life without God. No man will find real meaning in life through knowledge, money, pleasure, work, or popularity. True satisfaction comes from knowing that what we are doing is part of God’s purpose for our life. Because life is short, we need God’s Wisdom which is greater than this world can offer!

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THE MINISTRY’S DAILY PRAYER LIST.

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Well my brothers and sisters in the Word of the Lord Christ Jesus, thank you for taking the time to read this month’s inspired Word. May the good Lord continue to protect you and your family and friends, with His Holy Spirit. Dear Lord, may your Love, Grace, and Mercy come upon your people and shine Your Light of Hope throughout this broken and fallen world we live in. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of our Savior Christ Jesus Amen!