

You Cannot Physically Remain A Baby All Of Your Life!

We know and accept this as a fact in our physical life, we have to grow and mature.

Yet too often we do not apply the same fact to our far more important spiritual life!

It is an unfounded assumption that all Christians are alike and that there are no distinctions that can be made between them.

“All Christians are saints in God’s eyes,” I have been told. Yet all the arguments put forward to confirm this do **not** satisfy me in the light of the words of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the apostles.

If all Christians are alike in standing and state, why did Jesus Christ talk about three distinctions in the Christian life? [Matthew 13:23]

Why did Jesus Christ say that some will qualify to rule over many more cities than others? [Luke 19:11-26]

Why did Jesus Christ teach that some should have higher positions in the Kingdom of God than others?

If we are all alike and have arrived at the same place and state, why did the apostle Paul say the following in his letter to the Christians in Philippi?

Philippians 3:8-14 [New King James] *“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. **Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Paul was **not** standing still, he was striving to mature in his Christian life.

The sad thing is that there are many in our Christian churches who physically do not have a long time to live. They have grown old physically and yet they are in many ways still babies spiritually.

They have **not** advanced in faith nor love, prayer and study more than they did when younger in years.

Such people could be called “*common*” Christians, people who do not hear their Lord and Saviour speaking to them as they should.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 [New King James] *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”*

Remember it is only through an active Holy Spirit in us that the needed “*fruits*” of the Holy Spirit which are the characteristics of the Triune God, must be ours if we are to receive the gift of eternal life, [Romans 8:11; Ephesians 1:13-14].

God will speak to us if we read, study and obey His Word, the Christian Bible.

The Holy Spirit, Who is one Person of the Triune God, will guide us into all truth [John 16:13] and bring to remembrance God's Words when we need them to make a right decision in life, [John 14:26] or when called on to give the reason why we are a Christian, [1 Peter 3:15-16].

There is described in Revelation one group of Christians who had not grown and Jesus Christ through an angel and the apostle John they must change or lose out on eternal life, for Jesus Christ saw them as dead spiritually and unless they repented their names would be blotted out of the book of eternal life.

Revelation 3:1-6 [New King James] *“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, ‘These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: **“I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.** Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. **He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**””*

What we have to “overcome” is the influence of Satan and his demons whose only desire is to see us end up in the lake of fire, the second and final death, [John 8:44; 1 Peter 5:8].

How do we do this “overcoming”?

Revelation 12:11 [Amplified Bible] *“And they [true Christians – verse 10] have overcome [conquered] him [Satan – verse 9] by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life then when faced with death, holding their lives cheap till they had to die [for their witnessing].”*