

OUT OF DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT

As Paul told the Galatians, “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

How can this be?... There is no separation, no division, no distinction, no judging who is right, who is better, who has power over the other. Those who have been baptized in (immersed in) Christ are one with Him and each other, and exhibit the fruit of a new creature in and of Christ.

The first creation of man was fully a spirit man. Then Creator gave him a soul; a mind, will, and emotions of his own, duality at its beginning. That carnal (human) nature took over, just as God knew it would.

“But, when the fullness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, under the law, in order that He might redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Jesus was born with that dual nature, which He had to overcome and become fully alive in the Spirit. He said, “Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the (things of this) world.” And He showed us the “Way, Truth, and Life” of the fullness of the Christ.

Human nature says, like Frank Sinatra, “I did it my way”. Well, there is a way that seems right, but the Spirit of God, present in us, knows better. Many are at a point in their lives spiritually that is neither hot nor cold, lukewarm, as it is called in the letter to the Laodiceans. God says to those who are lukewarm, “I will spit you out of My mouth.”

“The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. What a fool you have been! From now on you will be at war.”

“How shall we escape if we neglect (ignore) so great a salvation.”

Helen Bowden