

BE REDEMPTION MINDED

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God our Father wants us redemption-minded. His heart must ache when born-again believers are circumstance-minded, sickness-minded, negative-minded, failure-minded.

The Father never created a failure. He made us for victory; He made us to be more than conquerors; He made us to have the more abundant life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As born-again sons of God, we have the mighty power of His gift of holy spirit, the same as the apostles had in their daily walk. And God is our wisdom. He is the very strength of our lives. He is the one who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Therefore, we do not need to cry for faith, nor pray for strength – it belongs to us because we belong to Him. We have been blessed with everything that redemption could possibly give.

We must be more than students of the Word or admirers of the Word, we must be “doers” of the Word. God’s Word in us is a living reality. The reason the Word is living in us is because we are living in the Word.

James 1:22-25 is an instructive section of the Word of God. Verse 22 says, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving [deluding] yours own selves.” How many good people have deluded themselves? They are sincere enough, but sincerity is no guarantee for the truth. They believe in the teaching of their local church or denomination, but spend very little time studying the Word for themselves. They are very sensitive about what the neighbor says and, subsequently, deny themselves much, putting themselves under bondage because of man’s word rather than living the freedom of God’s Word.

James 1:23 and 24:

²³ For if any [one] be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass [mirror]:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Just exactly what “manner of men” are we? Romans 8:14 tells us that “...as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Verses 15 to 17 informs us that “...ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ;...” This is what the Father says we are, and this is being redemption-minded. We are in His family, and therefore, a member of the Body of Christ. When we walk with this

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redemption-minded revelation of God's Word, some may say that we are "besides ourselves," but we are not – we are simply "beside the Master."

Colossians 1:13 informs us that we have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the son of His love. This makes us a unique class of men and women; therefore we should study the Word that we might know what the Father expects OF us and what the world has a right to expect FROM us.

We have the knowledge of God and the ability of God available to us. We also have the mind of God for it is in His Word. Therefore, we should never forget what "manner of men" we are. We have the righteousness of God, and it is the righteousness of God which makes us masters over every force outside of God. We are in league with Heaven and we have Heaven's backing. We have what the Word of God says, "...If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?" (Romans 8:31).

There is no doubt about it. God is for us and on our side – therefore we belong to a new class of people and we have an absolute legal right to enter the Father's presence anytime, anywhere. We have a standing with Him and have been told in the Word that we are to come boldly before the throne of grace.

We have been called to obey the great light given by God's Word on our redemption. But to be redemption-minded and to walk in that light is almost unheard of among the so-called "Christian" denominations and church people. We must never forget for one moment the type of men and women God (who raised Jesus Christ from the dead) has made us. For it is God who is at work within us, both to will and to do His good pleasure.

My heart's prayer is that I will believe Him much more and trust Him to a greater degree than I would every trust the money in my wallet or trust the car when it is filled with oil and gas. If we all did this, what mighty men and women we would be in our walk on the earth. The Father would be so real to all of us; His name and His Word would be so alive and vital, that our consciousness thereof would enable us to constantly realize that all authority has been given to us in heaven and on earth.

Let us now go forth as God's representatives. He made us to be masters instead of slaves. He made us to be full of faith, not full of fear. He made us to be sons of God, not servants, for He has made us to be like Him. Let us therefore manifest the redemption we have in Christ Jesus.