

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

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➤ **συσταυρόω – SUSTAUROO** – “To be crucified with”



Our crucifixion occurred the moment we were saved.

The results of that salvation continue onward.

➤ The **positional** reality of our salvation becomes the **experiential** reality of our Christian walk - as the fullness of Christ is manifested in our lives.

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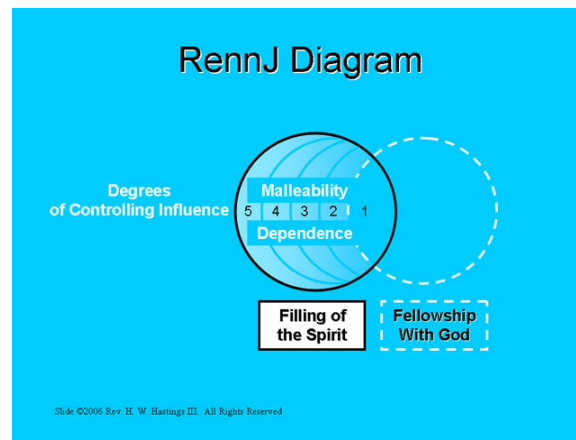
“... it is no longer I who **am living** but Christ **is living** in me. . .”

- This is the experiential reality of the Christian life.
- The believer no longer lives his life but Christ does as he renders himself as a “living sacrifice.”
- Christ begins to be manifested in the believer’s life by the Spirit *and truth*.

POD: As the believer progressively let’s go, Christ begins to be manifested by the Spirit and the love of Christ begins to impel him.

Anxieties are things that WE hold onto!

- Letting go, in part, has to do with submitting our agendas - our plans - to the Lord’s.
- We need to jettison our personal desires in order to fulfill His Divine desires for our lives.



We must walk in genuine humility and dependence upon the Spirit.

As we continue in that walk, the “fullness of Christ” is attained and He is able to live in us.

As He continues to live in us, it will be His love that impels us.

WHEN GOD FORCES YOU TO LET GO OF THINGS, YOU MUST LET GO!

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δὲ νῦν -- and now

Now my positional crucifixion in Christ has become a reality in my life.

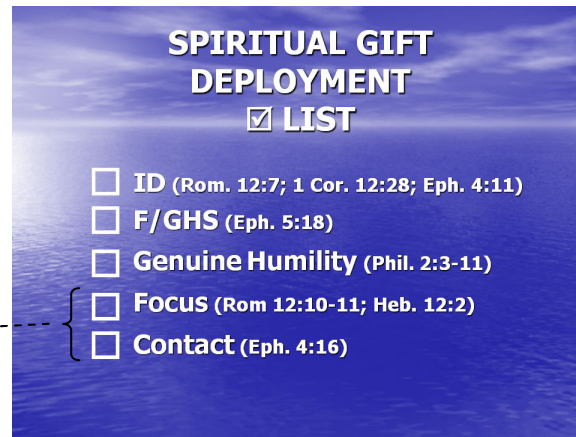
Corrected translation “. . . and now, *that which I am living* in the flesh, *I am living* by faith in the Son of God. . .

- Faith in the Person of Christ as He is manifested in my life; by the Spirit and the Word.
- There is the greatest communion anyone can experience in this life as a born-again believer.
- There is Occupation with Jesus Christ because the fullness of Christ is being manifested *from within* you.

. . . who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

- The believer offers himself to Christ because Christ offered Himself up and the love of Christ impels him.
- That love of Christ becomes the staying power in my life to do what God wants me to do, despite personal desires otherwise.

POD (*review*): The love of Christ impels the believer to continue to function with his gift - fulfilling the responsibilities of the believer priesthood - where God has placed him, despite personal desires otherwise, until led.



Romans 12:3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you **not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think . . .**

- The eye who says to the hand, “I have no need of you” is the member who thinks more highly of himself than he ought to think.
- Such a person is occupied with self.
- Such a person has arrogance - - an arrogance which begins in the soul.

You find yourself in the place God wants you, doing what God wants you to do, and you begin to think, “Wow, look what God’s accomplishing through me.”

Pretty soon that turns into, “Wow, look what I am doing.”

- The believer cannot take credit for any service that God is able to perform in his life.

Remember whose gift it is to begin with!

- If you take credit for what is done through you then you begin to “think more highly of yourself than you ought.”

. . . but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.