

MESSAGE # 2: DELIVERANCE FROM INFERIORITY

Biblical Passages: Psalm 116:5-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Romans 13:7-10

I. Introducing the Subject

Inferiority in the sense I am using it in these talks, is that feeling that one does not have much to offer and is less gifted in the face of others who seem to be more useful and accomplished. It may show itself in many areas but in our work it is most commonly seen in the unwillingness of individuals to involve themselves in the witness of the Lord and the work of the local fellowship. Between those who feel inferior and those who feel superior there is a great gap mostly filled by the rest of us--but desperately needing the aid of the total body. There are many causes for inferiority and this is not a clinic to discuss them all...I personally struggled with it because, even though I had many skills and accomplished a lot of things, I was convinced that I was very homely and had an unattractive personality to go with my scrawny physique. And if any readers dare say "Amen", well that is long ago but it was a huge burden and it clung to me for many years after I was saved. For a long time it has not bothered me however because I learned that the Lord had not given us that spirit and that in my salvation He had redeemed the whole person: body, soul, and spirit. This deliverance is not intended to make us proud or boastful but to allow us to see who we are in the Lord and to live it out.

II Discussion---following are some biblical factors that will help!

A. Remember: In Christ we are created anew...2 Cor. 5:17-21

In the Lord we are on redemptive ground, old things have passed away, physical things may not have changed but our whole person has been claimed by God. We are under His government and have been given an enormously important *commission*. We do not all have the same skills or assignments but we all have the same privileges and access to the power and will of God.

B. Know that in Christ we have specific provision for our need. 2 Peter 1:3 (in context).