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"BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



"SPIRIT-AIDED INSANITY" EPHESIANS 5:18-21; JOHN 15:1-11

I. SPIRIT-AIDED INSANITY

Insanity is to reject the Truth for the Lie that we are the standard for knowing truth; it is to create a priestly class of our own making who speaks to us our word of "truth" and teaches us to worship the creature rather than the Creator; it is to accept perversion as truth; it is to live life as a practical atheist i.e. God is irrelevant; the warring principalities and powers with their hordes of demonic and unclean spirits assist us in our rebellion against God with supernatural power

II. NOT MEANT TO BE ALONE OR TO WORK ALONE

- A. As His image, He expected us to represent Him on the planet in union with Him; before He created the woman He said it was not good for us to be alone; we would need each other to complete the team; but sin/distrust separated us from this bond
- B. Sanity is to know the fear of the Lord, the love of God, the grace of God, and to participate with the Holy Spirit in everything; it is to think the way God thinks; to think His thoughts after Him; it is to be in full union with God, authorized and empowered by Him to do His will
- C. Christ's life, death, burial and resurrection reconnects the human spirit to God's Spirit; born again as a child of God; removes the barrier to our relationship with God

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- D. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to authorize us and empower us to live here and now in union with the living God forever when true faith in Him is present.
- E. Christ shows us the "normal Christian life" (John 15:7-8) and commands it as the ONLY way to be fruitful, beat insanity and practice Spirit-aided sanity:

See "MY GUIDE TO SANITY"

III. SPIRIT-AIDED SANITY

- A. What the Spirit does for the believer
 Convicts us of sin; convinces us of Christ; applies
 the work of Christ to us; rebirths us; creates in us a
 new man to replace the crucified old man;
 comforts us; partners with us; teaches us truth;
 gives us words to say as witnesses for Christ;
 empowers us to do the miraculous work of God;
 gives us at least one spiritual gift; imparts to us the
 attributes of God; leads us; assures us; gives us
 hope; intercedes for us
- B. What it means to walk in or be filled by the Spirit
 It means to be led by the Holy Spirit from deep
 within our new born-again spirit; to be a
 completed human being as God intended us to be;
 to be in complete dependence on the Word-led
 Spirit; to be diligent in the work of God as primary
- C. Triggers to sanity by the Holy Spirit
 In the realm of humility and faith, we believe His
 promises, act on them doing our responsibility