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Old things

2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Many, many people say I would become a Christian BUT, you have to give up so many things, you can't have any fun. The sad part about these people, is that they don't realize or won't listen, that you don't have to give up something before you come to Jesus. Nor do they realize the actual torment of Hell in eternity if they don't yield their will to Him.

Luke 13:28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

Mark 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

You see, Jesus wants you just as you are, all you do is acknowledge that you are a sinner and need a savior, then ask Jesus to forgive your sins and to guide and direct you in the way he wants you to go.

You see, when the Holy Spirit Guides you, you have this inner peace and you will follow the desires of your heart that are placed there by God.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Now this DOES NOT mean that he will give you anything you desire as the majority believe and are taught by their religious leaders. BUT RATHER as you yield your life to Jesus, HE will place righteous desires in your heart and the old things or old nature will die off and the things you thought were fun. Become repugnant to you now, when you follow the desires that HE placed in your heart you have an inner joy that all the foul jokes you used to tell and all the booze or drugs, can never come close to the joy you have now. PLUS you don't have all the hangovers and remorse you had partying.

God catches his fish first, and then cleans them to his standards. You change nothing, if your sincere in your commitment to the Lord HE places the right desires in your heart. That is why it says: if any be in Christ Jesus, OLD things are PASSED AWAY and ALL THINGS become new.

Ephesians 4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Now this refers to all things sinful, Let him that lied, lie no more, he that cursed, curse no more and so on down the line. Those that are sincere in their relationship with Jesus will know what they do wrong and will Quit it!

Those that trust in their five natural (carnal) senses, will here the voice of the evil one, when he says: "That is not really a sin" or " That is really not a lie" and so on.

I think you get the picture, for everything that your lifestyle gives up, the Lord has five things more enjoyable and satisfying to take their place.

A close relationship with the Lord is not necessarily a piece of cake or a walk in the park, it involves commitment, dedication and integrity. This is what the bible refers to, as your cross, we have to shoulder our cross daily. **Luke 9:23** says: **And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself,**

and take up his cross *daily*, and follow me.

The more you fellowship with the lord, the more you hear his voice, and believe me, it is beautiful...

In the natural, it is likened unto a couple, the more time you spend praising each other, listening to each other, talking to each other and in general having an intimate relationship (and I am not talking sex here) the closer you get and the more your love for one another grows.

You see, you don't have to give up anything except your pride and Ask Jesus into your life, then trust him. Jesus is coming very, very soon for his church (not the denominations) , do you want to go with him?

Trust this gives you a better insight.

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