

TEST TUBE CHRISTIANITY

Romans 8:9; I John 5:10-13

Introduction:

1. Seeing is believing, but not always so in Christianity.
 2. Lost folks can't see, because spiritual things are spiritually discerned as in I Corinthians 2:14.
 3. Lost folks, however, can see two things.
 - A. They see our love – John 13:35.
 - B. They see our changed lives – Matthew 5:16.
- I. (I Jn 5:10-13) WHEN YOU WERE SAVED YOU RECEIVED THE PERSON OF CHRIST.**
1. I John 5:10-13 - An indwelling took place.
 - A. Luke 1:26-38 – Jesus's incarnation was the greatest illustration.
 - B. At our salvation, we had a crucifixion event (Romans 6:6).
 - C. At our salvation, we had a resurrection event (Romans 6:5).
 - D. At our salvation, we had a new indwelling event (Romans 8:9-17).
 - E. Real salvation is for us to experience a crucifixion, a resurrection, and a new indwelling so don't you think you would know and remember when all that happened to you?
 2. II Corinthians 5:17 – A transformation took place.
 - A. We have a new nature – a new way of thinking.
 - B. We have a new hatred for sin.
 - C. We have a new desire for God and righteousness.
- II. (Romans 8:9) YOU RECEIVED THE POWER OF CHRIST.**
1. You received power for holy witnessing:
Acts 1:8 – “But you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”
 2. You received power for holy living:
John 1:12 – “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on His name.”
 3. You received power for holy praying:
Romans 8:16 – “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.”
 4. You received power for holy fruit-bearing:
Galatians 5:22-23 – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.”

Conclusion:

1. Altars are like crosses; they are made to die upon so you can experience a resurrection into the likeness of a new person in Christ.
2. Come and have your funeral service for self to now live for Christ.
3. Real salvation has three fool-proof evidences.
 - A. We are partakers of God's discipline.
Hebrews 12:6-7 – “For whom the Lord loves He chastens and scourges every son whom He receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not?”
 - B. We practice righteousness.
 - 1) I John 2:29 – “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone that does righteousness is born of Him.”
 - 2) I John 3:7 – “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.”
 - C. We practice forgiveness.
 - 1) Matthew 6:14-15 – “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”
 - 2) I John 3:14-15 – “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loves not his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”