

SOMEONE ENTIRELY-OTHER-THAN

Colossians 1

*“... because it does not go into his **heart**, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?’ (Thus He declared all foods clean.)*

*And He was saying, ‘That which proceeds **out of** the man, that is what defiles the man. For from **within, out of the heart** of men, **proceed** the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.*

***All** these evil things proceed from **within** and **defile** the man.’”*

(Mark 7:19-23)

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“What is man that You make so much of him, that You are concerned about him?” (Job 7:17)

“What is man that You are mindful of him?” (Psalm 8:4, 144:3-4; Hebrews 2:6)

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As a Christian, God’s gift of your new spiritual nature is expressed by your “**new natural**”—the natural expression of your new nature.

It’s based on this:

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever, and ever. Amen.” (1 Timothy 1:17)

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New-man expression of your new nature:

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings...” (Colossians 1:24)

That is so **unnatural** and **uncharacteristic** of what you formerly were as you lived in pride, self, and sin.

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We **never outgrow** our need of the **gospel of grace** where God **forgives** us, **redeems** us, and **reconciles** us every minute of every day so that, just like Paul, we might use our new **identity** and new **life** in Christ to *“proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ.”* (Colossians 1:28)

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“Formerly” describes the change in *“me”* which Jesus works, so that the most **important** thing about *me* is that *me* was **crucified with Christ**, and it is no longer *me* who lives, but **Christ** lives in *me*, and the life that *me* now lives in the flesh, *me* lives by **faith** in the Son of God who **loved me**, and **gave** himself up for *me*.

(Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 1:29-31)

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What **makes** you, you? Is it Jesus Christ?

How do you **understand** who you are? Do you know yourself by what Jesus says about you?

And how do you **measure** yourself as a person? By yourself, by others, by your **past**, your upbringing, your successes, failures, or ...?

Are you assessing yourself by what Jesus is for you and by what He has freely given to you in Himself? **Who** are you?

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*“... although I was **formerly** alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet Jesus has **now reconciled me** in His fleshly body through death, in order to present **me** before God holy, blameless, and above reproach.”* (Colossians 1:21-22)

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