

CONTINUING THE “GREEN LETTERS”

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THE RESULT OF RECKONING

Reckoning: Counting what God says is true and acting on it as a true statement or command. It is the humble recognition that what God says is true regardless of my thoughts about it; this is always followed by actions which have been motivated from that recognition. It is acknowledging that what God says about **my position** with Him (**my state**) is spotlessly true regardless of **my condition (my situation)** at any time of my life and **living from position rather than condition. My Condition does not affect my Position for better or for worse.** My condition only makes me feel better or worse about my life. I am not to live by my condition

Relationship: From the beginning it has been God’s will for He and man to have an eternal relationships, like Father and son. The sin of distrust and unbelief broke that relationship and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent to bring it back in full completion. It is this action on God’s part that is called the Gospel. It is good news that this impassable breach has been repaired completely by the Lord Jesus Christ for those who place faith in Him or trust Him.

Redemption and restoration: Man cannot redeem himself before God; He has neither the ability or the desire. Instead we set up actions acceptable to our own inner standards and think they should be acceptable to God for our justification. We want credit for being good even when it is not deserved and in no way is close to the standard God sets. The Lord Jesus Christ is God come in the flesh, both fully God and fully man. He walked before God with impeccable trust in Him. He was fully pleasing to God and was found perfect. He gave His life in behalf of ours, exchanging His righteousness for our sin. His death was an acceptable sacrifice to God on our behalf and God counted us (reckoned us) to be fully justified. Then in

satisfaction of His life for ours, God gave to the Lord Jesus Christ His resurrection. Because His death had been our death, His resurrection is also our resurrection. For those who put trust in Him, His crucifixion crucifies the old man in us and nullifies the body of sin; it is separated from us and sin does not have dominion over us (we are not ruled by sin any longer). The second phase of Christ's work at the end of His life here is the resurrection. Through it the Spirit creates a new man in us to replace the crucified old man. It is created in true righteousness and holiness and is the image of Christ in us. Just as the old man had been the generator of sin in us so now the new man is the generator of holiness, godliness and righteousness in us. Empowered by the Spirit, it is what bears fruit in us; it is the source of good works acceptable unto God. It is through Him that the Spirit of God makes the works of Christ work through us. This all works through our reckoning, (trusting with full initiative and application), it to be so.

**SO WHAT IS THE RESULT OF MY RECKONING OR TRUSTING
WHAT GOD HAS SAID AS REALITY IS ACTUALLY
REALITY?**

In short, the life of Christ is now being lived out in me!

*I have enlightenment of the Word of God. It is my privilege to be given access by the Spirit into the things of God
1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 13:10-17; Jn 16:13-15; 1 Jn 2:27*

I am motivated and empowered to pray in complete faith that what I ask for, I will receive. Jn 15:7-8, 16; 1 Th 5:17

My life is filled with the joy of the Lord, praise of the Lord and the desire to encourage my brothers and sisters about Christ and the life in Him. I am being grateful in everything. Eph 5:19-20; 1 Th 5:18

I am led daily by the Spirit in the power of the cross to put off the deeds of the old man i.e. the habits formed in me while under the dominion of sin and death, putting to death my members which are on the earth such as the works of the flesh and to replace them with the fruit of the Spirit and the good works that I am foreordained to walk in. Rom 6:11-14; Rom 8:13; Eph 4:22; Col 3:5-11

I am led by the Spirit to let Christ be revealed in me.

I am led by the Spirit to see myself alive unto God and dead unto sin Rom 6:11

I am enlightened to see the life-out-of-death principle at work in me and through me - the sacrificial quality of being poured out for others. (TCGL, p 237) I am a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying to my former life, that I may be a fruitful plant before God. My death to this world results in fruit in the next life and for the glory of the Lord now. Jn 12:24-25; 2 Cor 4:12

In this life-out-of-death principle some of the “graves” in which I am dying to give life include my home, my school, the place where I work, the ministry, the mission field, the hospital and etc. They form the context, the arena, for the life of Christ to be expressed in me

I understand that I am seated in the heavens with (and in) the Lord Jesus Christ. That causes me to know that all I am going through is being done in the presence of God with the intent of conforming me to the image of Christ. I am no longer “under circumstances” but above them all in our victorious Lord. Every situation in life is but one more lesson in the school of Christ in which I am enrolled. They all have meaning and purpose. In it all, Jesus is shown in my life and I come to even greater intimacy with the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 2:4-10; Col 3:1-3; Rom 8:16-17, 37-39;

No matter how difficult the path may seem, in this pilgrimage I can rest in Christ. I am in the yoke with Him so whatever is happening to me is happening to us both and He is always victorious. In it all, Jesus is shown in my life and I come to even greater intimacy with the Lord Jesus Christ. Mat 11:28-30; Heb 4:3

Daily, I am learning how temporary this life really is. I am “camping in this body of humiliation” while “serving in this world of death.” (TCGL, p 238)

I am learning and practicing willfully and joyfully the life of submission to God, to Christ, to the Spirit and to my brothers and sisters Eph 5:21

Through these I gain daily assurance of my salvation as my condition begins to reflect my position