

the
**NATURE OF
FREEDOM**

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LETTER 1

It's Over.... Something Got Finished
Before You Started

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Revelation 13:8; Genesis 1:26; John 19:30; Romans 6:3-11

Beloved,

When We created mankind, the greatest possible gift that We could bestow was freedom. In order for you to be free to choose your way, We had to remove Our control over you as a possibility for your life. The essence of control is limitation — the curbing of freewill and the repression of the individual. If you are to be fully made in Our image, then you *must* have the same freedom.

We knew that freedom of choice would take some people away from Our loving lifestyle. We do not wish to control anyone or anything, but rather We want to walk with people through life situations and be in charge of the process of redemption.

With that in mind, before the introduction of light, we made a decision that Jesus would become Emmanuel and save people from their sins by taking their place in sacrifice. In due time, Jesus fulfilled that purpose perfectly and now here you are with Us!

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Before you were even born, your redemption was already completed. Not just forgiveness from sin and self-destruction, but also the elimination of all forms of negativity in your heart and mind: anxiety, fear, panic, worry, all forms of dread, every negative thought, every negative emotion, every painful word, and every evil deed. True liberation.

On the cross, you were in My son's mind, heart, and vision. Jesus could see the total freedom that death would bring to you — your death as part of His death. A life for a life. Your new life lived in a joyful partnership of learning and becoming.

BREAKING THE MOLD

In My eyes, your old life has already met its demise and is finished. The cross has set you free from your old man, which is sin nature, and a selfish lifestyle. When My Son died, so did you. He did not just die for you, He died as you.

When Jesus was buried He took your old man with Him, and when He was raised from the dead, He left your old man behind. The old you cannot ever be resurrected. It is gone. Finished. Forever. You died in Him, then a new version of you was raised from the dead through the Holy Spirit's glorious workings.

Now the two or you are walking together in a completely new and totally different life. Your old self was crucified with My Son so that everything connected to that life could never make it past the grave. Now We are all united together for always and no one and nothing can ever separate us. Beloved, I am so excited that you and My Son are together as resurrected beings. All the old has passed away and you are Our new creation.

We give you the beautiful, always amazing, Holy Spirit to empower and support all you are learning as you experience Our life in you.

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You are no longer a slave to sin. It is no longer your nature. My Son has removed it. All that remains is your attachment through memory to a habit, which can be broken by our partnership and relationship. The one who is dead is entirely free and We will teach you and show you the reality and the power of that freedom.

IMPLICATIONS

Think of the implications of you being united with My Son, both in death and resurrection. It would be utterly absurd for Me to kill your old nature, then raise it from the dead, and then try to change it in life!

That would make Me massively double-minded. Do you think I killed your sinful nature then I brought it back? The people who take your household trash away every week, have they ever brought it back? (I know, that makes Me smile, too.) Me, the Lord of the Universe, going to these elaborate lengths to put all your sin on My Son, watch His totally gruesome death, have Him be in hell for three days, resurrect Him to newness of life, and at the same time resurrect you *to live the same life from the old nature*? What would be the point of that? It would make the cross of Jesus of no effect. It would grossly, insanely undermine His won-derful sacrifice!

Did I punish Jesus enough for sin? Did I judge Him 100% for sin? Did I expend every last ounce of anger, wrath, and indignation upon Him for all of humanity's sin? Did I condemn the sins of the world that were placed upon My only Son so that you may become the Beloved?

My dear one, would We go through all that horror and then raise your sinful nature from the grave, in order to work on your *behavior*? If He has dealt with sin once and for all, how then can I remain sin-conscious?

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If I were dealing with your sinfulness now, it would be because I had no faith that Jesus dealt with it in His own body on the tree. For Me to shame or condemn you for your lifestyle choices, when Jesus has already taken that form of punishment in your place, is that not a violation of My agreement with Him?

I absolutely, implicitly believe in the sacrifice of My Son. I will never deny His slaughter by allowing you to feel helpless, hopeless, guilty, or condemned. You are free!

Enjoy working with the Holy Spirit to live in the new man, who is Christ within. As you learn to be made in Our image, all your mistakes in that process of becoming are covered by the power of the blood and the cross.

PRESENT-PAST AND PRESENT-FUTURE

Do you believe what I believe about you being in Christ now? When you think of the old self, you must use the past tense and not the present. Our language is clear. You *have been* buried. You *have been* united with Him in death. Your old self *was* crucified. The body of sin *was* done away with. The one who *has* died (you) is now free!

Beloved, it makes no sense for Me to be sin-conscious if My Son has destroyed sin by His death! I am single-minded about you loving holiness. I trust the sacrifice of My Son. I judged Him, sentenced Him, punished Him, and had Him executed, so that I would never have to do that to you. The power of sin is destroyed; righteousness now reigns in its place. I am totally focused on Christ in you. I concentrate daily on elevating the new man in you to the place of loving acceptance. My heart is fixed on the new, true you in Jesus. I am not double-minded about that! Practicing righteousness is what My beautiful Holy Spirit is coaching you in day by day, moment by moment.

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Knowing this, you will become like Him in real life. It is Our purpose and We love it! Certainly, undoubtedly you shall be made in His likeness. It is a done deal in Our hearts. You have Our undivided attention in Him. You are freed, and We believe that you can and will live in Him, in total fullness with Our enthusiastic help and support.

We, therefore, give you absolute permission to consider yourself dead to sin and fully alive to God in Christ Jesus! Beloved, there are necessary, joyful, and wonderful outcomes for you in believing the truth about yourself. Know this, We joyfully bind Ourselves to the same implications!

That means I can only think of you in one way. I see you as My Son. I placed you in Christ. He also lives in you by His own de-sire, delight, and purpose. I AM is working on making you in the likeness of Jesus. Everyday, in each circumstance, you are being trained to live from your new man, not the old. When you realize who you are in Him and who He is for you, that oneness and unity breaks every power against you.

When you think of the new, true, resurrected you in Christ, you must use a present-future tense to mark the current place you hold in Our affection and to connect you with the life We are cultivat-ing in you for the rest of your days.

You have My permission to be fully alive in Me. Come on this journey with Me. Leave behind the places where you are stuck. Love the learning. Don't worry if it clashes with your tradition. "You have heard it said... but now I say to you..." is a familiar phrase used by My Son in His ministry. It will become familiar to you also.

Let's get started.

DEEPENING MY RESPONSE TO LETTER 1

Before each of these response sections, you may want to pause and re-read, “Preparing for a Divine Conversation” at the beginning of this journal to refresh your heart and mind in how God sees these exchanges. Then consider these key truths:

“Your old self was crucified with Me so that everything connected to that life could never make it past the grave.”

1. Where have you carried old-self habits into your new life in Christ?
2. What have you believed about yourself that caused you to think or act like that?
3. Who does God desire to be to you in that place?
4. Write a statement about what the “implications for God” means for you.

“Do you believe what I believe about you being in Christ now?”

1. Listen to your language in conversations. Is it more past than present? Or more future tense? Filled with grace or failure? Are you as kind towards yourself as God is towards you?
2. What are the upgrades in your language that will reflect what God believes about you? “Instead of saying _____, I can now say _____.”

“We... give you absolute permission to consider yourself dead to sin and fully alive to God in Christ Jesus.... My heart is fixed on the new true you in Jesus.”

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1. Make a simple list of all the negative things you don't like about yourself. After writing this list, find an opposite for each of these in the nature of God. Discard the negatives.
Example: Worrier → Peaceful
2. These opposites are God's focus. What would change for you if it were your only focus, too?

INVITATION TO RESPOND

You've just read a beautiful letter that has touched your heart. Now it is your opportunity to write back. What would you say in response?

Keys open us up to God's passion to create truth in us. What was the most valuable key truth for you and why?

Now in your own journal enjoy writing a short letter to God about your key truth. What did you learn about Him? How did that affect you?

Ask these questions with every key truth. God would love it as much as you!