



Bird's Eye View

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Chapter 3: Understanding Our True State Without Christ And The Kingdom We Are Born Into.

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Key Truth: Our old human nature is evil.

Key Scripture: *Romans 7:21, Matthew 7:11, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:9-18*

It may be hard to get our head around the fact that our human nature is a fallen nature and at its core, it is evil. Jesus addressed a certain number of Jews in John 8 and told them that their father was in fact the devil. Their father was the devil because they were of the same nature as the devil, and before we are born again, we too have the devil as our father, because we to have the same nature as them.

We may be completely unaware of this reality but it is the truth. Jesus rescues us out of the kingdom of darkness and brings us into the kingdom of Light.

Colossians 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Notice He rescues us. He draws us and He rescues us out of darkness and into Light. He rescues us not only on the outside but on the inside. He gives us His nature, which is perfect and He gives us His precious promises so we continue to growth in His divine nature.

Romans 12:1 says that in view of God's mercy, we are 'to present our bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship.'

Once we realise God's mercy towards us through revelation, and how He has rescued us out of this eternally damned state, because of His divine love for us, the innate natural response is to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. The laying down of every aspect of our lives becomes a joy, when we can see what God has saved us from.

Questions:

1. What is your current reference for who you once were, before being justified by His blood?
2. Evil is a powerful word. How does it make you feel knowing that the human nature is evil?
3. Why is the revelation of God's mercy towards us in this evil state, so powerful in the surrendering of our entire lives to Him?
4. How does the revelation of God's mercy empower us to live out the new created life?

Action point: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?