

All Things New

Today, I want to speak to a scriptural truth using the world of technology. When the Holy Spirit fell on the believers in the Upper Room, He performed a RESET and initiated the new operating system.

I want to speak to its purpose and I want to speak an OTA (over the air) update for each of us. It's important that the software on the devices match the SERVER!

**Moses was the first to download from the cloud to a tablet! :)

We Need An Upgrade

Romans 5:12–15 (NKJV) - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

Romans 5:17–18 (NKJV) - ¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

1 Corinthians 15:45–49 (NKJV) - And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. ⁴⁹And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

What version are you running on? Are you still on version 1, the original? This is so important to catch! The first version was full of bugs = sin! Here we see that we must receive the free gift that comes through Christ so that we experience a transformation. In the tech world, they call it a refresh. A complete overhaul and sometimes a replacement with something better

The wild part is that there are many professing Christians that don't understand this or chose not to accept it. They have fire insurance but they didn't read their benefits or requirements!

Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV) - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

12:1 conformed, *suschematizo* (soos-khay-mat-id-zoe); Strong's #4964: Compare "scheme" and "schematic." Refers to conforming oneself to the outer fashion or outward appearance, accommodating oneself to a model or pattern. *Suschematizo* occurs elsewhere in the NT only in 1 Pet. 1:14, where it describes those conforming themselves to worldly lusts. Even apparent or superficial conformity to the present world system or any accommodation to its ways would be fatal to the Christian life.

12:2 Renewal of the Mind, GODLINESS AND MORAL PURITY. To "renew" is "to renovate," implying a restoration to freshness or to an original state. It intimates the potential of redemption's power to reinstate features of God's original intention for humanity and a recovery of many potentialities of the human mind and soul as designed before the Fall. The "mind" constitutes the intellect or understanding, but also includes all that is described in the word "mind-set," that is, the feelings and the will. Being "transformed" by the renewal of the mind indicates a literal "change in the form or formulas of thought or being." This describes redemption's provision of power to instill godliness in us—a power that transforms 1) our thoughts, which lead to formulating 2) our purposes, which proceed to dictate our actions; and, thus, 3) our actions become character-determining habits, shaping the life and setting the course for the future. The path to godly living is not complicated, nor is it energized by the flesh, but it does call the believer to willing submission to the Father's provision and ways. (Jack W. Hayford et al., eds., *New Spirit-Filled Life Bible* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Bibles, 2002), 1569.)

Two things I want to speak of from these verses. First, what schematic are you building your life on? You've heard me speak about blueprints, it's not just fancy or repetitive language. Second is the way in which we become transformed, receiving new minds - death to self! God is waiting on us to come into alignment with His plans, He will not force it.

It's in this death and submission, we experience the transformation and renewal. A problem I see is that people don't always mind the transformation, but can't let go of the former things or way of life. He didn't renew you so that you would continue

in your old way of life or pattern of thinking.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NKJV) - “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

²⁷“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

You will Grow (and Outgrow Your Current Circumstances & Surroundings)

1. **Abram had to leave his father’s house and became Abraham, father of nations (Gen 12)**

Genesis 12:1–5 (NKJV) - Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan.

2. **Abraham and Lot split up because they were growing to large and couldn’t occupy the same area (Gen 13:5-13)**

Genesis 13:5–18 (NKJV) - Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together. ⁷And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land. ⁸So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. ⁹“Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.” ¹⁰And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose for himself all the plain of

Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. ¹²Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord. ¹⁴And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵"for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶"And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you." ¹⁸Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the Lord.

3. Jacob meets God and wrestles Him for a blessing. He changes into a new man, with a new name

Genesis 32:9–15 (NKJV) - Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': ¹⁰"I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. ¹¹"Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. ¹²"For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.' " ¹³So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother: ¹⁴two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals.

Genesis 32:24–30 (NKJV) - ²⁴Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. ²⁵Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" ²⁷So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." ²⁸And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men,

and have prevailed.”²⁹ Then Jacob asked, saying, “Tell me Your name, I pray.” And He said, “Why is it that you ask about My name?” And He blessed him there.³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: “For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.”

Your Mountain-top moment may be for the next generation!

1 Kings 19:15–19 (NKJV) - Then the Lord said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.¹⁶” Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.¹⁷ “It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.¹⁸” Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”¹⁹ So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.

2 Kings 2:8–10 (NKJV) - Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.⁹ And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.”¹⁰ So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.”

2 Kings 2:12–15 (NKJV) - And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.¹³ He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.¹⁴ Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where is the Lord God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.¹⁵ Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

Alacrity (brisk & cheerful readiness).

Someone with **alacrity** shows cheerful willingness and eager behavior, like a kid whose mother has told him he can buy anything in a candy store. The Lord was teaching me that we needed that in our service to Him. It’s the opposite of apathy.

Abraham left his father's house, Jacob left Laban, wrestled with God, and confronted Esau, Elisha followed Elijah. What are you being called to?