

## "I'M A CHRISTIAN AND I HAVE AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX"

What! Excuse me! You're a Christian and you've got an inferiority complex? Hello? Inferior ... says who? Let's explain a few things:

**First**, Dear Reader, the term 'inferiority complex' is just a made-up phrase by non-Christians, so you can spend thousands of dollars going to a Psychiatrist/Psychologist doing the world's way of 'overcoming' this.

**Second**, when you are a Christian, this way of looking at yourself, the old nature, has been put to death. You are now a new creature, not a new creation as yet, as is stated ...

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: **old things are passed away**; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17). You are a happy person in Christ and happy people can never feel inferior.

Yes Dear Reader, you are a new creature in Christ! Your old nature has been put to death! Stop thinking about who you were! Stop comparing yourself to others!

"For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or **compare ourselves** with some that commend themselves: but they **measuring themselves by themselves**, and **comparing themselves among themselves**, are not wise." (2 Corinthians 10:12).

See that? When you are in Christ, you do not compare yourself to anyone.

**Third**, the Bible calls it a sin. Full stop. It's a condition called "ME! ME! ME!".

Why? Although the Bible says "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem other better** than themselves." (<u>Philippians 2:3</u>), this does not mean to be inferior ... this is Satan's term.

**Four**, there have been 40,000 books written on this subject ... by the way, who knows what it is ... and all of them are how the world tells you to over come it, the world's way ... not God's way of death in Christ (Romans 6:3). If you are dead, you cannot be or feel inferior ... can you?

**Five**, inferior in what? You have been saved, born again, given a brand new heart, all sins forgiven ... who is superior to these things? It is the other way around ... the world, the so called 'successful people', should feel inferior to you! You have eternal security, a mansion in heaven, the Real Estate that lasts! Whoever you were has been put to death!

**Six**, it's called "Know Thyself", and when you do, this obsession that the world calls 'inferiority complex' no longer exists. You can treat the world's assessment of you as a lie. The Bible says so.

**Seven**, that might have been you before you got saved. As we grow up, our image of ourselves is formed from the opinions of others ... parents, friends and relatives ... for the better or for the worse.

**Eight**, Oh Yes Dear Reader, the world does want to make it complex ... more money to be made ... more books to sell ... more Psychiatrist fees to pay ...

**Nine**, but look Dear Reader, the old flesh can come back to haunt us.

Oh! How we wish to be free of the flesh! Yes Dear Reader, it's a battle with the flesh to the day we die or are raptured. It is **the old nature of the flesh that wars with the Spirit** that dwells in us, indeed, our own human spirit as well ... you know ... old thoughts come back.

"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and **these are** contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (<u>Galatians 5:17</u>)

**Ten,** yes Dear Reader, the following verse is our new heart when we get saved. "My brethren, **count it all joy** when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, **that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing**." (James 1:2-4).

That is the goal of perfection ... and we can't do it on our own! And furthermore, God brings about unexpected events to keep putting us to death.

**Eleven**, a Christian with this sin needs to understand the transformation that happens when a person gets saved.

Now Dear Reader, God is constantly shaping us by putting to death the old nature. When you became a Christian, you were spiritually circumcised with your soul being separated from your body, as the following says ...

"In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism**, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." (Colossians 2:11-12).

Yes, you were put into the death of Christ by the Spirit of God, not water ... "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body ..." (1 Corinthians 12:13).

**Twelve**, although our old nature does not have dominion over us, it still exists in our flesh body ... while our soul is pure. It's as if we are schizophrenics ... two people in one. Yes, your flesh will tell you **two** things:

- 1. You are superior to others
- 2. You are inferior to others ... and both are sins ... and both are a waste of time!

Christians are trapped in a sinful body ... and it can be a war if you let it.

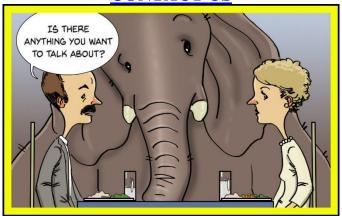
Dear Reader, you can feel inferior to the world ... less money, cars, riches, health and all the material things ... but **they are grass** ... "For **all flesh is as grass**, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass **withereth**, and the flower thereof falleth away:" (1 Peter 1:24)

## Do you want peace?

"As Paul says "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you**." (<u>Philippians 4:8-9</u>).

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