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NEW TESTAMENT CONCEPTS OF THE INNER MAN

Key Passages:

2Cor. 5:17; Col. 3:10; Eph. 5:20-24; 3:16; 2Cor. 4:16; 1Pet. 3:4; Gal. 6:15; Rom. 7:22

1.	The Inner Man is the creation of a new, in the believer.
	-Divine Dynamic = Spirit
	-Contrast = the old man with flesh dynamic
	-a.k.a. = "new man," "new creation," "hidden man of the heart"
2.	The Inner Man is the like creation (in His image). Col. 3:10; Eph. 2:10
3.	The Inner Man shares the Divine Essence through God's grace, God's Word, God's Son in the epignosis process designed by God. 2Pet. 2:4
4.	The Inner Man is perpetually and edified by the epignosis process. Col. 3:10; Eph. 4:22-24; Titus 3:5
	-Epignosis is also the basis of a new frame of reference on life.
5.	The renewal-edification process is God's means of conforming believers into the image of Christ.
6.	The renewal-edification process is a means of (metamorphosis), i.e., change from the inside out, in the believer's think process & life-style. Rom. 12:1-2
7.	The renewal-edification process is necessary in knowing the will of God in real life situations. Rom. 12:2. Renewal of the mind is the application of doctrine to any real-life situation.
8.	Joy, delight, in God's will is totally dependent upon the strength and qualities of the inner man. Rom. 7:22
9.	Strength in the inner man was a major prayer focus of Paul for believers. Eph. 3:16