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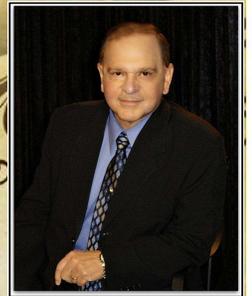


Happy Easter!!!

Happy   
Mother's  
Day



## THE INWARD MAN... BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY



By Dr. Henry Harbuck—OBIS President/Int'l Overseer

In 2 Corinthians 4:16 Paul tells us “though our outward man (body) is wasting away, our inner being (spirit) is being renewed day by day.” What this really means is that while our bodies are aging every day, the inner-self (who we are on the inside), although invisible to the eye, is actually being renewed [and changed and conformed to the image of Christ]. Because we are human, our bodies are only temporary shelters in which we reside. Nevertheless, our “inner person” – *the real me and the real you* – is eternal and destined for glory.

Most people believe human beings are fully grown at twenty-one years of age, but this is not true. Health scientists say that we are, in fact, not fully grown until the age of twenty-five, at which point we begin to decline. As we age, our bones become fragile, we lose brain cells, and our immune system becomes weaker and weaker. Body fat becomes more noticeable, and those sagging cheeks and bulging waist lines begin to appear. Thus we know that the “outward man” will, at some point, cease to exist. Despite all our efforts to try and extend our lives, you and

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I will be laid to rest. However, the most important thing to remember is, when we have made a decision to believe in and trust Christ, and continue to follow Him, "we shall live forever with Him" (Revelation 22:5).

So although it is necessary to "keep an eye on our outer man," it is even more important to continually examine our "inner man." We should constantly take inventory of our inner self to ensure that it is being renewed day by day. Here are five things we can incorporate into our daily examination:

- (1) Take time to listen to God
- (2) Study the Word of God
- (3) Evaluate your spiritual progress
- (4) Prayerfully identify and confess your secret sins (Do you gossip? lust? or blame others for your mistakes?)
- (5) Encourage yourself in the Lord, recognizing that His plans for your life are always good.

Remember, while you and I may sometimes fail in the five areas listed in the paragraph above, we can still rejoice in the knowledge that "nothing will [ever] separate us from the love of Christ" (Rom. 8:35). And we have the assurance that He loves us – always – and that if we [continue to] follow Him and persevere to the end (Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:13), we will live and reign with Him in glory (2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 22:5).

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