

FULLY DEFINED #1

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For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, "Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD And remove the foreskins of your heart," Jeremiah 4:3-4 NASB

"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." John 15:19 NIV

GOD WANTS _____.

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"But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:11-12 NLT

FULLY DEFINED: BIG PICTURE

GIFT OF _____.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 NIV

"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 NLT

GIFT OF _____.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 NLT

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17 NIV

GOD'S _____.

"The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." Luke 6:40 NIV

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [Jesus] might be the firstborn among many brothers." Romans 8:29 NIV

FULLY DEFINED BY HIS LIFE

THROUGH NEW _____.

“There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.” *Philippians 1:6 MSG*

“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”
Romans 5:3-5 NASB

THROUGH NEW _____.

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.” *Matthew 12:33-35 NIV*

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” *Galatians 5:22-23 NLT*

THROUGH NEW _____.

“And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.” *1 John 4:17 NLT*

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.” *John 14:12 NLT*

BIG QUESTION:

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“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” *2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT*

FOR DISCUSSION:

HOW DO MEN DEFINE THEMSELVES OUTSIDE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

HOW DOES KNOWING THE BIG PICTURE (GOD’S INTENTION) HELP PRACTICALLY?

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD IS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE WORK “IN US” THAN THE WORK THROUGH US?

WHICH "NEW WORK" (CHARACTER, CONDUCT OR CHRISTLIKENESS) DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW IN YOUR JOURNEY WITH GOD?