

COL. 3:9-11 CRITICAL SUSTENANCE FOR THE NEW MAN

The moment Charlie Brown put his faith in the Gospel, he became in Christ a new creation, a.k.a. “the new man, the inner man, the hidden man of the heart.” As he read his Bible, he kept discovering information about the new man like that found in Colossians 3:9-11.

Col. 3:9-11 *Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. KJV*

1. v 9-10, First, note the distinction

-“old man” = all that one is in _____ before he is _____

-“_____ man”= all that one is in _____ after salvation

2. v 10a, Renewal: a _____ need of the new man

-which is being renewed (a restrictive attributive present passive participle)

-source: ανακαλινώω / anakainoo = “to _____,” “to renew by growth,” “to make new”

-support: 2Cor. 4:16 “renewal”= strength under _____; perspective for the _____!

3. v 10b, Renewal is either a) unto epignosis, or b) because of epignosis

a) “unto” (eis in its normal use)= renewed so as to epignose more & more

b) “because of” (eis in limited use)= renewed because of epignosis

4. v 10c, The renewal/epignosis process stimulates the New Man to grow in accord with the _____ of Christ, Who created him.

Rom. 8:29 “... whom He did foreknow, He did predestinate to be conformed to the _____ of His Son”

CHARLIE BROWN: YOU ARE IN THE CONFORMATION PROCESS!!!

5. v 11, In this scenario, Christ is _____ in _____.

-no Greek nor Jew: i.e., no _____ advantage

-no circumcision nor uncircumcision: no _____ advantage

-no barbarian nor Scythian: no _____ advantage

-no slave nor freeman: no _____ advantage

CHARLIE BROWN: TO THE NEW MAN, CHRIST IS EVERYTHING!

Epignosis: What is it?

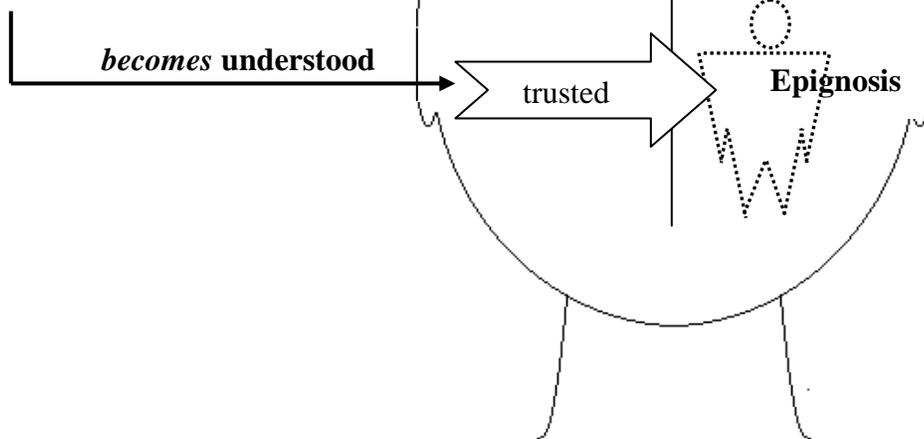
1. An intensified form of _____, which means *knowledge*.
2. Often translated *knowledge* or *full-knowledge* or *true knowledge*.
3. A favorite word of Paul: _____ times as a noun; _____ as a verb.
4. Epignosis is the _____ of the inner man: it is residual _____ in the inner man: it is personalized _____.
5. Epignosis/renewal are very much a part of the _____ process.

Charlie Brown Illustrates the Epignosis-Renewal Process

Biblical Gnosis:

The Word of God

- Doctrine
- Promises
- His Self-Revelation



GNOSIS (staged in the soul)

EPIGNOSIS (incorporated in the inner man)

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| - Objective truth | → | Incorporated truth |
| - Preliminary to appropriation | → | Completely appropriated |
| - External | → | Residual in inner man |
| - Spiritual food | → | Spiritual muscle |
| - Can be barren | → | Always fruitful |