

Lord, Rebuild Me  
I Corinthians 5:17

I am confident that as God is our master builder and designer original, that it is no problem for him to build and rebuild his original creation so that we can become all that he designed. God did not build us with failure in mind; there is no failure in God. Even though Jesus knew that Judas would betray him, Jesus still called him to be a disciple. God knows what we should look like when we grow up. I believe it brings God great joy to see his beloved children fulfill their purpose and destiny. Therefore it is appropriate that we cry out; Lord, Rebuild Me.

Because we were born in sin and shaped in iniquity, there is a need to be rebuilt from the inside out. (example: as long as person stands with his mouth shut, it's in the mind of others who he is, but when he opens his mouth, we see what's on the inside) The bible tells us in **Matthew 15:11** Not **what** goes into the mouth defiles a man; but **what comes out** of the mouth, this defiles a man."

II Cor 5:17 states "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."

According to commentary, "Through the creative command of God those who accept Jesus Christ by faith are made a new creation that belongs to God's totally new world in which the Spirit rules. The believer becomes a new person. My question to you today is who is in control, your Spirit or your flesh? Who are you being led by? **Romans 8:14** For as many as are **led by the Spirit** of God, these are sons of God.

As stated above, 2 Cor 5:17 says "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." The word in denotes inclusion, therefore to be in Christ mean we are included with Him or grouped with Him and receive the benefits of being a new creature. We now have the ability to have our past erased and become new again.

Rebuild mean to

- construct a building or other structure again because it has been damaged or destroyed (we live in a house designed and built by God and Satan is always looking to kill, steal and destroy what God has made).
- Based upon the extent of the damage, it may be necessary to completely start over (and God has provided that opportunity) or be stripped down to the foundation and rebuild.
- to work to restore something that has been weakened (the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak), damaged, or ruined or

To start the rebuilding process, we must have a good foundation. Luke 6:47-49

<sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. <sup>[b]</sup> And the ruin of that house was great."

- to make major alterations or improvements to something

We must ask and let our request be made known to God if we want God to rebuild us. (**2 Corinthians 8:12**) For if there is **first a willing mind**, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.

Both building and rebuilding is a process. If God took 6 days to create the heavens and the earth without our involvement then to rebuild with our involvement may take just a few days longer like the children of Israel who could have made it to the land of Canaan in a few days but it took 40 years. Tell your neighbor, “don’t get in God’s way.” Let Him do it for you.

Rebuilding starts with:

- with an idea, thought, vision
- design
- count the costs
- decision
- plan
- action

Depending on what needs to be rebuilt, this may take a moment or years. (example - forgiveness, repentance) With a few exceptions, you will never change without your cooperation.

We must be willing to let go of the old to get to the new. This requires change and change is difficult. Change can be painful, it is time consuming, we will encounter cross-roads where we have to keep reaffirming our desire to continue on the present course.

Rebuilding requires you to take a different pathway; relearning. Sometimes I would want to change something in the house but because of the process, I would often keep it the same until I got sick and tired of settling for less because of the struggle.

This is the cost to rebuilding... your flesh must die and yield to the Spirit of God. It’s not going to like it and it will throw a fit. But know that you, the Spirit man should be control. If your flesh reacts, that good because you know that what you’re doing is working. Our new way of thinking, new way of doing things will mean the death to some desires of the flesh.

But keep your eyes on the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

As we live, we must look at each situation we encounter to determine if it’s aligned with the vision of who we (me and God) want to become. If not, we command it to go, in Jesus Name and don’t accept it.

In closing... 1 Peter 2:4-6 <sup>4</sup> Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”