

BECAUSE OF JESUS – 2
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REVIEW: PHILEMON 1:6

- Jesus is the High Priest of our confession.
- There's conflict between our flesh and spirit.
- We can side with our feelings and emotions, or what God says.
- Giving our emotional feelings control of our tongue is dangerous.

CONTINUE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, EPHESIANS 4:22-24

We may not feel like righteous, holy, new creations, but God says we are. What HE put in us, we must put on. How? By confessing every good thing in us in Christ. **ROMANS 8:5-8**

HUNG BY THE TONGUE – JAMES 1:26 (NLT)

One of our biggest hindrances to growing spiritually is not bridling the tongue. Jesus gave James insight into this small but mighty bodily member.

1. Small but mighty. **JAMES 3:2-5** – A horse weighs 1200-1500 pounds. A bridle weighs a pound or less.
 - A. **PROVERBS 18:21** – The tongue can bring life or death to self, a marriage, family, friend, church, career, reputation, one's hopes, dreams, health, finances, even self-esteem.
 - B. **PROVERBS 10:11 (NLT)** – Life giving fountain; **12:18 (NLT)** – healing; **15:1-4** – tree of life; **16:24** – medicinal.
2. Naturally evil. **JAMES 3:6 (NLT)**
 - A. It's naturally programmed for evil and doesn't need trained in speaking death. It's filled with deadly venom.
3. Can't be tamed by man. **JAMES 3:7-10**
 - A. **PSALMS 39:1-4** – David's emotions controlled his tongue.
4. God's help is required. **PSALM 141:1-3**
 - A. David asked for divine assistance.

B. JAMES 1:19- 20 – Listen, think, then speak.

WEANED – PSALMS 131:1-2

1. We all need weaned from our emotional feelings. If not they will continue to dominate our speech and lives.

A. PSALMS 42:11 – He speaks to his emotions.

B. PROVERBS 21:23 – Our words protect our emotions.

BLASPHEMY – MATTHEW 12:31-37

1. Is a sin of the tongue, not hand, eye or foot. It means to speak against, defame or rail on.

A. All blasphemy can be forgiven except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

B. The Spirit needs our confession to work with.

CONFESSION AND POSSESSION – MARK 11:23

CONFESS

A. The Lordship of Jesus. **ROM. 10:9-10**

B. By His stripes I am healed. **1 PET. 2:24**

C. The Son has made me free. **JOHN 8:36**

D. I'm bold as a lion. **PROV. 28:1**

E. I am redeemed. **PSA. 107:2**

F. The anointing abides in me. **1 JOHN 2:27**

G. My God supplies all my needs. **PHIL. 4:19**

H. God is my refuge. **PSALMS 46:1**

I. I am God's righteousness. **2 COR. 5:21**

J. God's love is in my heart. **ROMANS 5:5**

POSSESS

Salvation

Healing.

Freedom.

Lion-hearted boldness.

Redemption benefits.

Uction to function.

A daily supply.

Divine protection.

Freedom from guilt.

The ability to love everyone.

CONCLUSION:

The Spirit needs our cooperation so He can change us from glory to glory.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18 – We cooperate by confessing who we are in Christ