

# The Two Realities

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**I Corinthians 2.** Let me ask you a simple question this morning, Have you ever been absolutely convinced about something—only to find out later... you were completely wrong? Maybe it was something you saw...something you heard...or something you felt. At the time, it seemed real. It felt real. You would have bet money on it. But later... the truth showed up, and suddenly you realized: “What I thought was real... wasn’t actually true.”

Now here’s where it gets interesting. We live in a world that trains us from birth to trust what we can see, hear, taste and feel. From the time we’re children, we’re taught: “If you can see it—it’s real.”

“If you can feel it—it must be true.” But what if... that’s only part of the picture? What if there is another reality—just as real...but not accessed through the five senses?

Because the Word of God teaches that there are actually **two realities**: One that is governed by the senses...and one that is governed by the spirit. And the difference between the two... changes everything you know about obtaining knowledge.

Today, we are going to look at the great and present realities that exist in our world today. Every person lives in one—but only some ever come to understand the other... or both. **Bible 101** The first reality is the one we are all born into. It is the world of the five senses—what we can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. The Word of God calls this person “the natural man,” or the unredeemed man.

**I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

This natural man cannot receive or understand the things of the Spirit of God. Not because he is unwilling or stupid—but because he is unable. He is missing the key ingredient to understanding the things of God, namely: the gift of holy spirit.

He may remain in this condition his entire life unless he chooses to believe what God has said in His Word. The natural man lives entirely in the realm of the 5 senses. Everything he understands is filtered through experience, observation, and reasoning. As far as he knows, that is all there is. And yet—there is another reality.

**Romans 8:5: For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity [hostility] against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. [remember Galatians 5:16 This I say then, walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. :17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would]**

This section sets the contrast clearly. One way of living is governed by the flesh—the senses, appetites, and desires of man. “*I want*” becomes the driving force in his life. The life he lives is based on what he sees, what he feels, and what he craves—not on what God has said. And this is why man struggles. The senses can gather information, but they cannot reveal truth. **The Need for the New Birth** Jesus Christ taught this very clearly:

**John 3:3: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Natural birth does not give spiritual understanding. A man must be born again to *see*—to perceive—the things of God. All the education in the world cannot produce this. It is only available to those who believe what God has said in His Word. What’s that?

### **The Turning Point**

**Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

At that moment, everything changes.

A person passes from death unto life. They go from having only a body and a soul, to **BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT!** They receive the gift of holy spirit. They now have access to spiritual understanding. They now live in both realities—but are no longer limited to one. It is now available for **God, who is Spirit, to teach His creation in you, which is now your spirit, and your spirit teaches your mind as you act.**

**Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the Power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

This was all of us at one time in our lives. We were dead spiritually, without God and without hope. Living by the 5 senses, Without real answers.

**Verse 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

Now that we are born again, we must learn how to live accordingly.

**Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.**

The world lives in futility because it is spiritually blind. But we have learned something different. After we accepted Jesus Christ, we can now learn what we have, what we are, and what we will

be. Additionally, we can now make the bonified effort to walk in life, not by our 5 senses, but by what the Word of God tells us we are, and how we should walk, how we should live.

**Ephesians 4:22: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

Even though the old man has been declared dead in Christ, we must still put it off in our walk. That means changing how we think.

**Colossians 3: 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.**

We are not trying to *become* the new man. We already are. It is part of who we are. Now—it's up to us to live like it.

**Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.**

Facts come from the senses—and facts change. Man once determined and stated that the atom could not be split. That was a “fact”... until it wasn't. Facts change. In 1932, for the first time, an atom had been split. The fact that an atom could not be split was changed. However, God's Word never changes. The senses report facts. God's Word reveals truth.

**The Two Realities** So here we are: One reality is based on what we see, hear, smell, taste and touch, and the other is based on what God has said. The senses say: “This is what is happening.” God's Word says: “This is the truth.”

So now the question is not: Which reality exists? Both realities exist. The question is: **Which reality will you live by?** Because God has made truth available to all of us. God has given His Word, and He has given the spirit. But He does not force us to believe His Word, we must choose which one we want to live by. We read it. We hear it. We study it. Then... we believe it.

**II Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith [believing], not by sight [appearance].**

**Why this is perfect**

- “Sight” = the five senses
- “Faith” = believing what God has said
- It sums up your entire teaching in one line

This is **The Two Realities** in one verse.

“We don't live by what we see—we live by what God has said.”