PART 5 - STRONG
DELUSIONS

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New Creation

- * When we use salvation to cover up past mistakes, it can corrupt our core. This causes us to be hearers of the Word only but not real doers because we never address our errors. James 1:23-24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.
- * Accepting Christ makes us brand new in our minds and in our hearts. As a result of our new nature, we should desire to treat others right and repent to those we have wronged.

 1John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?
- * God can transform us, but this does not eradicate the consequences of our previous behavior. Bad decisions can still plaque us even after we have accepted Christ and become new creations. Gal. 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.



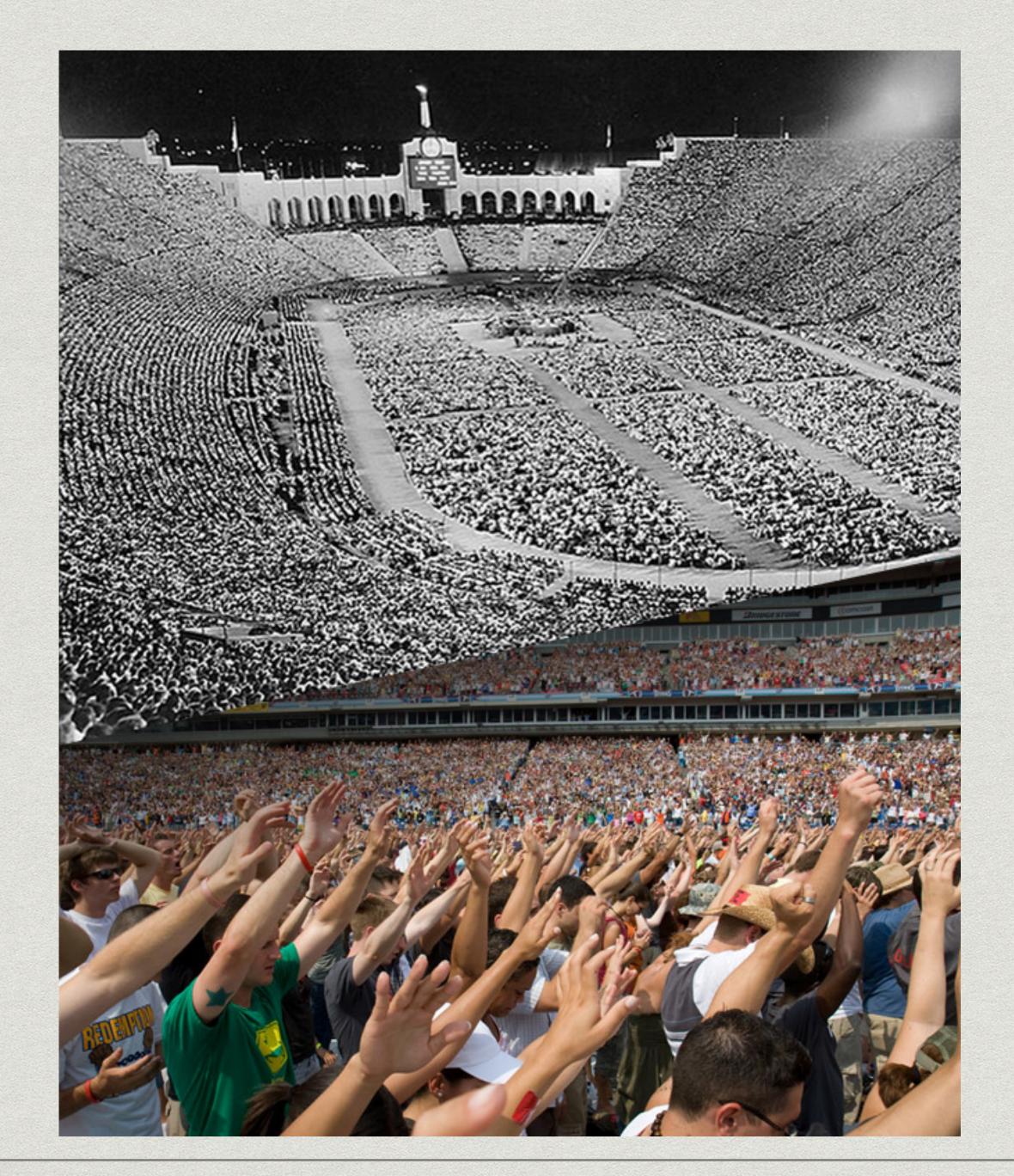
Confession

- Our core development is heavily contingent upon how much of our past we are willing to deal with. We must come face-to-face with ourselves, past and present, in order to truly work on our core. Psa. 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.
- God is able to fix us, but we must be willing to admit that we need Him and that without Him, we are nothing. Gal. 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.
- We must be willing to admit our shortcomings to others and not worry about how we may appear to those we have harmed or mistreated. *James 5:16* Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.



Validation

- When we attempt to develop spiritually without really dealing with our former selves, we will hide behind religion and become vulnerable to erroneous doctrines and beliefs. Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- Many denominations, large spiritual movements, and followings are made up of people that are harboring issues from their upbringing or hiding from the consequences of bad decision-making. 2Tim. 3:6-7 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- These type of people will flock to strange movements and false manifestations to receive validation of their spiritual state. Unfortunately, they deceive themselves because their core remains undeveloped as they suppress the hurt, pain, and shame of bad decisions. Luke 11:28 But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.





Coming to Christ is supposed to make us new creations. Sadly for many, their core beliefs are challenged by decisions made before they became Christians. Instead of forgiving, admitting their faults, and trying their best to repair the calamity they caused, they hide behind religion and walk around looking and acting overly spiritual. They use the church as a platform to prove their righteousness, in doing so, they fail to seek restoration and show love to those whom they have hurt. They will consciously ignore the unpleasant, visible and natural issues that they may have incited while gravitating towards an invisible power that can vindicate them. This is why people flock to these strange movements and manifestations. They claim to be seeking revival yet many of them are really seeking revenge! Many of them have been hurt by so-called Christians and let down by those within the church. Consequently, they tend to blame their past on others and their bad choices are never their own fault. They use the church to justify themselves. In order to prove that they are ok, many claim to see angel feathers, gold dust, diamonds, gold teeth, etc.

These people are off because their core is underdeveloped. They may read the Bible, study daily and understand all the scriptural mysteries but if they have not dealt with themselves and taken ownership of their bad decisions, then they are using all that they know for the wrong reasons. This is why we must first come to grips with who we are and what we have done to others before we try to strengthen our core. Doing so, will ensure that we can build on the right foundation by removing all the hurt, pain, and shame of our past decisions. Once this is accomplished, we can start making good decisions and our core will be properly developed.

Eph. 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,

Eph. 4:18 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: