

Review; John 14:23; The Sophisticated Spiritual Life: Spiritual Self-Esteem & Self-Confidence Gal 5:19; Spiritual Autonomy & Independence, Eph 3:16-17

18. Occupation with Christ is the place where the believer glorifies Christ by making maximum application of His Word to life and circumstances.
19. The advance to this level of the adult spiritual life begins with realization of one's personal sense of destiny and the status of spiritual self-esteem: *cognitive self-confidence* that enables him to make his own doctrinal application to life without being influenced by the opinions, philosophies, and ideologies of the devil's world.
20. This level of the sophisticated spiritual life is described in Galatians 5:19, "... until Christ is formed in our bodies." The word "formed" is the verb μορφώω, *morphoō* and refers to an undernourished child that needs to eat, grow, and mature so that the image of Christ is formed in his body.
21. Spiritual self-esteem is put under testing for the purpose of approval during which time any sophomoric arrogance is eliminated through the experience. This is preventive testing designed to put muscle on the faith of the believer and move him forward to spiritual autonomy.
22. Spiritual autonomy is the place of *cognitive independence* where the believer possesses such a high inventory of doctrine that he is able to operate without dependence on others' knowledge of doctrine. You are spiritually independent.
23. The tandem problem-solving devices of personal love for God and unconditional love for others are facilitated during providential preventive suffering. In independence the believer begins to accumulate the doctrine that enables him to share the happiness of God manifested by tranquility of soul, mental stability, and the confidence and courage necessary to endure momentum testing.
24. During this level of the sophisticated spiritual life the believer advances to the point that, "Christ is at home in your *kardia*":

Ephesians 3:16 - ... that He [God] might grant you, according to His riches in glory, to become strong [κραταιόω, *krataioō*: "... denotes growth in childhood, especially from the standpoint of mental independence" (Kittel, *TDNT*, 3:913).] by means of power [high inventory of doctrinal ideas] through His Holy Spirit [enabling power of the Holy Spirit] with reference to the soul,

v. 17 - so that Christ may be at home in your *kardia* [κατοικέω, *katoikeō*: to inhabit or reside in a house] through facilitated doctrine

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25. When Christ is at home in the believer's *kardia* he is prepared to engage and endure the four categories of momentum testing which, when successfully accomplished, results in spiritual maturity.