

## **“UNDER SPIRITUAL CONSTRUCTION”**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - *Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ he is a new creation; the old has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!*



*If you who work a regular 9:00 – 5:00 you have noticed when Caltrans is undertaking a major road construction, that there are flashing lights, orange cones, illuminated signs, men in bright orange/neon yellow vests and highway patrol cars sitting on the side of the road waiting to apprehend anyone who does not observe the posted signs. Some signs will alert you that certain lanes are closed and you have to merge into another available lane. Some signs may warn you to slow down as you pass through the construction zone so your car will not be damaged by any loose debris on the road or so you don't injure a worker as you speed by. And still there may be other signs that inform you of the ramp closure ahead and to take a detour ahead.*

*Now picture the same thing happening to you while you are under spiritual construction. The signs are quite visible that there is construction underway. I hear you asking, “How do you know there is construction going on?” Well, things you used to do you don't do anymore. Places you used to go you don't go anymore. Words you used to say you don't say anymore. And people you use to run with, you now run away from. Let's focus on the word “construction.” Here are four questions:*

***Who under goes construction?***

*The moment you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, that is the precise moment that your construction begins. It doesn't matter where you came from, what you've done or who you did it with, what someone has done to you, what you've seen or what you've heard; no real woman or man of God is exempt from having to undergo construction. The bible says, “We all have sin and come short of the glory of God.”*

***Why is construction needed?***

*If you don't look like, walk like, talk like, and love like Jesus did, you must undergo spiritual construction. If you have been adopted into the royal family, are a chosen generation, are God's sons and daughters, and are joint heirs with Christ, then there ought to be some outward sign. The world should know you are a Christian by your love.*

***Who performs the construction?***

*Philippians 1:6, “And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ, developing and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.” The manpower needed for your construction is God the Father (Creator), the Architect; God the Son (Blue Print), the Contractor; and God the Holy Ghost (Guide), the Foreman.*

***What happens during construction?***

*God needs to mold you and shape you in His image and in His likeness so His image can be seen in you! The end result of the construction is to see a transformation take place whereby your body and your heart are totally aligned with the heart of God. Are you willing to undergo spiritual construction?*