

North Christian Church - Pastor Ed Collins

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12/13/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 27

Outline:

"captivate"

from aichmalotizo - (Strong's) means to take captive (in war); to subdue, ensnare

"weak women"

from gunaikarion - (Strong's) refers to a woman, with all a woman's weakness, a poor weak woman, a silly woman; used contemptuously in 2Ti 3:6

R.B. Thieme, Jr. on "weak women"

"This refers to a woman whose brain has shrunk to the size of a pea and whose emotion has expanded to the size of a large basketball. In other words, she's all emotion and no sense."

No Excuses

Regardless of how "good" or "bad" your past has been, it is never the basis for sin. YOUR free will is. YOU are the one that chooses to remain in 'dysfunction junction'.

Family

What is it to you?

What is it to God?

It's Christmas Time!

The greatest gift you can ever give a family member is the Gospel.

Satan HATES Families!

Satan ACTIVELY hates YOUR families (household, church, etc.).

Jill Manning, Sociologist

"Research reveals many systemic effects of Internet pornography that are undermining an already vulnerable culture of marriage and family. Even more disturbing is the fact that the first Internet generations have not reached full maturity, so the upper limits of this impact have yet to be realized."

Pornography Statistics (www.covenanteyes.com)

- 1 in 5 mobile searches are for porn (consider kids with cell phones/tablets)
- 24% of mobile users admit to having porn on the device
- The Internet porn business is ~\$3 billion
- 64% of Christian men, 15% of Christian women admit (some won't) watching porn at least once/month

Pornography Statistics (www.covenanteyes.com)

- 9/10 boys, 6/10 girls are exposed to porn before 18 years old
- First exposure for boys is 12 years old

- 15% of boys, 9% of girls have seen child porn
- 32% of boys, 18% girls have seen beasteality online
- Among young adults today, porn use is not the exception, it is the norm

Naomi Wolf

"The young women who talk to me on campuses about the effect of pornography on their intimate lives speak of feeling that they can never measure up, that they can never ask for what they want; and that if they do not offer what porn offers, they cannot expect to hold a guy."

Naomi Wolf

"The young men talk about what it is like to grow up learning about sex from porn, and how it is not helpful to them in trying to figure out how to be with a real woman...For the first time in human history, the images' power and allure have supplanted that of real naked women. Today, real naked women are just bad porn."

Pornography Statistics (www.covenanteyes.com)

- 67% of college men, 49% of college women believe porn is an acceptable expression of sexuality
- 68% of young men, 18% of young women watch porn at least once per week
- 68% of divorces involve one party meeting another over the internet
- 56% of divorces involve at least one party with an obsessive interest in pornographic websites

Satan's Strategy

Satan has used sex, specifically pornography at inconceivable ages and with increasing pervasiveness, to distort healthy relationships.

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Satan uses the "domino effect" to destroy marriages and then attack the innocent children as their whole worlds are spun wildly out of control, riddled with self-esteem issues, anger, mommy-/daddy-issues, etc.

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God LOVES Families!

You are NEVER alone. God is able. God heals all wounds. God heals sinners and families from the inside-out. Pray. (eg: Isa 41:10; Jer 17:14; 33:6; 1Pe 2:24; Psa 103:2-4; Jam 5:14-16; psa 147:3, etc.)

Jer 17:14 [Message]

God, pick up the pieces. Put me back together again. You are my praise!

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For every wound received, there's an ointment in the Word of God, bar none. For

every one given, there is forgiveness, bar none. Be encouraged, God loves YOU!

Victory In Jesus

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;

Victory In Jesus

I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

Victory In Jesus

(Chorus)
O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;

Victory In Jesus

He loved me ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood.

Victory In Jesus

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing.
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see;

Victory In Jesus

And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and bro't
To me the victory.

Victory In Jesus

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory.
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea;

Victory In Jesus

About the angels singing,
And the old redemption story,
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory.

Filling of the Spirit

EVERYTHING the Spirit's going to motivate you to think, say, or do is going to be consistent with love.

Commands

Commands ought to be considered as the expressed will of God. In obedience, we will follow His commands, revealing His love in us, but His commands aren't ever meant to spawn religion. His Spirit convicts us to obey (eg: to love).

The Word and the Spirit

It's upon these two fundamental, active gifts that our entire spiritual life is animated (Heb 4:12; Jn 14:16-26).

The Basics

- God gives us commands (the "umbrella" command is to love)
- God's Spirit convicts our conscience of right and wrong
- We have a free will to obey or disobey said conviction

Different Kinds of Commands

- Some commands are general, like "walk by the Spirit" or "love one another" <- these are lifestyle issues
- Some commands are more specific, like "don't fornicate" or "don't lie" <- these are more isolated

Filling of the Spirit

When we obey, we are filled (controlled by the convicting ministry of the Spirit), when we don't, we aren't. However, filling is relative to each application of God's commands in our lives, which may overlap, timewise.

The Right Perspective

If your conception of the filling of the Spirit is perverted, even in the least bit, then your understanding of the fundamental doctrine of Sanctification will be proportionally perverted!

Filling of the Spirit

If you are saved then you are ALWAYS in God's plan, ALWAYS walking in the Light because the Light (the Lord God) is always with you. However, due to your own disobedience (sin), your experience may be "dimmed".