

North Christian Church -

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11/15/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part

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Outline:

Arrogance is unteachable.

To the Confused Sinner:

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"the proof"

from dokimion - means test, act of testing; derives from an assayer's terminology (testing metals for purity); the "proof of your faith" is meant to edify the true Christian by putting said faith to the test "by fire".

Mt 6:21

"for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Jesus

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If you think that the "act" of faithfulness (called out as fruit of faith in the Bible) is the basis of your justification, you are deceived. That is your flesh trying to stake a claim to some sort of a "work" of your own.

Eph 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Paul's Reality

To Paul, the Gospel was a reality, not a past experience (Ro 1:16-17).

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made shipwreck-"with respect to THE faith." Faith is the vessel in which they had professedly embarked, of which "good conscience" is the anchor. The ancient Church often used this image, comparing the course of faith to navigation. The Greek does not imply that one having once had faith makes shipwreck of it, but that they who put away good conscience "make shipwreck with respect to THE faith."

Expositor's Greek Testament

Hymenaeus and Alexander were the ringleaders of those who had suffered shipwreck. There is no sufficient reason to suppose that this Hymenaeus is different from the heretic of the same name in 2Ti 2:17, where his error is more precisely defined.

Grace Realities

Salvation and sanctification are simultaneously awarded as "realities". In other words, if a person is saved, they are sanctified (positionally) and guaranteed sanctification (experientially). To God, these are simultaneous realities.

Apostates

Apostates are unbelievers who formerly professed to be believers (Is 29:13; cf. Mk 7:6; Mt 7:18-23; 13:24-30; Heb 6:4-6; 10:26-29; 2Pe 2:1-3; 1Jn 2:19; cp 2Co 13:5).