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10/4/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 8

Outline:

William MacDonald on Gal 5:24

"When we repented, there was a sense in which we nailed the old, evil, corrupt nature to the cross with all its affections and lusts."

"died to sin"

Because we are "in Christ" (Rom 6:11; 8:1), and He died in our place (Rom 5:6-8), we are counted dead with Him (we are "baptized" into His death - Rom 6:3), our old self crucified with Him, therefore we are no longer slaves of sin (sin is not our master anymore - Rom 6:6-7).

"died to sin"

The "old self" is under the sovereignty of sin, but it is crucified with Christ at salvation. Something that is dead to us cannot have any real power over us as master/lord. As believers, we serve a living Master/Lord.

No Dual-Mastership

You cannot be alive to sin and alive to God in Christ at the same time. You are either one or the other (Rom 6:11). If you are saved, you have one true Sovereign - Christ is Lord!

Christ Died to Sin

- Regarding sin's penalty - propitiated God's judgment against the sinner
- Regarding sin's power - forever broke sin's power over those who belong to Him

You Have Been Made New

When you responded positively to Jesus' call to "Follow Me", you denounced the sovereignty of sin and accepted Jesus as your new Lord. You have been "sealed" with the Spirit by Jesus Christ, Himself. (Mark 1:8; Eph 1:13-14)

"consider"

from *logizomai* - present-middle-imperative; often used metaphorically to refer to an absolute, unreserved confidence in something known to be true; this heartfelt confidence affects every thought/action

A Little Greek...

- Present-Imperative: Continually, habitually follow this command!...is often a call

to a long-term commitment and calls for the attitude or action to be one's continual way of life (lifestyle).

- Middle: This voice means that the SUBJECT initiates the action and participates in the results of the action.

"Even so (accordingly) consider" - Rom 6:11

Paul is encouraging the Roman believers to cling to the faith that was given to them previously, to never be fooled into thinking sin is still their master. Even when you sin, "you" (your new nature) isn't changed...your Lord owns you.

Grieving and Quenching the Spirit

When we sin, we grieve [personal offense, hurt, pain] the Spirit (Eph 4:30). When we quench (1Th 5:19), we douse His "fire" (judgement; relates to His convicting ministry). These things are antagonistic to being controlled (filled), and walking, by the Spirit (Eph 5:18; Gal 5:16).

"Dead to sin"

This means sin is no longer your sovereign, no longer lord over you. A gospel that allows for a person to remain "alive to sin" is a false gospel, even if it has the facts about Jesus correct. If you're truly saved, you'll hate sin (Mat 6:24).

A Saved Person Is a Confessing Person

Why? Because a saved person is a new creature and that new creature HATES sin! Hence, John's treatise on unbelief being evidenced by a love of sin (unrighteousness) (1Jo 3).

Jesus On Salvation

- Mat 7:14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

- Luke 13:24 "Strive [contend, struggle, fight] to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

"carry his own cross"

implies dying, being crucified with Christ, burying the flesh; a change in sovereign (sin --> Christ)

Weigh the Consequences

A person must understand the weightiness of the Gospel before they can be saved. They must understand and desire Christ as Lord, not just Savior. True repentance incurs the "cost" of surrendering the self-life. (Luke 14:27-33)

Spurious Faith

Jesus portrayed a person who failed to count the cost of true discipleship as failing to complete their conversion. This is reminiscent of the 2nd and 3rd categories of unbelievers in the Parable of the Soils (Mat 13:3-9).

Discipleship

Jesus demanded that to become a disciple, one must abandon their ties to the self-life. They must be willing to surrender unconditionally to the Lord. The same requirement exists today.

The Great Commission

Where in scripture does it EVER say that we, as evangelists, ought to be conciliatory??? It doesn't!!! If we water down the gospel, we are injecting human works into God's work of reconciliation!!! (Rom 5:11; 2Co 5:18-19)

*** Amplifying-Error diagram ***

A True Believer Has Been Changed

Even though the flesh may get the better of them, they always "want to do good" (Rom 7:21). Their desire may be counted as good fruit since it is indeed a gift from God. God sees the heart.

Bearing Good Fruit

The Bible is clear that sanctification after salvation is GUARANTEED! Phi 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

You Shall Know Them By Their Fruit

The Apostle John uses very straightforward language to describe the polar differences between a person who has been given faith and the one who hasn't. **"sins"**

from harmartano - present-active-indicative means an ABSOLUTE LIFESTYLE

John 5:38 [Amplified]

You do not have His word (Scripture) abiding in you [actually living in your hearts and minds], because you do not believe in Him whom He has sent.

If you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything.

2Co 11:14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Bad Religion

Learning to get along with each other is not the source of true peace and never the pathway to God (John 14:6; Eph 2:8-9). That's man trying to hijack the true source by means of human works towards reconciliation with God.

Mat 7:14

"For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

The Word Is Offensive to the Flesh

If we aren't able to cling to truth in scripture, such as we have directly in front of us, as it is plainly stated, then we open ourselves up to a wider "gate" to salvation than scripturally warranted.

Heart Issues (1Jo 3:19-21)

We are to examine our hearts and seek the truth about our salvation. If we stand uncondemned, then we have confidence before God. Salvation "status" is ultimately a personal issue. The Spirit convicts both believers and unbelievers.