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10/8/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 9

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

"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 (Mt 6:24).

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

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"put them all aside"

from apotithemi - means to put off, lay aside; in context, refers to the putting aside the fruit of the flesh (in conjunction with receiving unto oneself the fruit of the Spirit)

"laid aside"

from apekduomai - means to strip off from oneself; in context, refers to the

"taking off the flesh" as in a clothing analogy (in conjunction with the "putting on" of Christ)

"put on"

from enduo - means to clothe or be clothed with, to be dressed with the "new self" in context here (ala Ro 13:14)

Control Freaks

Folks with control issues are those who haven't yet stripped [apekduomai - laid aside (Col 3:9)] themselves of the fleshly desire to "master" (teshuqa) those around them.

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Ro 5:11 [Amplified]

Not only that, but we also rejoice in God [rejoicing in His love and perfection] through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received and enjoy our reconciliation [with God].

2Co 5:18 [Amplified]

But all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the ministry of reconciliation [so that by our example we might bring others to Him],

2Co 5:19 [Amplified]

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].

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Getting the Gospel Right

The fundamental issue is that if you get the Gospel wrong, you WILL end up with a portfolio of doctrines that are skewed somehow.

*** Amplifying-Error diagram ***

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.