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9/27/15 - The Gospel, Salvation, & Sanctification - Part 6

Outline:

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!

Jude 3 [Amplified]

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I was compelled to write to you [urgently] appealing that you fight strenuously for [the defense of] the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith that is the sum of Christian belief that was given verbally to believers].

Jam 4:14 [Amplified]

Yet you do not know [the least thing] about what may happen in your life tomorrow. [What is secure in your life?] You are merely a vapor [like a puff of smoke or a wisp of steam from a cooking pot] that is visible for a little while and then vanishes [into thin air].

*** Love-By-Comparison diagram ***

Mat 16:23

But He turned and said to Peter [Petros = "a chip off the ol' block (TLJC)"] - Mat 16:18, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.

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."

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)

"carry his own cross"

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

Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

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.

Faith

Faith WILL produce works. It is the great litmus test for those who proclaim to be saved. It's impossible for a believer to NOT produce works. If a professor of faith never produces fruit, they are proven unsaved.

Balance Statement

Heartfelt desire for godliness, by grace through faith, is fruit. Salvation and sanctification issues are heart issues. Works are never the basis for justification or what follows. If you're saved, you WILL have a heart that desires to do good, even though your flesh may get the better of you.

1Ti 3:6

[An overseer must not be] a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

Ecc 12:12

But beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearying to the body.

1Co 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Balance Statement

The new creature cannot sin, is not able to sin, never desires to sin. "You" are to identify with it, not your flesh or its "love" of sin.

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.

2Co 13:15 [Amplified]

Test and evaluate yourselves to see whether you are in the faith and living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you-unless indeed you fail the test and are rejected as counterfeit?

"sins"

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

Brass Tacks

The person who challenges Jesus's own or the apostle John's words in scripture must be prepared to accept they are challenging God's ability to MAKE said changes in a person.

The Danger of Rational Thinking

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Regardless of whether or not God's Word (e.g.: His commands, statements, revelations, etc.) makes human sense to us or not, we should NEVER disregard it.

The Danger of Rational Thinking

We aren't to use human experience to interpret the Bible, we are to use the Bible to interpret our experiences.

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.

Finish the Sentence!

We are saved...FROM SIN (from the sovereignty of it)!

Rom. 6:6-7 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves [douleuo = implies lordship] to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.