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Salvation Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Salvation from sin

Man's Perspective ("tenses")

- Positional (from penalty of sin)
- Experiential (from power of sin)
- Ultimate (from presence of sin)

Sanctification Perspectives

God's Perspective

- Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

- Positional (imputed R+ / judicially)
- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
- Ultimate (completed R+ / eternally)

Do you ever wonder at someone else's faith?

We NEED Each Other!!!

1Co 12:11 *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

Jesus' Faith

As a human, Jesus' faith never failed Him. Why? Because He was perfectly humble, therefore God gave Him perfect faith. Faith never fails; it can only abide in God's will.

Overcoming Darkness

Jesus overcame darkness by abiding in the Light, exclusively. That's different than the person who splits their time/energy/attention between wrestling with darkness and abiding in the Light. Faith implies letting go.

Overcoming Darkness

Why did God choose Paul, an admitted poor speaker, as THE "big" evangelist in the early church, to the Gentiles, many of who were intellectuals (eg. gnostic)???

To prove His point (not unlike He did with Gideon and the 300 soldiers - Judges

7). Darkness seeks creature-credit, the Light abolishes that.

Ecc 12:13-14 [Amplified]

When all has been heard, the end of the matter is: fear God [worship Him with awe-filled reverence, knowing that He is almighty God] and keep His commandments, for this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, every hidden and secret thing, whether it is good or evil.

Overcoming Darkness With Faith- / Grace-Orientation

God shows us grace every day by simply waking us up and giving us the breath of life...that is the "baseline" grace He's given even the unbelievers (through patience)...THAT is a test, in and of itself.

Faith's Perspective

Being persecuted for the name of Christ is a reason for rejoicing! (ala Ac 5:41)

This is true wisdom. If faith is the "stepping out", then wisdom is the "destination".

The Great Co-Mission (Mt 28:18-20)

I used to think that "disciple" meant "educated, mature"; however, as I keep on reading my Bible, I realize that it predominantly refers to a person who is saved. To "go and make disciples" is to follow Jesus' pattern, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Lk 19:10).

The National War College

The curriculum is based upon critical analysis of strategic problem solving with emphasis on strategic leadership. - Wikipedia

Preparing For Experience (e.g., sanctification)

There's simply no substitute for experience. No matter how intelligent a person may be, their wares must be put to the test in order to precipitate true wisdom.

The Simplicity of Our Faith

There's only a small amount of central doctrine in scripture (e.g., the Gospel). The rest of it describes accounts of where those core doctrines are either being reaffirmed or defended against attacks.