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7/24/16 - The Gospel, Salvation, and Sanctification - Part 107

Reader on 7/23/16 Blog

The peace I have found through obedience is overwhelming. Truly, this last sentence has been on my mind for a while. I am happy- not always in my emotions, but even when hurting, I am content- I am discovering His joy and it's truly amazing!!!

"strive"

from agonizesthe - literally, "agonize." The word is taken from the Grecian games. In their races, and wrestlings, and various athletic exercises, they "stroved or agonized," or put forth all their powers to gain the victory. - Barnes

Lk 13:24 [Wuest Expanded]

"...be endeavoring with a strenuous zeal to enter through the narrow door..."

J. Vernon McGee

[Jesus] made it abundantly clear that it would cost to follow Him. That we in our sophisticated and soft affluency think otherwise is heresy!...He is saying to this man, "Make sure you are saved."

Mt 16:25

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it [ref. "counting the cost"]; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

Aggressive Humility

A person who knocks is a person who is granted grace...with the caveat that they are "knocking" with the right motivation, of course (ala Jas 4:3).

Trench on Rev 3:20

Every man is lord of the house of his own heart; it is his fortress; he must open the gates of it. He has the mournful prerogative and privilege of refusing to open. But if he refuses, he is blindly at strife with his own blessedness, a miserable conqueror.

Experiential Sanctification

His perspective, His Gospel, is what BECOMES our sanctification!!!

On Cognition

The only certain method for true spiritual growth starts with absorbing God's eternal truth.

- John MacArthur

On Conviction

Biblical truth is established in your mind through cognition-that same truth guides your life through conviction.

- John MacArthur

On Affection

Your affection and hunger for God's truth will be insatiable, and nothing will keep you from it.

- John MacArthur

Practical Sanctification

The very foundation of our spiritual life is progressively grounded in love (ala Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love).

Your Sanctification

Two flower gardens may have the same count and type of flowers, but they are never the same. No two believers, though equally magnificent in their sanctification, are ever identical, by grace through faith. Embrace YOUR sanctification - love it.

Freedom is the result of love.

Freedom

A person locked up in a prison cell, by themselves, can only serve themselves - selfish love dominates. However, a man set free from prison is free to serve others - selfless love dominates.

God's Perspective On Man

God created each of us with a capacity to love and an innate desire to be loved. For either of these things to be satisfied, at any level, we must engage with others, beginning with the One who created us. "We love, because He first loved us" (1Jn 4:19).

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)

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

This is a real, ever-present reality, an activity. He ensures that His children never "lose faith". He not only saves us daily, but He actively ensures our faith never fails, through a variety of ways.

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

Jesus Christ is active in our eternal security. Our faith never fails because He insures it. Jn 18:9 reveals that He has a personal role in it!

God Ensures Our Faith Never Fails

If a person is tested and they walk away from the faith, it means that Jesus never "had" them, for He has never lost one of His own sheep.