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Lack of Vision - posted by CofG (), on: 2018/6/13 6:18

The Bible is clear that we are converted, transformed, spiritually strengthened, filled with the Holy Spirit, united as a body, matured, grown, built up, abounding in love and glorified by the knowledge and spiritual sight of the beauty and glory of Jesus.

So, is our devotion low? Our faithfulness to His demands and calling on our lives weak? Is our Christlikeness on again/off again? Is our sacrifice for Him missing? Is our spiritual fervor and zeal at a low ebb? Are we distracted by worldly busyness and pursuits? Are we pursuing worldly enjoyments, comforts, and security? Is the world more our home than heaven?

The only solution is to beg the Lord to shine the light of the knowledge of the glory of Himself in the face of Jesus Christ into our hearts. All the teaching, arm twisting, admonishment, exhortation and rebuke to turn to God in faith and faithfulness will fail its intended purpose unless the hearer turns and gazes upon the beauty and power of Jesus Christ, especially His beauty and power on the Cross and in His resurrection.

The world perishes because it lacks a prophetic vision of Jesus and our own hearts languish in mediocrity, weakness, disunity, lovelessness, and worldliness because we have lost the prophetic vision of the beauty and power of God in the face of Jesus.

You will never meet a born again person who is diligently applying themselves to seeking, beholding and knowing Jesus who is also worldly, weak, distracted, faithless, zealous or lukewarm. You will never find a marriage weak where both spouses are beholding Jesus. You will never see a weak believer in Jesus who is gazing daily upon Him. You will never see a church languishing in brother love or in joyful worship or in spiritual strength that is constantly gazing and meditating on Jesus. Never.

The spiritual problem can always be traced at its root to a lack of prophetic vision of Jesus and the solution to all spiritual problems is a better vision and understanding of Him.

May the Lord give each of us and all His people a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him and may the Holy Spirit thereby strengthen us in the inner man so that Jesus may manifestly abide and dwell in our hearts by faith so that we may know Him and His great love and be filled with all the fullness of God, individually and corporately.

Re: Lack of Vision, on: 2018/6/13 10:09

Precious dear brother Robert!!

This word is piercing, convicting, yet not harsh or condescending. It is edifying and life giving. Why? It's TRUTH SPoken IN LOVE!

Thank you so much for your faithful posting of this timely word.

I have received it in the spirit of Hebrews 3:13-14.

With sincere love for you and all the saints in Christ Jesus,
Caleb

Re: Lack of Vision - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2018/6/13 11:25

What a great word for the day, I needed to hear it.

Praise the Lord.

Re: Lack of Vision - posted by BranchinVINE (), on: 2018/6/14 2:40

Amen, Robert.

IDOLS

1 John 5:21 -- Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Comment:

Religious things can become idols that are loved and worshipped too.

Like the bronze serpent that Moses made (Num. 21:1-9). It had its place and purpose but afterward became an object of worship that was destroyed by King Hezekiah.

2 Kings 18:1-7 â€

Now it came about in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king. He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his motherâ€™s name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. He did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. He removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called Nehushtan. He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him. For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered.

OUR GREAT CALLING

1 Cor. 1:9 â€

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Col. 1:15-19 â€

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

T. Austin-Sparks:

“we are called into the fellowship of this One, His Son, and called into all that the Word says about Him in a Son” (Heb. 1:2; Nestle's Greek Interlinear). He is the destined Lord: the One destined to embrace all things, the appointed Heir. He is the very continuity and consistency and integration of all things; and He will, at last, sum up in Himself, or having Himself summed up, gather together - thus, reuniting this broken universe. It is and shall be comprehended by Him, God's Son.

“What I do want, if all the things said are difficult for you, is that an impression will have been made of the Lord Jesus Christ. I want you all, especially you young people (and perhaps many of you have recently come to the Lord Jesus), I want you to go away saying, ‘I never, never knew how great it was to come to Him! What a great thing it is to be called into the fellowship of God's Son. How great He is!’ An impression - the Lord make the impression, or may He come upon us with awesome wonder.

“We have not come into some very small, light, frivolous thing. However we may joyfully sing our choruses and so on, but remember, this is no cheap thing. This is no small thing. This is no easy thing. This is a thing which embraces the universe, and we are called into that fellowship.”

“We have been saying that we shall never get anywhere at all in the Christian life as the Lord's people, and we shall certainly never get through to the end and at the end, unless we have an adequate apprehension of the greatness of Christ. Over against all the littleness of what is presented as Christianity, there stands this immensity of that into which we are called when we are called into fellowship with God's Son.

“the great, eternal, matchless Person of Jesus Christ, is foundational to everything. I say again that you will never get very far if you have only a small apprehension, a small understanding of the One into Whose fellowship we are called. Seeing that many of you are Christians on the way, well on the way, and some far on the way, let me say to you that this understanding of Christ, Himself, is not just an initial need. We are only going to get through at the end, through all the trials, the adversities, the difficulties, the sufferings, the afflictions, the perplexities, and the problems of mature, spiritual life, we are only going to get through under the increasing pressure and the forces of evil, on the ground of an adequate apprehension of the Lord Jesus. It is He alone Who can measure up to our need and Who can take the measure and meet it.”

Excerpts from “Called Unto the Fellowship of His Son” by T. Austin-Sparks.
http://www.austin-sparks.net/english/books/books_alpha.html

Re: Lack of Vision - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2018/6/14 10:59

“The spiritual problem can always be traced at its root to a lack of prophetic vision of Jesus and the solution to all spiritual problems is a better vision and understanding of Him.”

Excellent word brother!

I was reading some of the Apostolic prayers in scripture this morning, and my wife and I were discussing some of the very same things that you mentioned in your post.

Re: Lack of Vision - posted by Willrs, on: 2018/9/7 23:22

Ohh..... my brother,

How this stirs the heart of this little one...

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