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Rev. 3:5

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

These believers already had their names written in the book of life. To me that means they accepted Jesus and were saved. But, if they didn't overcome, there is the strong possibility they could have their names blotted out of the book of life. If they didn't overcome what? Maybe habitual sexual sin for starters or some other form of idolatry? I know the Lord is faithful to weed these things out of our life. But what if we just refuse to give them up? Anybody have any thoughts about this verse? Thanks.

Re: He that overcometh". - posted by Questor, on: 2011/6/22 2:29

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We will not be perfect, even walking carefully in the Spirit, until we are out of this flesh.

The flesh is corrupted already, yet so long as we pursue the Face of God, continuously turning back towards Him whenever we fall away from the Spirit, whether through inattention, or deliberate choice, we are forgiven.

Beware, though, for there is a time when too many deliberate choices in the wrong direction will cause the Holy Spirit to give you over to the Adversary.

Adonai knows that not all stupid and childish rebellions we make are cause for being abandoned to sin, yet even He can lose patience with us.

When we make a practice of sinning deliberately against Him, and are no more trying to overcome that particular sin, Adonai will come to a point when He can no longer tolerate the deliberate, calloused action. It is not a matter of how many times one commits the sin, but the harm of the sin against others, and even against oneself, for your body belongs to the Lord.

Be afraid also, lest you sin, and forget to turn back to the Lord. The moment you first realize that you have sinned again, change your mind back toward Adonai, and beg His forgiveness. Soon, the attention you pay to your actions and words as the Holy Spirit makes you aware of transgressing will come to block the thought and impulse.

Romans 7:

18. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

22. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh t he law of sin.

Re: Strongest verse ever refuting "once saved always saved". - posted by savannah, on: 2011/6/22 2:36

Thoughts... 2 Cor. 10:5 tearing down misleading arguments and every high place lifting itself up against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

It appears from the title of this thread that you take this verse as a threat. I conclude that you read such into the text as y ou comment,"there is the strong possibility they could have their names blotted out of the book of life." And to make matt ers worse you then add your own twist on the verse with your words,"If they didn't overcome what? Maybe habitual sexu al sin for starters or some other form of idolatry?"

Rather than being a threat as you make it out to be,it is a promise to the afflicted and persecuted believers which John w rites to,to encourage them to endure in their faith in their time of great temptation.

You and others who use this verse as you do,stretching its implications to support the false doctrine of Christ losing one of His sheep for whom He died, is insidious,as it is an insult to Christ(also to the Father and Sprit as they're One),and h armful to weak believers(those weak in faith or those struggling with temptation and sin).

The promise as expressed in the greek states, "I will not" —Greek, "I will not by any means." The "I will not" is followed by the affirming "I will". He first says to them what He won't do,and He next says what He will do. Praise be to God. All G lory to Him and His Faithfulness to us.

Rev 3:5 "The one who is conquering, he shall be clothed in white garments, and under no circumstances will I be erasin g his name from the scroll of life, and I will be avowing his name in front of My Father and before His messengers."

Rev 3:5 'The one overcoming, this will be clothed in white garments, and by no means will I blot out his name from the Scroll of Life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

Rev 3:5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of li fe. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

1 John 5:4 because every one who is begotten of God doth overcome the world, and this is the victory that did overcom e the world--our faith;

1 John 5:4 For every child of God overcomes the world; and the victorious principle which has overcome the world is ou r faith.

1 John 5:4 Because, whoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, o ur faith.

1 John 5:4 Because every one having been begotten from God overcomes the world, and this is the victory having over come the world — your faith!

this is the victory that overcometh — Greek aorist, — "... that hath (already) overcome the world": the victory (where fai th is) hereby is implied as having been already obtained (1Jo_2:13; 1Jo_4:4). JFB

One commentators comments on Rev. 3:5 are as follows:

Christ promises every true Christian that He will not erase his name from the book of life, but will confess his name bef ore the Father and before His angels. Incredibly, although the text says just the opposite, some people assume that this ve rse teaches that a Christian's name can be erased from the book of life. They thus foolishly turn a promise into a threat. Exodus 32:33, it is argued by some, supports the idea that God may remove someone's name from the Book of Life. In t hat passage the Lord tells Moses that "whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book." There is no contr

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addition, however, between that passage and Christ's promise in Revelation 3:5. The book referred to in Exodus 32:33 is not the Book of Life described here, in Philippians 4:3, and later in Revelation (13:8; 17:8; 20:12, 15; 21:27). Instead, it refers to the book of the living, the record of those who are alive (cf. Ps. 69:28). The threat, then, is not eternal damnation, but physical death.

In John's day, rulers kept a register of the citizens of a city. If someone died, or committed a serious crime, their name was erased from that register. Christ, the King of heaven, promises never to erase a true Christian's name from the roll of those whose names were "written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain" (13:8).

On the contrary, Christ will confess every believer's name before God the Father and before His angels. He will affirm that they belong to Him. Here Christ reaffirmed the promise He made during His earthly ministry: "Everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32). The comforting truth that true Christians' salvation is eternally secure is the unmistakable teaching of Scripture. Nowhere is that truth more strongly stated than in Romans 8:28--39 - John MacArthur.

Re: Strongest verse ever refuting "once saved always saved". - posted by passerby, on: 2011/6/22 2:47

What is then the assurance of salvation? or is there really an assurance of salvation.

Does someone know the future, how can you say that someone or you yourself is saved when you are unsure of the future and that you may fall out of grace anytime sooner or later.

Do we have to grope in the dark about our salvation and say that only the future can tell.

How much sin, what sin, how long is the backsliding before someone is blotted out from the book of life_or is this question rather moot and academic.

I'm not a believer of OSAS myself but you may have to ask these for yourself and for others, believers and non-believers or we may as well be just chasing the wind, hoping for an unsure future.

Re: OSAS - posted by Questor, on: 2011/6/22 3:07

Quote:
-----How much sin, what sin, how long is the backsliding before someone is blotted out from the book of life_or is this question rather moot and academic.

In my view, there is nothing moot about salvation. Yeshua died horribly that we might choose to be righteous in Him.

We cannot do that by ceaselessly turning our back on Him, yet sin is automatically in us. We can no more stop sinning, than we can stop breathing and remain alive. Our righteousness is attributed to us by Christ's actions, not our own.

Yet, we must set our faces towards Yeshua, and try with all our strength to co-operate with the Holy Spirit, Who does the changes in us towards a holy life and a new personhood. When we become aware of having sinned, we must repent, and seek forgiveness. As the Spirit grows within us we will sin less, and delight more in Adonai, and try ever harder to keep from straying off the path.

But Yeshua says in Revelation over and over that we must finish our course, despite the opposition we attract by walking in the Light. This does not mean reaching perfection of thought or action, but continuing to try to, even to the point of death, as an ongoing action, until we are stopped by force.

Salvation in Yeshua is a gift that we cannot deserve ... ever! We can only try to be as much like our Lord as we can, for

as long as we are alive, knowing our weakness, and delighting in the strength of the Spirit.

Revelation 3

5. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Re: - posted by looserchapel (), on: 2011/6/22 3:44

Yet another pointless debate on Calv/Arm...

That said, I begin to grasp the fundamental difference between Calvinistic way of thinking and Non-Calvinistic one

- The calvinists will take the "bright side" of the text and will acknowledge that those who are "begotten" by God will overcome (because of their faith) which IS biblical, they are right

=> They deliberately focus on the road (Jesus) and the destination (Jesus), they give no provision to the flesh, and they are right...

- The non-calvinists will rather consider the countless exhortations Jesus made, whether it be explicit or implied, (like John 15, Rev 3, Demas, James 5, 1 Tim 6, 2 Tim 4, etc.) on the danger AND the reality of "losing" salvation, and they are right too

=> They have their attention on the sign posts, they know that the flesh CANNOT please God and is just looking for any occasion to go back to it former habits and thus to worldly living, they acknowledge that Paul's command to "die to self" was not in vain, and they are right too...

As for me, I will now sound very untheologic but By the grace of God I will look on the road (from Jesus to Jesus, author and finisher of our faith) AND on the sign posts (those examples for us NOT to follow 1 Cor 10, especially verse 6 and 10). Practically, when I chat with ultra-calvinists (not automatically hyper) I will sound very arminian, on the other side, when I talk with an ultra-arminian who is struggling with his eternal INsecurity, I would throw some verses on God holding us in His hands...

For me then, the key is the BALANCE! the BALANCE! and now in closing, if you still want to keep on debating, answer the following questions:

- How God can be Love and Holiness??? (take a verse at random, in Isaiah for instance where God abruptly stopped threatening Israel and begins to stretch out His hands with love)

=>That's absolute nonsense, yet that's what it is, and I have no problem accepting these truths since they are held (by God btw) IN BALANCE

- "Answer God all you theologians reasoning out my theology. Just answer God. Are you pure in heart?" - Keith Daniel

Blessings

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/22 5:21

this is a good example of some who will be saved, but are still warned to stay in the boat

this is an analogy of those who are the lord's sheep
my sheep hear my voice and they follow me, and I know them
and I give them eternal life and they shall not perish

he who is born of God, does not sin, because God's seed is in him and he can not sin

he who is born of God keeps himself and the evil one can not touch him

these are promises

in the same way the angel of the Lord promises that not one in the ship will be lost

but as with those who are saved god uses warning to keep those who are young ,in the ship

But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. 23 Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me 24 and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' 25 So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. 26 Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

The Shipwreck

27 On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. 28 They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. 29 Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. 30 In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. 31 Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." 32 So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away

unless you endure till the end you will not be saved

but this is the will of god ,that all that the father gives me i shall lose none

my sheep hear my voice and they follow me

and i give to them eternal life,and they shall never perish

those in the boat are under the protection as those who are truly born again , , that same principle is obvious

the men in the ship are a parable describing us who are saved ,,but some of us need to be warned not to leave the boat , , the god still loves his sheep and protects his sheep ,

for he is our shepherd

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/22 5:30

if we can understand each other more then this conversation is worth it

weasly loved whitfield

weasly the chapion arminian ,told those who herd that we should all keep close to the doctrines of whifield ,who was a calvinist

it brings tears to my ,i wish ,that we all could say that to one another

let stick close to one anothers doctrines

the coin has two sides

Re: , on: 2011/6/23 18:52

Questor I liked your response. I apologize for not getting back to this thread. I want to be more forthcoming now. I have had an ongoing sexual addiction in my life for 30 years. About a year ago the Lord brought me into severe judgment for this sin. The Holy Spirit moved away from me. I lost the close fellowship with the Lord and His tender touch of the Holy Spirit. He does not speak to me anymore. I am more afflicted by the demonic. For this reason I think at times I tend to doubt my salvation. But, the Lord has spoken to me in a very faint voice once, and He said that I am still His child and I am among the redeemed of the Lord. Will the Holy Spirit ever come back and restore? I don't know. But you know when the Lord brought me into judgment for this sin? I began to think in my mind that I might just go to the end with this sin and die with it. The point at which I stopped trying to resist it and began to entertain the idea that I might just go to my grave with it (because it was pleasurable for a short while), it wasn't too long after that that the Lord brought me into judgment and His Holy Spirit moved away from me.

But I do agree that if salvation depended on us, we wouldn't have a chance. But I think there is one example where the Bible speaks about one losing their status of being saved. This is the example where the unfaithful servant just says, "Hey let's party down while the master is gone". That is a very dangerous position to adopt.

Re: , on: 2011/6/23 18:53

savannah, thank you for your response, but it was just too long for me to absorb. Thanks.

Re: , on: 2011/6/23 18:56

looserchapel, are you a missionary in Antananarivo? I have always had a hard time pronouncing the name of that city. I have never been there. Were you born and raised there? What is life like there? Have you ever been to the island of Mauritius? I hear it is a vacation island and much smaller than Madagascar.

Re: , on: 2011/6/23 19:02

gazzar thanks for your thoughts. I think the danger may be in just completely turning one's back on the Lord to enjoy the pleasures of sin. But some would argue that the Lord would deal severely with you if you were a Christian and bring you back into alignment with Him. I just know from my own experience that staying out of the will of God eventually brings judgment.

Here is an amazing verse too in Rev. 2:20-23. Jezebel was encouraging the believers to engage in fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. The Lord tells her to repent or else he will cast her into a bed of extreme tribulation. So, even if she doesn't repent, the Lord still will not give up on her. She will suffer very much. Is it for the sake of punishment or sanctification or both? The Lord only knows, but the wonderful thing is even this lady the Lord will not give up on even though she is so much in error in her beliefs.

Re: , on: 2011/6/23 22:00

It would be a good idea to re-read Rev 2:20-23.

KJV - Rev 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Rev 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.'

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

No one who encourages others to commit fornication goes to Heaven.

1Co 6:9, 10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

If any man or woman teaches that those who practice these things as a lifestyle are going to Heaven - they are guilty of the sin of the Jezebel or Balaam that Christ warns about in Rev 2:14-23

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It doesn't matter if one believes OSAS or not in this case.

The Reformed would say that they were never saved to begin with if their lifestyle is unchanged and the freewill people would say the same or that these people backslid in this case, but those who say that these would be saved, are contradicting the very Words of GOD and causing others to stumble. Not a good situation to be in.

Re: Strongest verse ever refuting "once saved always saved"., on: 2011/6/23 22:09

Quote:

----- Anybody have any thoughts about this verse?

no.

seems like you got it already figured out.

i've seen this time and time before. Somebody sets up a strawman argument, appropriates Scripture verses to buttress their theo-presupposition, and then the bait..

" Anybody have any thoughts about this verse?"

comon, all you want are two things, either a yes and amen, followed by some praise, or you want a refutation of your refutation, followed by a multiple posting long boring turgid religious argument.

no wonder outsiders...oh excuse me, i mean heathens, see very little Jesus in our lives, very little to make them envious of so great a salvation.

Re: why didnt you say this at the start of thread?, on: 2011/6/23 22:25

Quote:

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thats REAL and AUTHENTIC, such heartfelt confession is put forward for us to love you, encourage you, help nurture you by the Jesus that lives in us all.

too many people hide behind the brittle crust of religiosity, because they're wrapped in fear of others. But those who live in love, live in God and God in him, therefore there is no fear, no condemnation in Christ Jesus, only loving your neighbor or as yourself, but you have to risk all, and just be real.

and those who want to rebuke you, mark and avoid you, let them. the opinion of man matters for nothing.

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 0:31

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Was that a divine revelation? You better go back and add something to Rev. 2:23. How about, "And then she shall go to hell".

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Re: , on: 2011/6/24 0:36

On another thread you asked what is this 'truth' etc.

I see by your response to HIS WORD that you don't see truth in the verses given.

Rough situation to be in. Jezebel "seduced" others to fornication. If you believe she's in Heaven right now - I'll just pray that you get more revelation on this topic and light on the verses posted above. You're in my prayers.

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 0:41

Since you just changed and added quite a bit more to your post - I better quote your posts and then answer.

Quote:

-----by Endzone on 2011/6/23 21:31:11

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Jezebel did Not repent - the man in the Church at Corinth Did.

Re: - posted by budgie, on: 2011/6/24 1:23

Salvation is a person and an ongoing relationship

God first loved us and gave us his Son that whoever believeth in him shall have everlasting life and not be wasted

If we truly value the gift of eternal life and are willing to die so that we may live then Jesus will keep us in his hand

He that endureth to the end will be saved

Let us run the race set before us that we may obtain the crown of life

If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sin

If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 1:38

Endzone, sometimes it's just better to start all over again with The LORD, as if it were the first time coming to Him for Salvation and regeneration then to wonder if we're saved or not.

If we live in sin for all of our 'saved' lives, it's better to just put those years behind us and be humble enough to say to Him, "LORD, I didn't get it right the first time around, but I'd like to live for You and not for myself." ... and whatever else you'd like to say to Him and ask of Him but definitely ask for an 'understanding' of His Word because without that, we're all sitting ducks for anything that comes at us.

In eternity, you'll never regret that you humbled yourself and made the right choice to join yourself Him, the sincere and right way - fully counting the cost and willing to live out what you read in His Word.

The "cost" is our deciding to not live for ourselves any longer but for Him Who is The Word of GOD & Himself GOD.

I wouldn't get into anything else but what His Word plainly says and clearly commands/demands of us.

He does Love you and does set the sincere captives completely free, and sometimes even over-night or in an instant. Jeremiah 29:13

Glory to The One Who died to truly set us Free!

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/24 4:58

jesus said many are called but few are chosen

many who are called for eternal life
are drawn by the holy spirit and even taste the holy spirit and powers of the age to come ,but fall away ,and do not indur
e ,, satan steals away the seed from there heart

all who are called have there names writtern in the book of life but only those who are chossen ,are the ones whose nam
es will not be blotted out from the book of life

that is how isee that verse in revalation

many who are not truly born again taste of the holy spirit ,begin to repent begin to have faith begin to be santfied exisise
s spiritual power but fall away they say to the lord did we not cast out demons in your name did we not this did we not th
at ,jesus will say to them depart from me you workers of iniquity ,I NEVER NEW YOU ,,for they are not will to deni the
m selfs ,and as jesus said are not worthy to be called a deciple

most veres that are used to refute the persaverence of the saints are also interpretad by the calvinists

if we study the great men of revivle like jonathen edawrds ,george whitfield we see that they defended evey verse in th
e bible with sound words ,tho i cant say i except or understand all of what these me knew ,there wisdom was obvious,a
nd there lives produced great revivles which changed the world ,,that i respect weather i understand them or not ,,they
were men of prayer and saints of the most high

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 5:12

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what they say, plainly enough. I couldn't help but notice the two "herebys".

And 'hereby' we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: 'hereby' know we that we are in Him.

He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/24 5:57

hi brother

keeping gods comandments is the evedence of the newbirth
or being in christ

i dont believe for one seconed ,that it means if we keep his commands ,we will acheve or work our way to salvation

if your baring good fruit your a good tree

i your baring bad fruit ,your a bad tree

not

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if you bearing good fruit you will become a good tree

i think the whole letter of john is a unique letter for the perseverance of the saints ,and for the condemnation of the false professor

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 8:08

Quote:

-----The "cost" is our deciding to not live for ourselves any longer but for Him Who is The Word of GOD & Himself GOD.

That is actually a benefit not a cost. If salvation is a free gift, what truly can be the "cost"?

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 8:19

Quote:

-----Brother, these verses are written by John and I would love to have anyone's take on them, though they seem to say what they say, plainly enough. I couldn't help but notice the two "herebys".

And 'hereby' we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
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But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: 'hereby' know we that we are in Him.
He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.

What does it mean to 'keep' His commandments? It cannot be properly answered until we do it through the light of realizing that none of us are sinless, and all struggle with sin. If we try to make some kind of minimum level of sin that we deal with as the marker it becomes egocentric. So what really does it mean to 'keep' His commandments?

Interestingly, Tamar, Rahab, Manasseh and Bathsheba are all in the direct lineage of Christ (Matt 1), and all are children of God, each with their own peculiar traits.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 8:31

Further to that in the hope of not closing the gate of salvation entirely for sinners, I would like to hear an interpretation of 1 John 3:6,8-9, in light of the understanding that a Christian is not sinless.

OJ

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/6/24 8:44

Ah Old Joe you are a tricky one ;) but I like how you think my brother.

From what I read in 1 John 3:6,8-9 and what the Lord has given to me as the interpretation is our attitude toward sin has changed.

We cannot go on sinning as we once did before because we have seen the Christ and His Beauty and so sin loses its appeal and zest in our lives causing us to have it removed from us, and this is good because that is exactly what Christ did on the Cross for us, not only atoned for our sin BUT completely REMOVED it. Pretty awesome when you think about it.

I found something interesting in Leviticus 26:41b "-then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sins," And the wages of sin is death, this I believe is why Paul declares "It is no longer I who live but Christ. We are already dead in our sins but Christ becomes our New Life through Grace, and His grace is New and Infinite each day as Christ works out of me the death that remains on the inside.

The closer I get to God the more wicked I become (or see myself as more wicked in the True Light) When exposed to full on light you can no longer hide in the dark.

Attitude my friend is everything and its only through Christ can such an attitude exist because I am a wretch that if left unleashed by the Holy Spirit would run to sin with great zeal BUT alas the Seed of Christ in me doesn't allow for such tomfoolery.

Hope that makes sense :)

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 13:19

In the language 1 John 3:6,8-9 is differentiated from 'a' sin to a 'life-style' of sin.

"Obedience" is through-out the N.T. and is not to be condemned as there are ample verses "commanding it". We should never fear or shy away from those verses that speak of obedience, as those posted earlier from 1John 2:3-6.

There is no reason to fear "taking the glory" From GOD for our meager reverence for His Whole Word in the N.T. - with all its commands and should never be made to feel ashamed that once He has bought us at such a great price and has saved us - that we "follow Him" in every way that He has written that we should in the N.T..

If one takes what they do in obedience to His Word and "commandments" and gets "proud" of their obedience - then their obedience is not originating from LOVE - the first and second Commandments.

Pride is the opposite of Loving GOD & others.

Love lays its life down for others etc 1 Corth 13.

Obedience is out of Love. No obedience - No True Love for Him!

That's what HE said.

"Love", on: 2011/6/24 14:02

2nd post reply - Regarding "prostitutes" and others who Jesus' life touched in the N.T. - did He not say, "Go and sin no more." ?

I don't espouse "sinless perfection". We are all tempted and fail in not 'walking-in-the-spirit' 24/7 but the Word is clear about a 'continuous lifestyle' of walking after our/the flesh.

HE said, "If" we sin, we have an advocate with The Father ... and if we confess, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse ... etc..

There's no boasting or pride in the obedience that comes from a heart of Love of a Bride for her Bridegroom. They who have been forgiven much, Love much, as Mary, who Jesus cast 7 demons out of. When she was saved - she was so in!

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ove with Him - she was one of His greatest followers. She didn't continue in her old ways AT ALL. The Beloved "submits" to her Husband because Love becomes selfless, more and more and submitting becomes a pleasure and a passion, not a source of pride or anything she takes credit for. It's a Total Love Story, Friend. If she hungers after Him with all of her heart, mind, soul and strength, then like anyone else who is very deeply in Love - she won't want to hear nor see anything but Him and whatever He's written in His Love letters to her and follow through on whatever He's asked in them. "Love is not proud. Love doesn't boast" 1Corth13

Gal 5 "the marriage" - wives submit - speaking of Christ and His Church.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Re: "Love", on: 2011/6/24 14:56

Quote:

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Indeed it does, but for it to be able to continue in the "more and more" category it will have had to begun in the "less and less" category. In some people the rate of growth in the "more and more" is very small, even indiscernable for a very long time.

OJ

Re: "Love", on: 2011/6/24 15:02

Quote:

-----She didn't continue in her old ways AT ALL.

She may not have but others have. David murdered and committed adultery after being saved, Solomon still built temples to idols, Spurgeon still smoked, Moody still overate. The measure is not in the deed.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 15:12

Joe, you know that I love you my dear friend but this part - I just can't find anywhere in His New Covenant.

"even indiscernable for a very long time."

To me, statements like this is a stumbling block - not a help, to those being tempted or are young in The LORD or those who haven't truly heard the gospel of repentance preached accurately or those who are being swayed by Balaams and Jezebels it just sounds very dangerous to state this without N.T. backing, Friend.

His Word says, that He gives us His Spirit and we determine whether to "hear His Voice" or not. He commands but He also equips.

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There are many-many out there that only have a mental assent to Christ. That fear going to Hell so they 'prayed' - "Jesus I believe in You and that You died for me, so I don't have to go to Hell." ... and that was it!

Jesus did say to all to count the cost.

Mat 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mat 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mat 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 15:13

Quote:

From what I read in 1 John 3:6,8-9 and what the Lord has given to me as the interpretation is our attitude toward sin has changed.

Yep. The Christian can commit the very same sins the lost does, but the enjoyment in them is missing. Sin with regards to its open defiance of God is not so delicious any more.

Quote:

The closer I get to God the more wicked I become (or see myself as more wicked in the True Light) When exposed to full on light you can no longer hide in the dark.

Your dog is hunting on this one. This is exactly the trail!

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 15:25

Quote:

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If it is not true then we must with infallible judgment be able to determine who is and who is not saved. We can have a 'very good idea' who is saved and who is not, but we cannot have infallible judgment in this regard, because in some the work of Christ is indiscernable.

This is not about 'prayin a prayer' or 'warrenism' it is just plain truth.

Oj

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 15:30

With regards to counting the cost, I counted it and it was nothing. Everthing that I 'lost' on account of Christ had no value , therefore my cost was ZERO. Paul refers to it all as 'dung'.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 15:43

Quote:

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OJ

David was judged and repented.

I don't think that we can compare a continuous life-style of sexual immorality with what a man puts into his mouth. Had Spurgeon or Moody left town with their church secretary and dropped dead with her - I doubt they'd have the reputation that they have.

The New Covenant gives us the advantage that the O.T. people didn't have --- His Indwelling Spirit.

I don't believe that we can compare Moody's and Spurgeon's 'life-styles' as anything compared to these lists of what keeps folks out of the Kingdom ...

1Co 6:9,10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

I suppose that's why I prefer to keep important topics like this one, using Scripture only and prefer that the New Covenant Scripture be used, because that's what we're under now.

Some folks quote the O.T. when it suits their beliefs but there's so much we can't use now - like 'stoning disobedient children to death', etc.

Could we post more Scripture and less human reasonings?

This is a heart wrenching topic for me, so I truly would be grateful to stay with Just His New Testament Words on it. Truly grateful.

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 16:50

Quote:

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But we can compare them, because he who breaks one commandment (even the least) is guilty of ALL.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 16:59

Quote:

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OJ

What you are half quoting is regarding the O.T. Law. James 2:10
Sigh.

Re: Love is Not Legalism -, on: 2011/6/24 17:10

You said - "Yep. The Christian can commit the very same sins the lost does, but the enjoyment in them is missing. Sin with regards to its open defiance of God is not so delicious any more."

This isn't or doesn't remain true. I watched a person's conscience get "seared as with a hot iron", to where they fully excepted what sin they were in and it only increased and as it increased, so did the "biblical" excuses for it. I watched as someone developed what the world would call a multiple personality disorder - where personality A disowns what personality B is doing - to use secular terms for a spiritual condition.

The warnings from Scripture regarding "being given over to believe a lie" and being "given over to a reprobate mind" are realities of not "loving the truth" of true 'Salvation'.

These folks are those who are "deceiv-ing and be-ing deceived". 2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

We're warned not to be deceived - 1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? "Be not deceived": neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...

Gal 6:7-9 "Be not deceived"; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

And -

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

See the Greek in this last verse from A.T. Robertson -

So as to "Let him be 'made' filthy still" (rupanthe#772;to#772; eti). First aorist (constative) passive imperative of rupaino#772;; old verb, to make foul or filthy (from rupos, filth, 1Pe_3:21, as is ruparos, filthy), here only in N.T. The use of eti is not perfectly clear, whether "still" or "yet more." It is the time when Christ has shut the door to those outside who are now without hope (Mat_25:10; Luk_13:25). Rupas occurs elsewhere in N.T. only in Jam_2:2, and ruparia (filthiness) only in Jam_1:21. So then "the righteous" (ho dikaios) is to do righteousness still (dikaiosune#772;n poie#772;sato#772; eti, first constative aorist active imperative of poieo#772;) and "the holy" (ho hagios) to be made holy still (hagiasthe#772;to#772; eti, first constative aorist passive imperative of hagio#772;). The states of both the evil and the good are now fixed forever. There is no word here about a "second chance" hereafter."

That goes hand in hand with - 2Th 2:10-12 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Yes, there are people in our churches right now who are living a life-style of continuous sin and wipe their mouths in justification of themselves - void of conscience, because they're "grace abusers or trampers".

There has always been those 'in the church' but in the last days - it will increase exponentially.

Why we need to "depart from iniquity" - run from it however possible because we can't say that we can control how much sin we'll give in to willfully - but it will control us if we don't reckon with it.

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Reprobates are deceived, as those verses show. A man/woman living a life of sin and not dealing with it, in every possible way, risks it all and we should do all within our power to help them out of it and not make excuses for them or make it sound like the normal Christian life because Biblically it truly is not.

If we come to Him with the right heart - we'll desire to do whatever He says and will take every Word that is written very seriously.

That's the Love/Fear Relationship in it's proper Balance.

Yes, the closer we get to The LIGHT which is GOD our Savior, the more we see how unlike Him we truly are and we begin to understand that it has to be "none of self and all of Him" - dying to self - Him increasing, us decreasing and so forth and that's going far beyond just not desiring or keeping a hold on sin.

"....because As He is, so are we in this world" 1John 4:17

We have Got To keep the 'Scriptural' Love/Fear Balance balanced, Joe. It 'is' a life or death issue.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/24 19:05

i wount god as fsr as saying that a chrstan can commit the same sins as lost sinner ,his concence wont allow him to go t hat far

honestly have you ever met a chrstan who rapes and muders ,and practice sodomy ,,,,,,,well i havent ,nor have i herd o f any

but look at peter who fell in to hearcy , chrstans can definitely fall in to sin , but if they are trul born again,,the can not sta

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or another translation ,say the lord keeps him

the bible shows the satan as one who can tepnt and draw a person away

the parable of the jesus talks about the word of god in the heart of a person being stolen by the satan

this cant happen to the true christan

hjohn said he who is born of god ,does not sin ,for hid seed is in him and HE CANNOT sin because he is born of god

he said if some basicaly leaves the church ,or falls away

they went out from us becasue they weren not of us
if they had been of us they would have continued with us

he who practices righeousness is of god

but he who sins is of the devil ,for the devil has sinned from the beggining

if a so called chrstan has always sinned from the beginning of his so called christan walk ,god seed is not in him he has no repntance ,and is not achristan but is still of the evil one

the prince and power of the air is the spirit that works in him , fo he is a child of disobedence

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 19:31

JiG

Considering the testimony, what has led you to believe the person you mentioned is a blood-bought child of God?

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 19:44

Quote:
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Yes, but the moralist joins the reprobate in this, therefore the dividing line is not open sin.

Bear in mind, I do not promote open sin, it is just as mguldner has said, the closer I have gotten to the Lord the clearer li ght I have seen myself in, so much so that I see no difference between myself and the guy in the gutter.

OJ

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Re: , on: 2011/6/24 20:02

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Re: , on: 2011/6/24 20:14

I understand humility and what being in the presence of GOD does to make one feel "undone" and "a man of unclean lips" and fall on one's face as a dead --- but the point is - because we love Him, although we are acutely aware of our wretchedness - and you may see yourself as no different than the guy in the gutter -- you don't live like he does and you would never offer him that type of "Salvation".

I was a lot of things before salvation - but because He came and indwelt me, He changed my desires and my desires changed to desiring Him and His Word and wanting nothing else but. To me, it's still all about love. The more I grow to know Him, the deeper that love goes and the fear of GOD is the difference between where I stand now and me being in the gutter. I don't have to see myself as no different than the guy in the gutter - I've been made a new creation in Christ - but I need to love and fear Him.

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OJ

Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/6/24 21:10

Old_Joe

Quote:
-----the closer I have gotten to the Lord the clearer light I have seen myself in, so that I see no difference between myself and the guy in the gutter.

Your statement is so true. I think Isaiah saw his true self when he said, "I am a man of unclean lips".

By seeing ourselves in His light, we know that our only hope is in Jesus. We are all most pitiful sinners. I also agree with what you said about growth being sometimes "indiscernable". I have come to see this is true. Another reason to place our complete hope in Him and not look at ourselves and judge ourselves as having arrived. Or compare ourselves with others. We will always look good when comparing ourselves with others because we will always look for others shortcomings (when we are in "comparison mode" as opposed to Love).

Is knowing the Bible, evidence of growth in Him? Is doing good deeds evidence of growth in Him? Is giving my body to be burned even evidence of growth in Him? 1 Cor 13, says no.

I think many that we don't think will be in heaven, WILL BE in heaven (the man in the gutter) and many we think will be in heaven, WON'T BE in heaven.

Those who self-justify themselves will not be in heaven.

Many times I wish I could see true Christianity around me because I see so much that is false. I guess that is the way it is supposed to be. And the Lord always brings the focus back on me, to be true, to trust in Him and not myself.

This walk is hard and difficult. Is it not meant to be? I feel like I am constantly in warfare. Is this typical? If I don't feel a war have I succumbed and surrendered to sin?

Some people make it sound like once you are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, all is beautiful and well and you are dripping with fruit. I don't feel this way. The closer I want to get to God, the more obstacles I encounter. Myself for one. Are there some people just gifted and talented in such a way that outwardly they look so victorious but really don't have a deep life with God? This is my question and my fear, that I will learn how to "be good" at walking around as a "victorious" Christian, how to "play the game", I guess you could say. And then become content in my spiritual deception that "I am so spiritual". This is fearful to me, because I would stop running to the Lord. I would have learned how "to use Him" for my own ends and appear so holy to everyone.

Am I making any sense to anyone? Am I the only one that has these battles?

I am a fairly new believer and am not put off by what Old_Joe says. I find what he says refreshing and truthful and it speaks to my limited experiences. Being born-again, I am not afraid to hear the truth and much rather prefer it to rose colored glasses. Besides, what could be worse than what God has already shown me about myself? I have already been destroyed in exchange for Him and welcome more destruction (for I know there is more dying to do) if it brings me closer to Him. It does not bother me in the least if fruit that He is developing in me does not come to maturity for a long time. I can see how this might be possible in my spirit and in fact most probable.

Let me ask a question to all of you that have walked with God for years and years. When did you start seeing true eternal fruit in your lives that the Lord is pleased to receive and eat? If you say one or two years, then I must be a very miserable child of His, but even here, I won't compare myself with you. I can only compare myself to Him and in doing so, I will always fall short, but gladly as long as I am keeping my eyes on Him. I guess the thing we must all watch out for is our love growing cold and we just "play the game", because we have gotten so good at it.

With love,
Sarah

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/24 21:15

Are not all called? The few that are chosen are birthed by God and He does not ask if the chosen want to be chosen. If it were not for the few that are chosen there would be none, no not one that would choose God.

We are saved completely in Spirit, that is where our new life is. The Spirit of Christ "born again" in the ones that are chosen and given to Christ by the Father. This body of flesh is still on the road to destruction, death. This soul, that is now separated by the two edged sword, is on the road to becoming the mind, will and intellect of the mind of Christ and even different in every one of God's chosen sons, as different as the flowers of the field.

So why did God not choose to renew the body of flesh at the same time as the Spirit of Christ birthed in us, or renew our mind to the Mind of Christ at the same time. Then is when we would become robots as those that won't accept the election and choosing of God, robots as the reason man has a choice in his salvation. We do not, but we do have a choice in the Love affair that God wants from His chosen sons. Now I can choose to love God as a free will to give God and His Son and the Holy Spirit all the Glory and Love they deserve and want and glory in. Can you believe that God wants to Glory in the small love I can return to Him of my own free will. For I can do this by the Spirit and Mind of Christ through the power and direction of our Teacher and Comforter the Holy Spirit.

Paul declares it and Jesus Commands it. Love.

Colossians 1:4-8 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

By this we know that we are the son's of God.

Colossians 1:27-29 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily.

The old commandment, Love God, the New commandment, love one another.

This is what this undeserved, lost and sinful son has been blessed with that we might overcome and Love "as He loved us and gave Himself for us".

In Christ by the Love of the Father and the Love and sacrifice of the Son and the Work of the Holy Spirit:

Phillip

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 21:24

Quote:

-----Self-justifying Christless testimony equals dead man, no need to question further. These are the kind that fill hell.

No Brother - He wasn't "Christless" when I met him and his ministry was incredible to prisoners and others. I refuse to give him up to hell. I would have given my life during any part of those 30 something yrs if it would do anything to get him to Heaven.

He helped me when I was fairly young in Christ, and I was going more with the spiritual gifts than with the appreciation of the absolute beauty of His Word, more than I could ever tell you or Thank GOD for, because GOD wanted me to have both, the workings of His Spirit AND His Word - but he couldn't grasp his own personal obedience and fell slowly but finally very-very hard.

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Quote:
-----Now, a blasphemer {or insert favorite type of sinner here} hears the gospel, believes it and is saved. They know not the evils resident in their heart yet, nor how to deal with them and so continue on in what they know. Do you write them out of heaven?

I don't have a "favorite type of sinner" but I know what happened to me and all of the friends I've made since coming to Christ. He made Himself real from day one. It was gradual and one by one He would point things out from day one and they would go - starting with the burger biggies first and on until the day we die with the dying to self but nothing like we're hearing of in these days - of decades in that one sin - those listed in the two passages I posted on the previous page plus Rev 21:8, etc.

His purpose is that we come into the Image of Christ Himself, that we walk in His Spirit the way He did while He was on earth. Looking up to Him for our thoughts, words, actions and all... that's an ongoing learning process - but it's not the things that He says will not inherit the Kingdom. I know some very Christ-like people, but neither they nor I could say that they're walking in His Spirit 24/7, but they want to be. You can't help but notice a difference in someone who has been truly indwelt and regenerated by GOD. Your question sort of pushes a bit with the "Do you write them out of heaven?" The Holy Spirit is FAITHFUL to show us what needs to go and gives the power for us to let it go. HE is Faithful.

Re: , on: 2011/6/24 21:35

Shows you how slow I am posting. Two people have posted since I posted to you, Joe.

If we can ever get back to what HE has said in His Word ...

Have a great weekend in Him.

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2011/6/24 22:11

Dear Sarah,

You said:

Quote:
-----Am I making any sense to anyone? Am I the only one that has these battles?

Hearing you 'loud and clear.' You are not alone.

Kind regards,
white stone

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/6/24 22:17

I can see myself no different than the guy in the gutter if it had not been for the grace of God. But the grace of God that brought me salvation has also become my teacher.

Titus 2:11-14 (NKJV) 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

I have followed this thread somewhat and have found JIG has offered very good biblical commentary.

I have read many of her posts and it is evident that she exalts her Savoir and his Word very well in whom she strives to love with all her heart as well as his people and the lost. She gives more clear teachings on how to live a godly life in Christ Jesus than some others who try to make one feel good by justifying sinning.

Finally, the bible never justifies sinning in anyone. The Savior only justifies the sinner who turns to God's mercy in Christ and by placing faith in the Son of God for forgiveness of sins. The fully justified sinner will cease from sinning as a life style because he is born of God. He will struggle with the sin nature and will need to grow in sanctification. He/she will need a revelation of the teaching of the cross and being crucified with Christ and how to walk in the Spirit found in Roman chapter 6-8. We are to reckon ourselves to be dead to sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ. We must never excuse sin but we must point them to the remedy in the finished work of Christ.

Blessings to all!

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 0:30

That's a good post brother Joe--the one about moody and spurgeon, etc.

Re: Thanks be to God! - posted by savannah, on: 2011/6/25 0:35

Paul, a called apostle by God's election of grace and Matt a called saint by God's election of grace, express my own heart on the matter. Lamenting over, not glossing over, their sin. Acknowledging their sin, not justifying their sin.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. Romans 7:14-25

It seems rather to be understood of the struggles that are maintained between grace and corruption in sanctified souls. That there are remainders of indwelling corruption, even where there is a living principle of grace, is past dispute; that this corruption is daily breaking forth in sins of infirmity (such as are consistent with a state of grace) is no less certain. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, 1 John 1:8, 1 John 1:10. That true grace strives against these sins and corruptions, does not allow of them, hates them, mourns over them, groans under them as a burden, is likewise certain (Gal.5:17): The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other, so that you cannot do the things that you would. These are the truths which, I think, are contained in this discourse of the apostle. And his design is further to open the nature of sanctification, that it does not attain to a sinless perfection in this life; and therefore to quicken us to, and encourage us in, our conflicts with remaining corruptions. Our case is not singular, that which we do sincerely strive against, shall not be laid to our charge, and through grace the victory is sure at last. The struggle here is like that between Jacob and Esau in the womb, between the Canaanites and Israelites in the land, between the house of Saul and the house of David; but great is the truth and will prevail.

Understanding it thus, we may observe here,

What he complains of - the remainder of indwelling corruptions, which he here speaks of, to show that the law is insufficient to justify even a regenerate man, that the best man in the world hath enough in him to condemn him, if God should deal with him according to the law, which is not the fault of the law, but of our own corrupt nature, which cannot fulfill the law. The repetition of the same things over and over again in this discourse shows how much Paul's heart was affected with what he wrote, and how deep his sentiments were. Observe the particulars of this complaint. (1.) I am

carnal, sold under sin, Rom. 7:14. He speaks of the Corinthians as carnal, 1 Cor. 3:1. Even where there is spiritual life there are remainders of carnal affections, and so far a man may be sold under sin; he does not sell himself to work wickedness, as Ahab did (1 Kings 21:25), but he was sold by Adam when he sinned and fell - sold, as a poor slave that does his master's will against his own will - sold under sin, because conceived in iniquity and born in sin. (2.) What I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I, Rom. 7:15. And to the same purport, Rom. 7:19, Rom. 7:21, When I would do good, evil is present with me. Such was the strength of corruptions, that he could not attain that perfection in holiness which he desired and breathed after. Thus, while he was pressing forward towards perfection, yet he acknowledges that he had not already attained, neither was already perfect, Phi_3:12. Fain he would be free from all sin, and perfectly do the will of God, such was his settled judgment; but his corrupt nature drew him another way: it was like a clog, that checked and kept him down when he would have soared upward, like the bias in a bowl, which, when it is thrown straight, yet draws it aside. (3.) In me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good, Rom. 7:18. Here he explains himself concerning the corrupt nature, which he calls flesh; and as far as that goes there is no good to be expected, any more than one would expect good corn growing upon a rock, or on the sand which is by the sea-side. As the new nature, as far as that goes, cannot commit sin (1 John 3:9), so the flesh, the old nature, as far as that goes, cannot perform a good duty. How should it? For the flesh serveth the law of sin (Rom. 7:25), it is under the conduct and government of that law; and, while it is so, it is not likely to do any good. The corrupt nature is elsewhere called flesh (Gen. 6:3, John 3:6); and, though there may be good things dwelling in those that have this flesh, yet, as far as the flesh goes, there is no good, the flesh is not a subject capable of any good. (4.) I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, Rom. 7:23. The corrupt and sinful inclination is here compared to a law, because it controlled and checked him in his good motions. It is said to be seated in his members, because, Christ having set up his throne in his heart, it was only the rebellious members of the body that were the instruments of sin - in the sensitive appetite; or we may take it more generally for all that corrupt nature which is the seat not only of sensual but of more refined lusts. This wars against the law of the mind, the new nature; it draws the contrary way, drives on a contrary interest, which corrupt disposition and inclination are as great a burden and grief to the soul as the worst drudgery and captivity could be. It brings me into captivity. To the same purport (Rom. 7:25), With the flesh I serve the law of sin; that is, the corrupt nature, the unregenerate part, is continually working towards sin. (5.) His general complaint we have in Rom. 7:24, O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? The thing he complains of is a body of death; either the body of flesh, which is a mortal dying body (while we carry this body about with us, we shall be troubled with corruption; when we are dead, we shall be freed from sin, and not before), or the body of sin, the old man, the corrupt nature, which tends to death, that is, to the ruin of the soul. Or, comparing it to a dead body, the touch of which was by the ceremonial law defiling, if actual transgressions be dead works (Heb. 9:14), original corruption is a dead body. It was as troublesome to Paul as if he had had a dead body tied to him, which he must have carried about with him. This made him cry out, O wretched man that I am! A man that had learned in every state to be content yet complains thus of his corrupt nature.

Had I been required to speak of Paul, I should have said, "O blessed man that thou art, an ambassador of Christ, a favourite of heaven, a spiritual father of thousands!" But in his own account he was a wretched man, because of the corruption of nature, because he was not so good as he fain would be, had not yet attained, neither was already perfect. Thus miserably does he complain. Who shall deliver me? He speaks like one that was sick of it, that would give any thing to be rid of it, looks to the right hand and to the left for some friend that would part between him and his corruptions. The remainders of indwelling sin are a very grievous burden to a gracious soul.

2. What he comforts himself with. The case was sad, but there were some allays. Three things comforted him: -
 (1.) That his conscience witnessed for him that he had a good principle ruling and prevailing in him, notwithstanding. It is well when all does not go one way in the soul. The rule of this good principle which he had was the law of God, to which he here speaks of having a threefold regard, which is certainly to be found in all that are sanctified, and no others. I consent unto the law that it is good, Rom. 7:16, I give my vote to the law; here is the approbation of the judgment. Wherever there is grace there is not only a dread of the severity of the law, but a consent to the goodness of the law. "It is a good in itself, it is good for me." This is a sign that the law is written in the heart, that the soul is delivered into the mould of it. To consent to the law is so far to approve of it as not to wish it otherwise constituted than it is. The sanctified judgment not only concurs to the equity of the law, but to the excellency of it, as convinced that a conformity to the law is the highest perfection of human nature, and the greatest honour and happiness we are capable of. I delight in the law of God after the inward man, Rom. 7:22. His conscience bore witness to a complacency in the law. He delighted not only in the promises of the word, but in the precepts and prohibitions of the word; sune expresses a becoming delight. He did herein concur in affection with all the saints. All that are savingly regenerate or born again do truly delight in the law of God, delight to know it, to do it - cheerfully submit to the authority of it, and take a complacency in that submission, never better pleased than when heart and life are in the strictest conformity to the law and will of God. After the inward man; that is, First, The mind or rational faculties, in opposition to the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh. The soul is the inward man, and that is the seat of gracious delights, which are therefore sincere and serious, but s

ecret; it is the renewing of the inward man, 2 Cor. 4:16. Secondly, The new nature. The new man is called the inner man (Eph_3:16), the hidden man of the heart, 1 Pe_3:4. Paul, as far as he was sanctified, had a delight in the law of God. With the mind I myself serve the law of God, Rom_7:25. It is not enough to consent to the law, and to delight in the law, but we must serve the law; our souls must be entirely delivered up into the obedience of it. Thus it was with Paul's mind; thus it is with every sanctified renewed mind; this is the ordinary course and way; thitherward goes the bent of the soul. I myself - autos egō;, plainly intimating that he speaks in his own person, and not in the person of another.

(2.) That the fault lay in that corruption of his nature which he did really bewail and strive against: It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. This he mentions twice (Rom_7:17, Rom_7:20), not as an excuse for the guilt of his sin (it is enough to condemn us, if we were under the law, that the sin which does the evil dwelleth in us), but as a salvo for his evidences, that he might not sink in despair, but take comfort from the covenant of grace, which accepts the willingness of the spirit, and has provided pardon for the weakness of the flesh. He likewise herein enters a protestation against all that which this indwelling sin produced. Having professed his consent to the law of God, he here professes his dissent from the law of sin. "It is not I; I disown the fact; it is against my mind that it is done." As when in the senate the major part are bad, and carry every thing the wrong way, it is indeed the act of the senate, but the honest party strive against it, bewail what is done, and enter their protestation against it; so that it is no more they that do it. - Dwelleth in me, as the Canaanites among the Israelites, though they were put under tribute: dwelleth in me, and is likely to dwell there, while I live.

(3.) His great comfort lay in Jesus Christ (Rom_7:25): I thank God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the midst of his complaints he breaks out into praises. It is a special remedy against fears and sorrows to be much in praise: many a poor drooping soul hath found it so. And, in all our praises, this should be the burden of the song, "Blessed be God for Jesus Christ." Who shall deliver me? says he (Rom_7:24), as one at a loss for help. At length he finds an all-sufficient friend, even Jesus Christ. When we are under the sense of the remaining power of sin and corruption, we shall see reason to bless God through Christ (for, as he is the mediator of all our prayers, so he is of all our praises) - to bless God for Christ; it is he that stands between us and the wrath due to us for this sin. If it were not for Christ, this iniquity that dwells in us would certainly be our ruin. He is our advocate with the Father, and through him God pities, and spares, and pardons, and lays not our iniquities to our charge. It is Christ that has purchased deliverance for us in due time. Through Christ death will put an end to all these complaints, and waft us to an eternity which we shall spend without sin or sigh. Blessed be God that giveth us this victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Matt Henry

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 0:40

Sarah that power and ministry come the more you submit to the Lord and believe yourself to be crucified with Christ. You can pretend to live a spiritual life in the flesh, but I promise you Satan will come to collect, and you will wind up in the counselor's office eventually--or worse. I think this is a huge problem in the church today. Christians (myself included) want to have the joy and blessings of the Holy Spirit and enjoy the pleasures of sin too. In my case, I have walked with the Lord over 30 years and believe me I had the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Lord answered my prayers and guided me and directed me in all my ways. But I also had that horrible sin addiction in my life, and about a year ago the Holy Spirit moved far away from me.

Do you hear the Lord speak to you when you pray?

Bless you,

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/6/25 1:45

Sarah, each one of us is created different and last time I checked there are none that carry a cross that is anything but bloody (daily). Though we are joined by the one and only God we move at varying paces and that is not a bad thing. If you ask for a standard I am sure you will only be pointed to Christ. When you really consider the thought, would you want it any other way?

Just in your honesty alone there is fruit. This is not to stir up pride in you, for we all fear the robbery to Christ that comes by pride. You do desire sanctification even at the cost of your own destruction. That sounds like faithfulness to me (a fruit of the Spirit)

You ask a question of fruit. Even though I can only see words written by other brothers and sisters one can read what is in their hearts. That for the love of Christ they point not to themselves. but desire that Christ receive not some, but all t

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he glory He is due.

What kind of Christ lover does Mathew 25:37-39 describe.

They hunger and thirst for righteousness but in their blessed ignorance (and it is a beautiful ignorance) they say, " LORD WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU DRINK? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND INVITE YOU IN, OR NAKED AND CLOTH YOU? OR SEE YOU SICK AND VISIT YOU OR IN PRISON AND COME AND COMFORT YOU"?

So while there may be some response as to sanctification and maturity, you will probably not solicit one boasting of fruit. Can you even imagine the potential and all the possibilities that can come by the fruit of the Spirit?

This is the lot of the Righteous. They do not storm the gates pleading their case for they have none, and they do not recognize their own fruit for their eyes are always fixed on Christ.

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 1:58

Quote:
-----I feel like I am constantly in warfare. Is this typical? If I don't feel a war have I succumbed and surrendered to sin?
Some people make it sound like once you are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, all is beautiful and well and you are dripping with fruit. I don't feel this way. The closer I want to get to God, the more obstacles I encounter. Myself for one.

Just to let you know this warfare is very normal, even a defining characteristic of a Christian.

The peaches and cream come later. :-)

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 2:19

Rbanks

Quote:

The fully justified sinner will cease from sinning as a lifestyle because he is born of God.

The problem with this statement is that the ones who say it usually do so just before they turn on the tv or some other such thing, as part of their lifestyle. If you can tell me that you have CEASED from sinning as a lifestyle, I might believe you but I know that a boast like this cannot be honestly made.

ETA I have not ceased from sinning as a lifestyle. There is much good that I leave undone, so much so that the sin of omission is a "lifestyle". And then there are the sins of commission....

OJ

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Re: , on: 2011/6/25 2:43

Quote:

No Brother - He wasn't "Christless" when I met him and his ministry was incredible to prisoners and others. I refuse to give him up to hell.

A good many people with incredible ministries will be going to hell. Like Judas they can be sent out to heal others but remain dead themselves.

This type are the Heb 6:4-6 type who have been enlightened but not converted.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 2:52

Well Joe, I sure never intended to debate you. All of my inquires these days have been sincere because of this one person. I'd rather believe that he 'can' repent. Vs 6 is very hard to swallow when it's someone that you love and gave three decades of your life for.

Anyhow - I wonder, do you think that only the Apostles were the last to claim full obedience to Christ's commandments, like John - since he penned these - just for a few? -

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/25 3:06

hi, if you could live without sin then Jesus died in vain . all He had to do is tell us how to be perfect.but He went to a bloody cross and took the wrath of His Father on Himself because He knew how weak we are and anything we do in God must come from God and not from us.it all about grace.the repentant turn their will and lives over to Jesus.He is the one who is Holy,perfect,sinless, and we are in Him.jimp

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 3:21

JiG I realise that this issue is very close to you and don't want to cause you any particular grief, but I have walked the road I have for a purpose and I can't let that purpose fail, come what may.

With regards to the apostles 'keeping the commandments' is very different than full obedience, but that is probably best dealt with in the new thread I started.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 6:00

Well, I will tell you what happened in my life after 33 years of walking with the Lord Jesus Christ. This actually happened , but you can draw your own conclusions because I myself don't know how it will conclude--except that I will die physically. I spent a lot of time in prayer. I had the tender touch of the Holy Spirit in my life. When I would wake up in the morning, He was there with His tender touch. He would lead me by his spirit regarding jobs and other important things in life. He would reveal things to me supernaturally. One time I sat at the back of a large church in Ft. Worth, TX, and I prayed a tornado would come and destroy the building. Four years later that is exactly what happened, and not a single person was hurt. The tornado just sat over the church for 2.5 minutes, and then lifted up and moved on. I had a wonderful intercessory prayer ministry, and it was so much joy to see prayers answered on behalf of other people. But I also had this horrible sexual sin in my life, and it went beyond just watching porn because I also acted on it. It happened about 500 times over a 25 year span. About a year ago, the Holy Spirit just departed from me. I mean I think the Lord still hears my prayer, but He is far away now and doesn't speak to me anymore. I am sick in my spirit and more tormented by demonic spirits all my waking hours. I have also become physically sick from my sins and I am weak during the day. I have not been able to find a job in over 2 years. I have lost just about all friends. I have no fellowship, no job, no car, no income and I am lucky I am not out on the streets. My life has been shattered by this sin. For some reason I thought this was the only way I could ever have a relationship with a woman in spite of the fact that really I was a strong and pretty good looking guy--just to be honest.

But anyway, I believe I'm the guy that has a wounded spirit now. Somewhere in proverbs, "but a wounded spirit who can bear"? Or I feel like King Saul, "The spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit of the Lord troubled him". So naturally the questions come to my mind, am I still saved? I believe I am, but I sure don't feel like it anymore. Will the Holy Spirit ever come back or will I live the rest of my days in this vegetable like state. I'm 54 now. What happens if I don't completely stop watching internet porn? Will things get even worse? Will I go to hell then?

This is a real life example brothers and sisters of the results of many years of habitual sin. I have suffered great loss in my life, but will I suffer the ultimate loss of my soul in hell? I don't believe so, but most of the time I tell you I wish I could die. I'm not trying to get sympathy from anybody!!! I'm just telling you what really happened in my life, and it makes for an interesting study about OSAS. Thanks and the Lord bless you today.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/25 6:33

hi, the Lord does chasten those He loves and your sins surely will find you out. you are suffering in the body for things you have done in the body.jimp it is very hard to put down that idol.

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 8:05

Even before I became convinced of the "Doctrines of Grace" (i.e. Reformed Theology, etc) I always believed that no one can lose their salvation. I think many people "fall away" but they "fall away" because they were never truly saved to begin with. To say that we can "fall away" based on our performance is to say that we were saved based upon our performance... and not one person on this forum would ever say that. But some will say that our performance keeps us saved, and that's the exact same thing as saying we are saved by our performance... i.e. we EARN our salvation by our performance. It's the same thing and it is an ego centered, prideful, boastful performance based salvation at that point. And the Bible could not be more clear that that belief is hellish.

That's wrong, brethren.

Some seemingly fall away, but it is because they never were saved to begin with.

1 John 2:19 "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us."

It can't get any more plain than that. God said it. There it is.

Krispy

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/25 8:06

i feel for you end zone ,, ,, ,, ,, your, story is a rebuke to others in a similar situation ,, i will pray

can i ask what you mean by acted on it

did you have sexual relationship with prostatutes

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 8:16

End zone... do you really think that you are no longer saved? Brother, God chastises His children. He has stripped you of everything to break you down and remove your sin and your pride! Oh how He has done that to me at different times! And yes, it hurts and we feel abandoned, but He NEVER abandons us.

If God did not love you He would not chastise you as He is. He would let you go merrily on your way to destruction and you would be more than happy to do it. But instead He has caused you to feel the fire, as it were. He causes you to be sick of yourself. Just the fact that you are feeling such a weight on you is evidence that the Holy Spirit is not far from you like you think He is!! He is right there applying the thumbscrews to your life!

If God saved you... you are saved. Look at King David! Does He pull back? Yes, He does. But He is disciplining you!! OK, so He may have worked powerfully thru you before, but you ignored the Holy Spirit before. So now God says "OK, enough... time to whip your backside and get you to pay attention."

And that, brother, is the clearest evidence that yes... God saved you! What you need to do is fully REPENT, not wonder where God is.

Brother, I know because I am the king of being chastised.

Look up, for your redemption draws near. You can tackle porn, but ya know what... the day you tackle porn God will reveal some other sin in your life... and you will tackle that one... and He will reveal another sin in your life...

Get used to it. You will sin until you die. And anyone who tells you they have reached sinless perfect has a sin issue with pride and lying (and denial!).

Krispy

Re: - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/25 8:36

The work of the faith of Christ work is to overcome the spirit that rule the fallen world , this is the purpose of HIS Coming ,and it is His faith that overcome the world . In our fallen nature the devil works in our soul and we produce His evil fruits but if Christ is truly walking in our soul He must work to destroy those works of the devil in us , because that is the purpose of His coming , to bring in His fruit . How can one be safe without eternal Life ? and How can one get the eternal Life of God without manifesting that very Life of the holiness of God from glory to glory. And who can see God without His holiness ? we are safe by Christ Life in us not just by a manifestation of gifts , it is by His life not the gifts are we safe.

What is Christ Life ? Is it eternal life or not ?

If it is in us in any measure , will it bear good fruit or not ?

What is the difference between our own life and Christ Life ?

If we are reprobate or rebellious is that a sign that Christ life is in us or not, what does the scripture says?

If Christ Life is not in us are we in him or not ?

Why do we fall is it because we cling to Christ or not ?

If we fall and refuse to return and be reconcile to Christ that he might manifest His life afresh in us , are we still in Him though His life is not in us ?

Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/6/25 10:11

Did the Apostles actually live in full obedience. John himself says if you say you have no sin, you are a liar.

With love,
Sarah

Re: - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/25 10:27

If any man says He has not sin or the nature of sin in his natural state He is sure a Liar , but there is a Savior whose works is to destroy sin by giving us His life depending on how much hunger we have toward His nature and the apostle John that His blood has the power to cleanse us from all righteousness not only some unrighteousness but all unrighteousness and He also recognize the true faith of Christ working in us will overcome the world .

It look like many times he does not many works of manifesting His full Life in us because of unbelief , for let not he that doubted think to receive anything thing from God. Trial and adversity brings in doubt but when the soul is willing to be still and not lean on His own understanding He will sure know true Victory that comes through Christ manifesting His life in us from Glory to glory.

Re: - posted by sarahsdream, on: 2011/6/25 10:30

Paul is not encouraging sinning, however, I find it interesting that he say "I AM" instead of "I WAS".

1Ti 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Re: - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/25 10:36

In relative to his natural state without Christ he is "I am " but in relative to who he is in Christ it is "I was" . It is a statement of showing who he is without Christ not in Christ.

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 10:37

Thank you all for your responses and your encouraging words. The Lord bless you. Gazer, yes all female prostitutes--over 500 different women and multiple "encounters" with some of them.

Krispykritter thanks for your encouraging words. I do believe what you say is true, and other times I wonder if this will ever end. Without my closest friend that has always been in my life (who happened to be God) it is hard for me to exist day by day.

Thanks to jimp, and the brother from Gambia for your comments. EZ.

Re: - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/25 10:45

Welcome brother , forget the past , if you will surrender all to Him He has the power to make all things new , and you will hear again the joyful sound of working in His true Light and freedom.

Re: , on: 2011/6/25 14:05

Brother... make no mistake, you need to call out to God and repent. You need help as well.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/25 15:56

The Holy Spirit will be in you forever.

Quote: ""But I also had that horrible sin addiction in my life, and about a year ago the Holy Spirit moved far away from me.""

He does not move, we do the moving. How can we be set free from this body of sin? Paul says, "only through Jesus Christ". In Christ, we are set free, "free indeed".

It is our old man mind that is still wanting to pleasure the flesh we still live in. It is a slow process of cleansing, but "He w

ill finish the work He has started".
If not I am surely lost.

Endzone, how can we be set free? By faith, we are free indeed. We now have to work out our salvation, becoming like the Christ that is in us and live our individual lives as sons of God, wanting to please God our Father.

It aint easy brother. But, we must never give up, keep on trucking, until we get rid of this body of flesh it will be a fight. Put on the whole armour of God, which is Christ and Him fully the only way we can overcome.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/6/25 22:15

Endzone,

David prayed for God to restore unto him the joy of his salvation in repenting of his sins.

Notice the bible says in 1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (NKJV) 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Notice also 1 John 1:7-10 (NKJV) 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Notice 1 John 2:1-5 (NKJV) 1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

Notice also 1 John 2:26-29 (NKJV) 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. 27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. 28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. 29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.

I will stop with the scriptures for now but here is what I want you to see that willful sin is always sinning against the light one has received. As long as one is obedient to confess all known sin and walk in the light he will continually be cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Contrary to what some will try and tell you but there are sins that have a worse consequence than others and therefore have a more damaging affect to us and others.

Walking in known sin always breaks fellowship of walking in the light with God and must be confessed and cleansed in order for continual fellowship with God.

Endzone, it is only the mercy and grace of God that you or any of us are not in hell right now. It is only because of His mercy and grace that after all those years of immorality that God didn't turn you over to a reprobate mind to never be able to feel conviction again but it seems to me that he has shown you mercy.

I remember almost 28 years ago that I thought God had turned me over to where his Spirit of conviction would not strive with me anymore. I felt like God was going to let me go where I would never be able to feel His presence again and that

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I would be lost forever. I tell you that it scared me right into conviction and I wasn't happy anymore until I cried out for mercy and forgiveness. I told God that I was tired of living the way I was living and that I wanted Jesus living in my heart and life. I cried out to God as my Heavenly Father asking Him to get this corruption out of my life and to cleanse me because I was going to hell with all this stuff in me. I will never forget it, there was a powerful Spirit filling me and I felt so clean that I was praising and thanking the Lord. I started on a journey with God that I have fallen short of pleasing God on many occasions but I have never gone back to where I was before that day. There is not a man other than Jesus who can please God all the time every moment of every day but you don't ever have to go back to those sins he has cleansed you from.

I believe you can be cleansed if you are desperate enough to want to be rid of your past forever and start all over a fresh and anew. Pray with all your heart to God and read 1 John chapters 1-5 and read Romans chapters 3-8 and believe with all your heart.

I know there are a lot of people who believe in the Lord somewhat but have not been truly regenerated, that is, born of God. I believe that when one has been truly born of God he/she has been indwelt by the Spirit of Christ and with their faith in God will be able to overcome all kinds of sins. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us and greater is He who is within us than he who is in the world.

Remember we are saved to have fellowship and walk with God and not to walk of our own choosing. The only way to stay cleansed of all sin by the blood of Jesus is to continually walk in the light for continual fellowship with God. Having daily fellowship with God is what is most important. We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works that God hath before ordained that we walk in. We are saved by grace through faith to have fellowship first and good works will follow from our relationship with God.

Blessings to you!

Re: Strongest verse ever refuting "once saved always saved". - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/6/26 1:24

Quote:

-----Endzone wrote:

I am sick in my spirit and more tormented by demonic spirits all my waking hours. I have also become physically sick from my sins and I am weak during the day. I have not been able to find a job in over 2 years.

Brother, and yes you are still a brother,

I was reading the June 2011 issue of The Herald of His Coming just this morning while getting my oil changed and it is right up your alley! The article's title is EXCEPT YE REPENT... http://www.heraldofhiscoming.com/Past%20Issues/2011/June/except_ye_repent.htm

Hope this helps,
Sister Lisa

Re: , on: 2011/6/26 6:13

I thought about you off and on yesterday, end zone, and I want to be very clear about something... it is possible that you were never truly saved. I can NOT judge that, only you and God can. I just want to say that because it's possible that as we encourage you in faith, we also don't want to give you a false sense of security.

You need to be on your face seeking the Lord with all your might. You need to exam yourself. And you need to find someone in your off-line life who can help with this. It has to be someone who lives near you who is willing to meet with you on a daily basis. You have to be smart about this, and you have to start shutting all the doors and avenues that lead to this type of sin.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/6/26 16:42

Thanks Lysa. Yes, I liked reading the article, and the message of the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelation there is that the churches should repent. But I'll tell you my opinion is that most Christians are not going to repent. No, especially in this "mercy and grace" culture of the church or maybe the "Joel Olsteen" version of the church where that is all you ever hear. We hear very little about accountability or sanctification or even, God forbid, Judgment! But I came into the region 15 months ago where there was judgment. After 25 years of living a dual life, there was finally judgment. True the Lord gave me space time after time after time to repent, but I always believed I had no alternative but to persist in this sin. In fact the longer it went on, the more impossible it seemed to turn back and have a relationship with a woman in a good and holy way. And just to be clear, I never violated any girl in the church and I have never touched children, and I can't even be tempted with that. I love little kids just like the rest of you do. I've never had a homosexual encounter, and I can't be tempted with that either. Actually I only had one girlfriend in my life, and she was a Christian girl. We dated for about a year. She was a cute and nice girl.

But still, I wonder what might be left now--if anything. Will the Lord ever come back and be a close friend again like He used to be? Or, is this a punishment that I will carry to my death? If so, I hope my death is very soon because I am in a state of misery. In the book of Jeremiah, we see that the Lord was very angry at his people, and many were killed with the sword or starved to death or taken in captivity in Babylon. What is the New Testament equivalent of that? I don't know. But I feel like God's enemy even though I am still His child. I don't know what to think. Should I hope that things might get better or should I try to expedite my death. I sure don't have enough guts to commit suicide. I'm not sure what to think except that each day I just try to hang on. Thanks for listening.

BTW, we had a group from Madisonville, TN come to Ft. Worth here not too long ago, and I've been to a job interview in Sevierville, TN if you know where either of those 2 E TN cities are.

"Has the Church Lost the Fear of GOD?", on: 2011/6/26 21:47

Eze 33:8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Eze 33:9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.

Old Joe, I described a man to you and this was your reply -

Hebrews 6:4-6 "Self-justifying Christless testimony equals dead man, no need to question further. These are the kind that fill hell."

Well, that very well may be the case, IF he doesn't REPENT.

If Jesus will spue even just the lukewarm out of His Mouth - how much more those who persist in fornication and won't repent, when He's provided the way and the Scriptures demand it?

(eta)- I also take from your answer that you Wouldn't call him "Brother" - would you?

Re: "Has the Church Lost the Fear of GOD?" - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/26 23:56

hi, there is no doctrine called once saved always saved... the doctrine is the eternal security of the believer. and if you are a believer in Christ and what He did on the cross for you then you are secure. jimp what sin in a believer's life is stronger than the blood of the Lamb? what sin was not conquered on the cross? sin is a major problem on the earth but Jesus is the answer to the problem and if not for grace and mercy coming from the cross there would be no salvation on the earth. jimp

Re: "Has the Church Lost the Fear of GOD?", on: 2011/6/27 0:02

jimp, what you keep espousing is called "easy believism" or UNconditional eternal security and even the Reformed don't teach "living a life-style of sin" and that belief of yours is the last days curse to the Church and I can't believe you sat under Ravenhill and learned that in Bible College.

It's the doctrine of Balaam.

Read these in the chapters they are found in - it's only two of MANY...

1Co 6:9, 10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Re: Inheritance reserved, power of God, kept by faith - posted by savannah, on: 2011/6/27 0:25

1 Peter 1:1-5 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers dispersed through Pontus, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, unto the sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. Grace unto you and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: Unto an inheritance, incorruptible, and undefiled and that cannot fade, reserved in heaven for you, Who, by the power of God, are kept by faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 0:40

I've been a member of a Reformed Presby church long enough to know what they teach and a person indulging in adultery and fornication for close to three decades, after being offered help by many, was finally de-membered from the most merciful church I'd ever seen.

You men are not teaching the Full Gospel, if you will say that a man living in sin for that long is saved.

What you are espousing is what is causing the apostasy that we see right now and why the fear of GOD is gone from the majority and why there are as many divorces with Christians as with unsaved and why we're not a witness to the world - because we're no different.

The "we can do anything we want and still be saved" LIE is what has killed our witness to the world. We're the laughing stock of the world and more like the world now than every before in Church history.

Consistent Loose living? Keep it to yourself - It's NOT in HIS WORD!
And neither did Spurgeon nor the others promote this blasphemy.

{eta} "Spurgeon" - https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmode=flat&order=0&topic_id=23578&forum=34&post_id=185594&refresh=Go

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Better a millstone be tied around one's neck...

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 3:23

It seems to me that whenever you talk about sexual issues on a public forum, there are always a one or two women that come out of the woodwork and start speaking out of the hurt of their past sexual abuse--THAT HAS NEVER BEEN RESOLVED. But I'll say it is much more limited and not nearly as vicious on this board as another board I used to post on.

Do you believe King Saul was saved? He was clearly anointed of the Lord. But later in his tragic life we read, "The spirit of the Lord departed from Saul and an evil spirit of the Lord troubled him". Towards the end of his life, Samuel told him, "This day you shall be with me". I believe it was Samuel that appeared to Saul in his encounter with the Witch at Endor.

So here is a man who never really was quite able to submit himself to the will of God in his life. Other kings had done things a lot worse than anything Saul ever did. The Lord was simply displeased with him because he did not have a heart to follow God.

Re: Strongest verse ever refuting "once saved always saved". - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/27 3:49

But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.(1corinthians 5v11)
"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."(1corinthians 6 v18-20)

Endzone the Truth is what God desire in you is restoration, His mercy is infinite but its purpose is to manifest His nature which is TRUTH in us. Without His mercy none of us will be safe yet that mercy is not separate to HIS truth. The grace of God will not manifest in you if you did not first repent. God desire and love you more than you know but the will of HIS love is that HE will have HIS way in you and that is Truth. You must have a contrite heart in repentance then will HE manifest HIS power in you.

The salvation of your soul is something not be taken with lightness and God can never Justify any in sin or unholiness. He desire to walk with you as He work with every saint past or present, but without HIS holiness in you how can you see HIM.

The one that gives Comfort in sin is none but the voice of the wicked one, but God will manifest His mercy when you repent with a contrite heart, and HE will give you HIS grace to walk in TRUTH because you humble yourself before as for the proud HE resist them and they can never get HIS grace. Humble yourself under HIS might power in repentance.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/27 3:51

hi, i am righteous because He is righteous...i am Holy because He is holy ... i am in Christ and am walking in the spirit so when the Father looks at me He sees the glory of His Son. there is no condemnation for He took the judgement of the Father upon Himself.i am dead and the life i live is not my life but Christs who liveth in me.it is the goodness of God that leads to repentance. His mercies are new every morning so i like paul die daily and dead men have already completed the sentence and his wages. i am so glad you are saved because you do not do all that wickedness but i am totally trusting in the sloppiest agape there is .the love of Jesus and his mercy and grace and if i go to hell then so be it v=for there is none good no not one.i will put my faith and future in the nail scared hands of Jesus and Him only.jimp

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 4:01

You really know how to stretch things Craig. You first posted this same stuff in Feb. Four months ago and yet you have the nerve to ask just two pages back "What happens if I don't completely stop watching internet porn? Will things get even worse?"

SermonIndex Greg and another Moderator and others posted wisdom to you back in February and yet you have to even ask "What happens if I don't completely stop watching internet porn? Will things get even worse?"

I have Never been "sexually abused". I've watched some men go down the trail you've treaded for this long and I saw the end results. THAT is what I speak From.

I got strong in His Word and His Spirit through those encounters because I went to GOD on their behalf. HE gave me discernment to now know when someone means business with Him.

That you would boast of your exploits, not only on this thread but on others, and still hold on to these things is reprehensible. These are not the words of a repentant man.

I've been in the Church for 35 yrs and anyone staying in such blatant sin for as long as you have, truly needs to find Godly counsel from True Christian men Privately, as Greg Gordon advised you to do in February and not flaunt your sins in front of sisters and the young in Christ repeatedly on here.

You have been counsiled repeatedly. I remember all the threads and a simple search on your Endzone name will refresh your memory and see how many have warned you and tried to the best of their ability and Scriptural knowledge to help you.

NO, you Do Not have to go to any porn sites. Even unsaved men have been able to resist that. That's a premeditated action and out of the Love For Christ, it Can Be resisted. Just Don't!

Men who have had victory over this have posted to you but you always come back playing your self-pity violin - every time. You misquote Scripture when it suits you.

Your soul is at stake and that is the only reason I'm on this thread. But you don't WANT to hear the way out - you'd rather ask foolish and yet revealing questions like still watching porn.

I've known men who fell into sin that TRULY loved GOD and not for the great "manifestations of power" that they thought were from Him or that they could get from Him and they repented and are now more careful with their walk.

There ARE fruits that are signs of Salvation. Obedience out of Love is one of the main ones - but all I've seen out of your posts since February is a desire for sympathy with an under-current of that you don't truly have any true intent to take control of your vessel. I know unsaved men who have yet you mock GOD by saying that you can't.

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1Th 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

1Th 4:5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

1Th 4:6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

1Th 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1Th 4:8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

You have wanted your cake and eat it too. Salvation & Sin.

When a man keeps grasping for any Scripture he can find to justify his life-style of sin - that is a signal that should set off an alarm.

I know from all the young men I have talked to, that when they stumble and give into sin, that is not what a truly repentant sinner does.

Start reading here and find some Godly man to talk to - If you mean business. https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=37700&forum=36&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0

And if you don't - you are only defiling others with this many excuses posted and reposted.

GOD would never tell us to flee youthful lusts, abstain from fornication, possess our vessel and so forth SO many times in His Word if it were not possible... so you are making Him a liar. A true Christian also has the indwelling Spirit of God within him, so he's even more capable of ceasing these actions than an unsaved husband who stops cheating on his wife in these ways.

You've been counseled enough here and you spurn the true council and just reply to who you have chosen to, that have tried to help you - as it's convenient to you.

If you've been to "other forums" for this and are still bringing it up, even 4 months after your first post on it here - then you are NOT Trying, because I know that you have gotten sound counsel that every man of GOD has received.

Your testimony is not convincing that you were ever truly saved - but it's still up to you to do something about that. "Sweet voices" is not evidence of regeneration. New Agers get "sweet voices, etc" that you've used as your proof of Salvation. The proof of salvation is a New Creature in Christ that strives because of Love to obey His Word.

Yes, I have seen this same thing before. A man grasping at any Bible story he can to continue in his sin and still get to Heaven. That is truly a repulsive way to use GOD's Word.

You will not find ONE such story in the New Testament amongst those who came to Christ in SINCERITY that lived a life-style of immorality for decades. Not a one.

If you want the assurance - walk the walk like the rest of us have been told to by His Word. You are no one special to get away with what others have never been able to, since He walked this earth.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/27 6:07

seducing spirits are very real

paul talked about some people receiving other spirits

these spirits imitate the holy spirit, but without the same conviction of sin, and you will think that these spirits are godly spirits

to sin for thirty years without powerful conviction in the first months of you walk with this spirit is indication that this is not the holy spirit that you received

there is a very powerful seducing spirit that operates in the pentecostal charismatic ring

todd Bentley was one who wealed this spirit, as did others before him, Rodney Howard Brown

can I ask if you have been influenced by this new wave of spirituality

one can receive this spirit, and never be born of God

this is more than likely what has happened in this case, end zone

many people can even taste of the holy spirit at the beginning of their spiritual walk, and never be truly born again, you may have tasted the power of God drawing you to himself, and then you turned to an experience in connection with these false blessings

but I don't believe a born again Christian can do that

I don't start quoting scripture

but, he who is born of God keeps himself and the evil one cannot touch him

from your confession the evil is now touching you and tormenting you

he who is born of god does not sin because god seed is in him and he cannot sin because he is born of god

you have continued in sin with out repentance

the bible is clear

let the sword of the spirit cut you deep

brother if you believe you are saved ,,you will never repent ,you need to stop beleieving you are a child of god ,,,,,and st
art hearing the word of god like a lost sinner does,so that you might repent believe and call on the lord to save you ,, if y
ou dont ,, you will never make it ,,dont put it off , you may not have much time left

i dont no what else to say

i dont want to give you a false scence of security

find some sermons of rolf barnad ,and listen to 20 or more sermons and let the word cut deep

im trembling wile i write ,,hear his word brother please ,please hear it

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 10:47

Jesus-is-God, lady, your are a complete whack job. I don't know if you're a man or a woman, but you sound like 2 or 3 o
ther women that have just exploded on me regarding this sexual issue in my life. Your trying to give me your advice is li
ke me trying to advise you on the pains of childbirth. Everything you say about me is a lie--that I was never saved and t
hat I'm just trying to get sympathy and that I have no desire to stop this sin. Nothing could be further from the truth. Tha
t is just your misguided take on things. I'll tell you what. If you spent less time posting on this board and more time in pr
ayer, you might actually hear from God and be lead by the Holy Spirit and actually have something worthwhile to say on
this board. So please do me a favor and don't post or comment on this thread that I started again.

Oh, I know perfectly well what your next move is. You're going to go crying and whining to the moderators about what a
unacceptable post this is, blah blah blah. There is usually at least 1 wimpy feminized guy that will agree with your bleedi
ng heart and delete the post. I just hope you read it first. You don't know didly squat about me or my relationship with th
e Lord Jesus Christ. You also will never know what I've gone through spiritually with this battle or the degree of pain of h
aving a wounded spirit. I'm tired of whining women like you exploding on me. So please, don't comment on any of my p
ost anymore if you are able to control youself. Thanks, Craig.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 11:04

barkary, thank you for your words of truth. You are right that God will have His way in us. Resisting God is futile, and it
only leads to more and more pain.

You're right about the verse that says for Christians not to even keep company with a fornicator. You know why sexual s
in is tolerated in the church in America? It is because so many other people (including a lot of the leaders) are caught u
p in their own sins that are on that list of sins in I Cor. 5. That is why it is tolerated. The church in America has become
very tolerant of sin.

I keep hearing the a verse in Romans 8:13, "If you live after the flesh you will die, but if through the Spirit you do mortify t
he deeds of the body, you will live".

If things don't improve in my life I would rather die.

Do you live near a coastal city? That river that runs through the country there is huge.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dippKuxnvHw>

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 12:46

Endzone... The more I consider your spiritual situation the more concerned I am for you. You come here and admit to all some very greivous sins and moral failings. You ask for people to comment and then you have the gall to go off on some of them?? Wow dude.

Seems to me that you should be a little more contrite and humble, not bombastic and prideful. I believe whats in your heart is being revealed.

Your rants against some of the ladies on this forum are uncalled for.

You want some advise about how to deal with the sin in your life? I'll give ya some... here it is: STOP IT! Grow up, stop being Peter Pan... be a man and STOP IT. If you loved God and wanted Him as close as you say, it would not be all that hard. But you love your sin and you love the darkness more than you love Him. Thats your problem. You're unregenerated.

Stop your sinning and stop your whining. Repent and be ye saved.

Krispy

Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2011/6/27 13:36

Endzone,

Jesus-is-God is a female. She started on SI as GrannyAnnie then got banned and came back for a brief stint as He_Reigns. Snuck back in as Jesus-is-God and has been here ever since. One of the things she is known for is spelling Oy Vey as Hoy Vey. Seems a cross between Spanish and English. You can search SI to see this. Also known for boasting how she is pentecostal and attends a Reformed church.

Unfortunately, she has been allowed to stay as the token pit-bull of SI. Her "discernment" as she calls it is to attack, belittle and act condescendingly towards others. She is engaging in her own deception within SI.

She is not as "pure as the driven snow" as she likes to make people think. And yes, she may be successful in getting you banned. It has happened to many others.

There is no fellowship with her, just correction and condemnation. But SI allows her to stay and you can't fight that. At least you know the "whack job" you are dealing with.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 14:46

SI knew who I was - if you need proof - the threads are there. I asked to be removed from membership here on 3/17/08, so coming back was not "sneaking back on" but a new beginning after certain things changed.

The rest of your judgments are between you and GOD because you do not know me personally. I have not caused anyone to be banned. I have nothing whatsoever to hide. If I did, I certainly would have tried to hide my way of expressing myself, my church affiliations and what I have held as beliefs or convictions since I first signed-on.

Quote:

"Unfortunately, she has been allowed to stay as the token pit-bull of SI."

Do not implicate SI for anything that you don't like about me, Mikey.

SI can do as they see fit with me coming back after I asked to be removed and it would not affect how I feel about SI and it wouldn't change anything else in my life.

Your post did expose a lot on this particular thread though, where a man's life in Christ was at stake - not mine, and that's the only sad part of the whole of your post - that your hatred for me was more important than a man's soul and right after an excellent post to him. Unbelievably sad for you, Mikey.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 15:15

Thanks mikey2. Thanks so much for your honesty.

God Bless,
EZ

Re: - posted by bakary (), on: 2011/6/27 15:26

Yes Endzone I am Gambia is surrounded almost on all side by river and in my village we are so near the rivers. Yes about the state of the church in your country I will encourage you to look not on the works of man and what men are doing for even if Noah, did that in His generation he will have been destroyed with the ungodly. When we judge things by what almost everyone is doing we will surely miss God's will and purpose for our life our salvation is personal and God does not need people to be right before he saves us. If we repent and seek His face in prayers and also occasional fasting He will give us His strength and also use the scripture to teach and guide us. Bless.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 15:31

"Your post did expose a lot on this particular thread though, where a man's life in Christ was at stake - not mine, and that's the only sad part of the whole of your post - that your hatred for me was more important than a man's soul and right after an excellent post to him. Unbelievably sad for you, Mikey."

Your post to me wasn't excellent you whacko, your post absolutely sucked. If you really want to bless me, please don't ever post in this thread again. Thanks.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 15:36

Thanks bakary. I will try to carry on in His strength brother. I'm not sure what the future holds. But I do repent of my sins. As you say, this is so important. May the Lord bless you.

I see that Banjul is the capital city, but there are hundreds of villages surrounding the Gambia river.

God bless,
EZ

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 17:16

Craig, I was referring to Krispy's post that was before Mikey's.

You had earlier this year asked if David Wilkerson was a "whack job". I feel sort of privileged now to be called names by you and Mikey, who just joined this May but has much to say about things he doesn't know the private details of.

This thread had made me grieve for you almost as much as I did for that other man that I was telling Old Joe about, because of the exact M.O..

You will stay in our prayers, as I posted on pg 2.

why did i know?, on: 2011/6/27 17:38

that this would degenerate into a 100 plus post abomination of a thread?

and some of you actually wonder why outsiders want nothing to do with the church.

may this thread serve as a template.

now, moderators, dont you think its yime to do your job and end this?

Re: why did i know? - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/27 18:25

First of all God tempts not man to sin, we are carried away by our own lust and sin conceives

Even Paul had a thorn, we don't know what it was, but God said His Grace was enough.

How many of us are trusting the Grace of God to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, in our confession and agreement with God that we are lost and need the Blood of Christ to give us freedom from sin, that being in Christ and and Christ al one. I am not saved by what I do or don't do, I am saved because "I am" a bee-er in Christ, not a doo-er.

How many need to know how to be set free from unrighteousness and condemnation of each other in our lives.

I am 72 two and still fight every day for righteousness, and cry much because I cannot be like Christ as long I am still in t his body of death that even Paul cried out, "How"

Only by the Christ in us. Let us have compassion and not judgement for each other. We all need it. If there is someone that does not need Grace and mercy and Christs blood, please give me the formula, for He is who I depend on for my on ly righteousness. 1 Cor 1:30 By Him and Him alone am I made righteousness before God, certainly not by what I do or think.

In Christ: Phillip

"Live for and Love one another as I have loved you and gave Myself for you". For you were lost and now you are found and found and continued founding until the day of redemption.

I cry out to God for others but I have not given my life yet or shed my blood for my brothers and sisters. He that is in us has and only by His propitiation can I pray for others and myself.

Re: , on: 2011/6/27 18:42

Quote:

-----I am not saved by what I do or don't do, I am saved because "I am" a bee-er in Christ, not a doo-er.

Please, read these verses especially centered around verse 22.

Jas 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jas 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jas 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Recently, a 15 yr old boy signed on that is struggling and if we don't give this young Saint His Word - His Pure Word - what sort of future is this thread offering him?

Pardon my terminology - but I Did "discern" an on-fire anointing on that young man's life - very much so and that is the other reason I have stayed with this and I have witnesses that I spoke to on a com-call to back that up.

If we keep straying further and further from what The Word of GOD made flesh has written, we can forget the fear of GOD or Revival or any blessings - until we begin contending for the faith and the Truth of GOD's Pure Word.

Phillip!, on: 2011/6/27 18:52

Quote:

-----I am 72

this, i did not know!! Praise God, may He extend your days and make them full of Life, Love and Joy!! my dear father in the Faith, i say "father" coz i'm 51 and...ah...concievably....y'know...i could address you as "older brother"....you pick.

may i speak? you wrote about crying much because you cannot be like Christ,. and forgive my audacity for giving an elder advice, but i say as the LORD leads, "cry not, for we all stumble, all break, or bend...just contend, fight the good fight, run the race".

but then again, i guess a soul is wont to be driven to tears over our weakened state in this tent of flesh.

tears are cleansing...i dont have to tell you, or anyone, you know.

you know what Phillip? i been in the Book of Amos, as He leads, i'm reading a couple of times. Amos was a lightening bolt, IS a lightening bolt..and i was reading and God the Holy Spirit said some Things to me. If i boast, i boast in the LORD. the Things He said...i cannot even describe, in fact, i was commanded NOT to describe, or detail such Things..i was just.....put it this way, those days, when you hear the Voice of the LORD...those days are what we live for...that He EVEN deigns to speak to me! what Privledge! what Joy!

in conclusion, its one thing to Know the Word, Scripture, the Bible, thats just foundational, it should be like the act of taking the next breath.....but to KNOW GOD?....to have intimate Relationship with Him?!...like Moses....face to face as a man would be to a friend?

Thats the closet a saved sinner can get to Heaven, THIS SIDE of Heaven!

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72 years young! Bless God! neil

but i do believe this thread is nearing the shoals of utter ruin, should ya'll persist...no fruit on this tree, no iron sharpening iron here.

Re: Phillip!, on: 2011/6/27 19:00

I respectfully disagree Nathan4Jesus. I think this thread has been very real. Why does it have to be all polished and look pretty? There are a million churches that people can go to on Sunday morning if they want that. And I'm not knocking "big church". I'm really not. I went to one for 30 years, and I still occasionally go. Home groups have their "stuff" too.

God have Mercy., on: 2011/6/27 19:11

my dear older brother testifies to the Power of the Blood:

Quote:

-----I am not saved by what I do or don't do, I am saved because "I am" a bee-er in Christ, not a doo-er.

and you give him your version of "christian perfectionism".

You want the Word? here, for those who seek to "do things for God"...for those who are "gifted with discernment"...for those who look and seem holy and anointed, for those who do not know when to still their keyboards or their mouths, and go back and forth on an internet forum, tearing and ripping and shredding, the LORD speaks:

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:21-24

Endzone, on: 2011/6/27 19:18

i respectfully disagree with your disagreement..

Quote:

-----Why does it have to be all polished and look pretty?

in no place did i say or imply that. in fact i run far far far from the pretty and polished white washed tombs, that pass today for "church"....some so full of bones and rotten flesh, and brittle hard religiosity.

but you dont know me, so its okay. that said, this thread is a stench and should closed at once. it brings NO GLORY to God.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/27 21:41

Jesus is God wrote: ""Please, read these verses especially centered around verse 22.

Jas 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jas 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

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Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.""

This is the wonderful Word of God, by whom I am engrafted into, it is Christ the Word. Only He can save my soul.

James is wonderful, but without being a bee-er my doo-ship is as dirty rags to my Father. I am a bee-er because Christ is in me, born again by the incorruptable Seed of the Father which is the Word of God. John 1:1-4. I know what manner of man I was and am condemned, I know what manner of Man I Am, because of the Christ that is in me and I praise God always for His great Grace and the sacrifice He made of His only begotten son on the Cross, just to get me, unfathomable. There are no words that can give God the Glory He deserves for what He has done in Christ for the sons He wants in His own House. This is where I will be some day, not by my works but by His.

In Christ only by the Father who birthed Him in me:

James also wrote: James 1:19-20 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Phillip

Re: God have Mercy. - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/27 22:12

Quote: ""But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5:21-24"" Amen.

And who is this? 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

His is, Jesus Christ my wisdom; Strong's Greek Dictionary

4678. sophia

Search for G4678 in KJVSL

sojia sophia sof-ee'-ah

from 4680; wisdom (higher or lower, worldly or spiritual):--wisdom.

Righteousness; Strong's Greek Dictionary

1343. dikaiosune

Search for G1343 in KJVSL

dikaioSunh dikaiosune dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay

from 1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification:--righteousness.

My Justice and Justification.

Sanctification; Strong's Greek Dictionary

38. hagasmos

Search for G38 in KJVSL

agiasmoV hagasmos hag-ee-as-mos'

from 37; properly, purification, i.e. (the state) purity; concretely (by Hebraism) a purifier:--holiness, sanctification.

I am Holy because He is Holy.

Redemption; Strong's Greek Dictionary

629. apolutrosis

Search for G629 in KJVSL

apolutrwsiv apolutrosis ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis

from a compound of 575 and 3083; (the act) ransom in full, i.e. (figuratively) riddance, or (specially) Christian salvation:-- deliverance, redemption.

I am ransomed in full, He paid the price.

""But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream""

In Christ: Phillip

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 2:11

Hi Philip, I wasn't ignoring you. Just needed time to piece some things together. You and I have had many such conversations and other than someone who's been banned more than I have and snuck back on enough times, I would have been back to reply much sooner. Neil seems to have forgotten his own history. Cursing me with Amos - of all things. Just a tad of wrath is the history there. Debate is one thing, but being called a bunch of foul language, takes a bit of time to absorb in one day. I'm human too.

Anyhow, you know I meant no disrespect and said earlier in this thread that I don't hold to the "sinless perfection" doctrine - but with Some, if you give an inch, they'll take a foot, obviously.

I recommend this Featured Sermon - while it's still up again -

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=22432> - Outstanding!

I understand your love for the LORD. It's just the way that you explain yourself at times that I ask for better clarification. This second post you've written, expressing your appreciation for James has helped.

There's nothing that we can do to save ourselves initially and that I fully come beside you on. We're not saved by works or by keeping commandments. I could never show my Dad the Word of GOD and tell him to follow it's commands when he's not saved. But after Salvation - there are the "works" listed through-out, that we'll be judged by.

I've picked out a few and will post them. They, as you know, are His Words - not mine. If names and foul language is posted at me again for posting His Word - I'll know even the better what I'm dealing with - not that I need to know after yesterday's language.

Anyhow - Here are some verses that do apply to the Saved.

I hope you can understand why the "doers of the Word" part was something that He has spoken and the following verse as well. I don't believe we disagree on anything He's written in the N.T., it's just our different ways of expressing it.

I don't want anyone to ever fear to post His Words because they are the only Words that we can say are "Life" and Power and our Sword of the Spirit for warfare and the cleansing that we need, from His Word. If we remove ourselves from His Word, we're spiritual cripples - and That is Truth. Satan would love to take our Sword away and that which strengthens our spirit and defeats all things that exalt themselves above the knowledge of GOD.

No other words on earth are "Living" nor are our weapon of warfare, nor 'cleanse' by His Spirit. We can type into our Bible Search, "Word & Words" and see by all that Jesus said about His Word, from Matthew to the Revelation, that it's absolutely necessary for growth, as well.

These may seem like a lot, but they're really not compared to how many there are regarding our part in our Relationship with Him. I'm not a "teacher", but I do love doing topical studies from His Word.

Thank you for your reply to mine Brother. GOD Bless!

Php 2:12,13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Mathew 25 - the sheep & goats, etc..

1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2Co 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work

Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God

2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

1Ti 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Tit 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Tit 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Tit 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work

Tit 3:14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Jas 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Jas 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Jas 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Jas 2:25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Jas 3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

Jas 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Rev 2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Rev 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

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Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/28 4:50

hi, the problem with the church is not eternal security but false security. when a person comes to an altar he comes to die. altars are places of sacrifice. when is the last time you heard an altar call that invited you to come and die? Jesus came and preached repent, John the Baptist came and preached repent as did Peter and Paul. but a sinner cannot repent from sin for if he could he would not need a saviour. to repent is to turn the rule over your life from self rule to Jesus as your Lord and Master. in Romans this is called walking in the Spirit and not in the flesh. good works should flow out of this relationship. all sin is self-centered and a Christian is Jesus-centered and then others-centered. if Jesus is not Lord of all then in your life He is not Lord at all. these works are His works and nothing you can be proud of. a selfish man becomes a giver and a sexually tormented man becomes a man of God control. your conscience becomes very sensitive so that your behaviour changes as you mature. it is all by grace and not of yourself lest you boast and criticize others. you must be born from above and unless the Holy Spirit births you, all your religious activity is a dog and pony show that leads to destruction. He did not come into the world to condemn the world but to save us who live here and trust Him. jimp

Re: shameful accusations JIG, on: 2011/6/28 8:34

Quote:
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"snuck back on"?.....oh no. i do not "sneak", obscure, or in anyway hide behind monikers. Rest assured my next missive will be to Greg Gordon to put this measure to rest.

i will quite upfront and transparent about my "history", the two times i've been banned...the first was in my refutation of those who "hoorahed" a sin soaked President who led this nation into a war based on a bed of lies, that war is Iraq, and we all see where that sin has led us, bankrupt, over 4,000 of our boys and girls dead, tens of thousands wounded for life, millions of Iraqis dead, and for what?...money and gold. If you eat Babylon, you become Babylon. This is a Biblical truth, that has been hot upon, again and again in Scripture, both thru prophesy, and history. i said that in late 2002, thru Mar of 2003, and say it even now, while we stand on the precipice of disaster, ready to reap the fruit of our sin.

second time, i stood absolutely against and opposed to those who adhere to the doctrine of demons, which is called "replacement theology". i stood against it before and i would do it again, without any hesitation, as such is nothing but the spew of Satan.

as far as your perception that i "cursed you" with the Words of Amos? come now, though your Love for God is precious i

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n His Sight...please, dont be deluded in thinking that my quoting from Amos was canted DIRECTLY towards yourself, be cause it was not....and i fail to see where i used "foul language"....harsh, hard, i will plead guilty to, but "foul"? no..... the harsh and hard words come from Amos under the Leading of the Holy Spirit, and in no way, were they to curse you.

as far as you not adhering to "sinless perfection"..Praise the Name!...my misread then, as i dont have the time, patience, inclination to follow such threads as this...or follow your walk with God, may He bless you this day.

neil...didnt catch your name, JIG.

transparency and authenticity should be the rule of the day.

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 9:15

JIG

This verse is about the strongest of the verses you quoted so I will just look at it in this post.

Quote:

-----2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

It like all the others, is an exhortation to godliness for the believer, and that we all are to take patiently. It tells us to go forward in a way that we MAY be perfect, yet we find that none of us are. It does not use the word MUST but uses the word MAY as a gentle exhortation that does not restrict but encourages. Likewise as you read the rest of the verses you quote d you will see that they encourage the believer on in practical holiness, but because the believer never 'arrives' at that w hich he 'should' 'ought' 'may' be, that practical holiness should never reach a point that it can rest in itself. It is then that h e is to find even more of Christ.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 9:50

Quote:

-----Do you believe King Saul was saved?

No.

2 Sam 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

Saul never was saved. The mercy of God was offered him, but Saul trusted in himself and refused it.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 9:57

Hi Neil, the "foul" part was not from your posts but the replies of endzone. I had to get my head from spinning from a trip le header yesterday ... his, mikey's and then was surprised at yours. Yours was the only one that hit the heart because i t was very unexpected, as I thought, well, I just never thought you'd post those two posts. Just sort of got dumb struck wi th those coming from you. I expect it from some, but not from you.

Brother, I didn't start the "attacks" on this thread. Your threatening me in your first line in this post is another surprise no w. If you read back just a little, the attacks with the "language" came at me.

It was hard to believe that any sort of "language" was necessary on this thread - whether foul or "harsh" and worse, it wa s allowed.

Have a Blessed day!

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 10:04

Hi Joe, I fought "sinless perfection" when it tried to come at us way back when. To be sinless would be to walk in the Spirit 24/7 - 100% His thoughts, words and actions - even no sins of omission and I won't see that until I see Him. To strive for 'moral' purity is what I feel is so important in these days. Our witness to the world is horrendous. I've answered not a few times on this thread that we can do Nothing without Him. It's sad that we can't talk about "holiness" without being accused of "taking the credit" for our walks.

Bless you as well, Friend.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/28 10:09

hi, your right, it always is someone elses fault.my problem exactly... thank you.jimp

Re: , on: 2011/6/28 10:31

Neil, as you've seemed to be asking, the sisters here call me by my 'real' name - Ann. And as to the 'whys' of what happened with me since '05, that's a very personal issue that I just can't share.

Jimp, your post makes it appear that you see no problem with foul language used at each other. I'm sorry that you feel that way also. Regardless whether we all don't agree with each other here, or how you feel about me or misread what I posted above - I can't see the language used on the last few pages as something that should be permitted on a website like this. Maybe the man just doesn't know where he is yet. Benefit of the doubt.

Take care Jim.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/6/28 11:22

hi, after being cursed and mocked, Jesus said Father forgive them for they know not what they do. He took our pain on Himself at the cross... He took our rejection at the cross...we need to turn the other cheek.jimp

"JiG", on: 2011/6/28 11:38

then please allow me the honor of calling you Ann.

Re: "JiG", on: 2011/6/28 12:32

Of course Hizzoner :) ... with PM on it's way.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/6/28 16:58

Jesus is God wrote:

Quote; ""These may seem like a lot, but they're really not compared to how many there are regarding our part in our Relationship with Him. I'm not a "teacher", but I do love doing topical studies from His Word.

Thank you for your reply to mine Brother. GOD Bless!

Php 2:12,13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Mat 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Mathew 25 - the sheep & goats, etc..""

with many etc'

With which none work without the first: Php 2:12,13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The most important; "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Question; What is sinless perfection? Sounds like Jesus Christ is the only One who would qualify.

The Christ in the believer is the only sinless perfection I know of.

It is His Spirit in us that make us sinless before the Father. It is our love affair that works in our souls, mind will and intellect, that brings us into alignment with the mind of Christ, this is our striving to be as He is because we love Him. It is by Him that worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure. He wants a love affair with His children, which by their new birthing now have a nature to accomplish this in us. This is why our works are in and by His good pleasure. No condemnation, only striving daily to defeat the old man mind and flesh we still live by. Oh, for the time when we no longer have to strive against this body of sin and death we still live in. Praise God, the day is coming and is at hand. Either in death or in the twinkling of an eye.

My works and striving without Christ are as dirty rags. All new believers need to know it is God who works in them, "both to do and to will to do of His good pleasure.

They cannot accomplish anything for God unless it is by His Son that is born again in them. Now the work of a new mind, the Same Mind that is Christ Jesus begins. We must be set free, and Christ is the only One that sets us free indeed, by His life that is now in us because of the incorruptable Seed of the Father. 1 Peter 1:23

In Christ: Phillip

King Saul , on: 2011/6/29 14:15

Joe I disagree that Saul was lost. I Sam 28:19:

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

If God can work through a donkey, He can surely speak through a witch. King Saul had an obedience problem in his life . But, he never forsook the Lord or turned his back on trying to serve the Lord. If Saul can't be saved, none of us can be saved IMHO.

Re: Jesus-is-God, on: 2011/6/29 14:19

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Thanks,
Endzone

Re: - posted by bowmyknees, on: 2011/6/29 16:01

Sorry to say I have been reading this thread.
Anyone listening to the Holy Spirit can discern the Truth.
Darkness hates the Light and the Truth.
Bless are we when persecuted for speaking the Truth in Love.
God Bless you Jesus-is-GOD.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/6/29 16:04

amen to that bowmy

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2011/6/29 18:34

1Thes 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1Thes 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Re: King Saul , on: 2011/6/29 22:50

EZ

King Saul never trusted God, no trust, no salvation.

OJ

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2011/6/29 23:50

I stand with Jesus-is-God and Old Joe and the poster who posted this:

Quote:
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Re: , on: 2011/6/30 1:13

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Thanks,
Endzone

That is pretty much of a stretch don't you think? She stands for what has thus far been revealed to her, and stands hard at it. Even if you don't agree, that definitely isn't a stench.

BTW for future consideration, when one hits ad-hom as bad as what you have just done, they have publicly declared their own defeat.

OJ

Re: , on: 2011/6/30 20:10

I would like to thank whoever has been praying for me recently. Last night as I was kneeling beside my bed in prayer the Holy Spirit came over me much in the same way he did before He left about 15 months ago. It was a wonderful time in the Lord, and I was so encouraged that the Lord has not left me. It was such an encouragement that made me long for the days when the Lord was present all the time. This morning I had a praise song in my heart that the Holy Spirit just brought out of me. This may be normal for most of you, but when you have walked through a very dark time like I have the past several months, it was a wonderful encouragement. Our God is indeed good. Whoever you are, may the Lord bless you and continue to bless your intercessory prayer ministry.

Regarding what's her name, my comments were a little bit too strong, so please forgive me for that. This lady reminded me of another lady on a board that called my pastor and told him I was a pedophile and a convicted child molester and there was a police record to prove it. It was all a complete lie. And what Jesus-is-God said about me is also false.

Thanks so much. The Lord bless you all. I don't expect to comment in this thread again. Thanks to the moderators for tolerating me. Bless you. EZ.

Re: , on: 2011/6/30 22:38

Quote:
-----BTW for future consideration, when one hits ad-hom as bad as what you have just done, they have publicly declared their own defeat.

No joke.

I've seen a lot of childish things on the board since I've been here, but the statements against JIG by far take the cake. To say shameful isn't even beginning to scratch the surface.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/7/1 3:14

God is amazing and He never lets us down. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, His Spirit walks in us, not just with us. Truly answered prayer. Love and strength and power in Christ Jesus to you and JiG.

Love you both: Phillip

Re: - posted by kwamenat, on: 2011/7/14 18:28

Ya, I never really bought this whole "one saved always saved" concept. The Bible is clear on this. There are many scriptures that supports otherwise. Of course God is merciful and wishing that none will perish but we cannot live however we want and be Saved! It's either God's way or....

Consider this text

Hebrews 6:4-6 (New International Version)

4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age 6 and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

This scripture is deep. Once we REALLY come to know Christ there is no turning back. When you sin it does not mean you have fallen back but if you continue in your SINS and constantly reject the Holy Spirit work to change you then it is evident that you want nothing to do with God and it becomes impossible to come back to Christ cause you have ceased to allow Him in your life.

blessings!

Re: Hebrews 6:9 - posted by savannah, on: 2011/7/14 23:56

Hebrews 6:4-6 are not isolated texts but ought to be read in their full context lest we miss the Spirit's teaching.

Continue and may the LORD the Spirit teach you...

Hebrews 6:9 "Yet we are persuaded of better things concerning you, beloved, and those which have to do with salvation, even if we are speaking thus."

"Better things (ta kreissona). "The better things" than those pictures in Heb.6:4-8." - RWP

"The apostle addresses the believing Hebrews, as "beloved"; being beloved by the Lord, not as the descendants of Abraham, but as the elect of God, and so as loved with an everlasting love; and which might be known to themselves, by its being shed abroad in their hearts, and by their being called by grace, and by their love to him, and to his people: and from hence they might conclude they should not fall away, as the apostates before spoken of; since, in consequence of being beloved by God, they were chosen in Christ unto salvation; Christ was given to die for them; they had the Spirit sent down into their hearts; they were justified, pardoned, and adopted; nor could they be separated from the love of God: and the apostle also so calls them, because they were beloved by him, not merely as being his countrymen, but as saints: and this he says to testify his affection to them; to show that what he said was not from hatred of them, or prejudice to them; and that his exhortations, cautions, and reproofs, might be better taken; and particularly that they might credit what he here says, that he was "persuaded better things" of them, than what he had said of others in Heb_6:4 even such as are expressed in Heb_6:10 he was persuaded they had the true grace of God; whereas the above mentioned persons had only gifts, when in the height of their profession; and the least degree of grace is better than the greatest gifts men can be possessed of: grace makes a man a good man, not gifts; a man may have great gifts and not be a good man; grace is useful to a man's self, gifts are chiefly useful to others; grace makes men fruitful, when gifts leave them barren in the knowledge of Christ; grace is lasting, when gifts fail, and cease and vanish away; grace will abide the fire of persecution, when gifts will not; grace is saving, gifts are not." - Gill

"What is "salvation?" In looking at salvation, we must consider it in two points of view; salvation wrought out for us, and s

salvation wrought out in us. Salvation was wrought out FOR the Church by the finished work of the Son of God, when he cried with expiring breath, "It is finished." The salvation of "the remnant according to the election of grace" was then completely accomplished, so that nothing could be added to, or taken from it; for "by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified;" and thus the Church stands complete in Christ, "without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing."

But there is a salvation which is wrought out IN the soul; the manifestation and application of that salvation which Jesus wrought out by his sufferings, blood-shedding, and death; and this we can only know experimentally so far as the blessed Spirit brings it into our hearts, and seals it there with holy unction and heavenly savor.

But all the people of God cannot feel sure they have this salvation as an experimental reality; doubts, fears, darkness, and temptations becloud their path; Satan hurls his fiery darts into their souls; and they are often unable to realize their saving interest in the Lord Jesus Christ and his salvation. They do not doubt that the Lord Jesus is the Savior of those who believe; they know that there is no other refuge for their guilty souls but the blood of the Lamb. They are effectually stripped from cleaving to a covenant of works; they are not running after things that cannot profit them, nor hiding their heads in lying refuges—
from all these things they are effectually cut off by a work of grace on their souls.

But through the unbelief of their hearts, the deadness of their frames, the barrenness of their souls, and the various temptations they are exercised with, they fear they have not the marks of God's family, and are not able to realize their saving interest in the love and blood of the Lamb. The Apostle, therefore, speaks of "things that accompany salvation;" that is, certain marks and signs, certain clear and indubitable tokens of the work of grace on the soul. And, speaking to the Hebrews, he says for their comfort and encouragement, "We are persuaded," whatever be your doubts and fears, whatever the darkness of your mind, however exercised with sharp and severe temptations, "we are persuaded" you are in possession of those "better things," of those "things that accompany salvation;" and that this salvation is therefore eternally yours." - Philpot

Re: - posted by kwamenat, on: 2011/7/15 14:34

In laymen terms what are you really saying?

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/7/15 18:00

What is necessary for forgiveness? 1 John 1:9 This falling away is not for believers, for it would be impossible to renew them again, which is what Paul is stressing, It is impossible for a believer to fall away because if they could they could not be renewed to repentance. The better things of whom Paul is speaking to prove they cannot fall away. Christ is in them and He will never leave them. What work has begun in them will be finished unto the Father's specification for us to live in His House. Those specifications are what Christ did on the Cross, Through what Christ did, Giving Glory to God, that God might have sons in His house.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2011/7/16 8:15

Hello Endzone, I also have had major difficulties with sexual addictions. I didn't think I could ever be free from them and was afraid to meet God when I died.

I had to drive the sins away from me which is a teaching which is missing about present day repentance.

It's not easy at all but God will move you into a place of closeness with Him. And you will have a message of repentance from God's heart for you and not from men

Once you start this process God will encourage you to keep going. Don't listen to men who will be convicted by your determination. Especially don't listen to your own wicked heart and Satan who will reason with you to give in. Don't give up and you will overcome.

Be single minded and cause your eye to look away from your temptations.

My own testimony is of God warning me that my time on the earth was short. I became ill and was very fearful of dying. I began to repent.

I was led by God to go out onto the hills in the middle of the night and talk with Him. My fellowship and closeness beca

me wonderful.

After I had changed the Lord became very personal with me and if I was to ever worry about the future I always hear his still voice calling out to me.

Re: , on: 2011/7/16 10:13

Thanks davidkeel for your encouraging testimony. So glad to hear that the Lord has given you the grace to walk out of his horrible crippling addiction! Thank God brother! I only want to encourage you to keep up the good work! You know what you say, some Christians may not agree with.

You hear the message a lot, "Brother you can't overcome this by yourself."

And there is another popular teaching I've heard too that goes something like this, "You can't do it in your own strength. When God is ready to deliver you, He will."

Well I think the Lord works according to our will too. He knows our heart and whether we sincerely want out of this or not.

That's why He says, "I the Lord God search the heart and try the reigns to give to each man according...."

Brother this is just a wonderful thing to be free of. I desperately want to be free. I'm frightened of what the future holds. It's like somebody who has done meth for 25 years and their life is ruined. They may be able to stop by the grace of God, but what is left for the future? Those are the thoughts that go through my mind at times.

I see where you are half way between London and the beach. Looks like a very good location there.

God bless,
Endzone

Re: - posted by kwamenat, on: 2011/7/19 17:30

God is willing that none will perish but all will repent and be saved. The Spirit is always working to save us. If we are not saved it is our own fault! I am just tired of people making it sound like we can continue to indulge in sin and still be saved. Not biblical!

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2011/7/19 21:59

Romans 7:7-25 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Back to the basics; Verses 7-13.--"Is the law sin?" is the next question raised. It springs logically from the statement that the passions of sins, coming out of an evil, sinful heart, were by the law and bringing forth fruit unto death. Still another "God forbid" is the answer. The law was given that we might have through that law the knowledge of sin. "I had not know

n sin, but by the law." I would not be conscious of lust, unless the law said, "Thou shalt not covet." The law given by a holy God is God's detective. The law forbids and the commandment at once brings out what is in the heart of man. Therefore, no blame can be put upon the law. Sin is that which must be blamed. Sin is lawlessness, rebellion against God and the law brings out that rebellion. Therefore apart from the law sin was dead, that is, dormant. But as soon as the commandment is given, the evil heart rebels against it and man is detected to be a sinner and a transgressor. Let us notice the change of the pronoun "we" to "I." Some thirty times this little word "I" is found in verses 7-25. We are brought upon the ground of personal experience; it has to be discovered and learned experimentally. The Apostle personifies this experience and speaks thus personally describing how a believer learns the lessons about the law, how the law cannot help a justified believer, and but makes of him a wretched man. It must also have been his own experience.

"For I was alive without the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." This is the experience of a man who is ignorant of the spirituality of the law. He thinks himself alive, but when the commandment came, its spiritual demands realized (the law is spiritual, verse 14), the false notion of being alive was detected, for sin revived and he died, which means that sin, discovered by the law, condemned him to death. "And the commandment which was unto life was found for me to be unto death." In connection with the commandment, the law, it is written, "This do, and thou shalt live." And so in this experience--he tries next to get life by the law, but he found it was unto death, for the declaration of the law is "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" (Ga 3:10; De 27:26). He speaks of sin, his evil nature, as one who had deceived him into all this, so that the law could manifest its power in slaying him. Verse 12 is the real answer to the question, "Is the law sin?" The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just and good. And because the law is holy it gives knowledge of sin and detects sin, bringing it to light in all its hideousness and then pronounces the sentence of death. One other question is asked, "Was then that which is good (the law) made death unto me?" God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceedingly sinful." It all comes back upon sin (the evil nature, the flesh). Thus by the commandment sin becomes exceeding sinful.

Verses 14-24.--But all this must be learned by experience, especially the fact "I am carnal," the knowledge that in my flesh there dwelleth no good thing and that I have no power, I am powerless against indwelling sin. What person is it who describes his experience in these words? Some have applied it exclusively to the Apostle. Others state that it pictures an awakened sinner and not a converted man. The man described is born again, but is in bondage to the law and is ignorant of his deliverance in Christ. We find first the statement "we know that the law is spiritual." This is the knowledge which a true Christian possesses concerning the law. And the Christian who knows this great truth, that the law is spiritual, also has learned another truth. "I am carnal and sold under sin." Here then it is where experience begins. True Christian experience is to know our full deliverance in Christ and to walk in the Spirit; the experience of a Christian in struggling with the old nature and discovering what is that old nature, the flesh, is put before us in verses 15-24. That we have here a converted person is seen by the fact first of all, that he does not want to do evil, he wants to do good and cannot do it and therefore hates what he does. The carnal nature, the flesh, which is still in a converted person, is thus demonstrated as enslaving him, however, he is no longer a willing slave, but he hates that old thing which has the mastery over him. In hating it and condemning sin, he does the same what the law does, for it also condemns sin. In this way he consents to the law that it is good. The seventeenth verse is of much importance. "Now then it is no more I that really do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." He learns the difference between himself as born again, in possession of a new nature, and the old nature. He begins to distinguish himself as in possession of a new nature that wills to do good, hating evil, and sin in him, the flesh in which dwells nothing good, but all that is evil. "For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh dwelleth no good thing, for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." It is a great discovery to find out by experience, that although the believer is born again, he has a nature in him which is evil, which cannot bring forth a good thing. But the will is present with him to do good, because he is born again; however, he finds not the power in himself to perform what is good. And now the conflict between the two natures is on. It brings out some important facts. "It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me." He as born again, no longer loves sin; he hates it. Because he does that which he does not want to do he can truthfully say "it is no more I that do it." Furthermore he delights in the law of God after the inward man. This can never be said of an unconverted man, but only he who has a new nature can delight in the law of God. But he finds himself in helpless captivity to the law of sin which is at work in his members. He finds out that while he has a new nature to will good and to hate evil, he has no power; sin is too strong for him. And this is to teach the believer that he must get power to overcome outside of himself. All his resolutions and good wishes cannot supply the strength to do. That he is self-occupied, seeking power by what he does and tries to do, is seen from the use of the little word "I." The name of the One in whom we have deliverance, Christ, is not mentioned once. The case is clear, it is the description of the experience of a believer, who is justified, born again, in union with Christ, dead with Him, risen with Him and indwelt by the Holy Spirit; but he lacks the knowledge of this and tries by his own efforts and in his own strength, through keeping the law, to obtain holiness. Having discovered that nothing good dwells in his flesh; that the flesh is not himself, but sin in him and that, because it is too strong for him, he is powerless, the cry of despair is uttered by him. "O wretched man th

at I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" He has reached the end of self. He looks now for deliverance from another source, outside of himself. The answer comes at once. "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." In Him there is deliverance and what that deliverance is, we shall learn from the first four verses of the eighth chapter. The two laws are mentioned once more in the last verse of this chapter. With the mind, as born again, he serves the law and the law gives him no power; in the struggle with the old nature he is enslaved by the law of sin. From; Gaebel's Annotated Bible

There is a difference in being under the Law and being in Christ. He is the only one that can set us free, by Faith that He will do it and has done it at the Cross. He is the One that pleases God, "My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased".

"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

WE have the Mind of Christ. Let us renew our minds to it.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

In Christ, whom pleases God the Father: Phillip