

"Dying to Live"

Romans 6:3-14

Jesus prayed to the Father... John 17:14-18 =

"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

When preaching on "Sanctification," **Charles Spurgeon said:**

How important (is it) that the Truths of God should be preached. How necessary that you never tolerate a ministry which leaves out the great doctrines or the great precepts of the Gospel. The Truth of God is the Sanctifier and if we do not hear the Truth, (if we do not) depend upon (the Truth), we shall not grow in sanctification. We only progress in sound living as we progress in sound understanding. "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my paths."

"No man has an error of judgment, without sooner or later having an error in practice... Hold fast the Truths of God which you have received and which you have been taught... hold fast... that you may be found faithful among the faithless. For by so holding the Truth of God shall you be sanctified by the Spirit of God.

Just as the Spirit only works through the Truth, so the blood of Christ only works through faith.

"Sanctification is a work in us, not a work for us.

T/S: Sanctification: the theme of Romans 6-8 and the specific topic of our message last week and again today...

INTRO: Romans 6:3-14 expands upon and explains the first two verses of the chapter. In short, to be saved by grace is to be dead to sin. Moreover, to be dead to sin is to be alive in Christ.

This is a very simple and straight forward passage

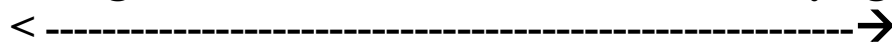
To be alive in Christ is to be perpetually sanctified... ever-growing in God's grace!

T/S: Your notes have more "kingdom continuums" - grow in holiness!

Living

Dying

Truth in Love



1 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? **2** Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

"Care-less Sanctification is the ill-legitimate child of counterfeit Justification" - JDP

He is my Treasure..... Idolatry
Matthew 13:44

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Scriptural Authority.....Self-Ruling
2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...

Commit to Christ..... Contemplation
Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Rejoicing in the Lord..... Jesus "plus"
Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? **4** For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Die to Self.....Live to Sin
Galatians 2:20

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

***** VIDEO: "Progress vs Perfectionism" (Mark Driscoll)**

Radical Transformation.....Surface Clean-up
2 Corinthians 5:17

if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Obedience.....Disobedience
John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Holiness.....Worldly
1 Peter 1:15

like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior...

Serve.....Served
Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Example.....

Excuse

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness

Zeal.....

Luke-Warm

Titus 2:14

He gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Going.....

Sitting

Acts 1:8

you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem (locally), and in all Judea and Samaria (regionally), and even to the remotest part of the earth (globally)."

Discipling.....

Deceiving

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...

Cross-Carrying.....

Cross-Avoidance

Luke 14:27

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

Christ-likeness.....

Playing Church

1 John 2:6

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

Lovers.....

Liars

1 John 3:18

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. **6** We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. **7** For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **8** And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. **9** We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. **10** When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. **11** So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

v.7 = "no longer slaves to sin..."

Remember Jesus' words: **"No one can serve two masters...."**

The old self served sin as master... those truly born again serve the King

1 PETER 4:1-2 = *"Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God."*

***** READ: John 15:5ff (Vine/Branches... What it means to "abide in")**

Abiding in Him..... My Way
John 15:5

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Spiritual life and spiritual death cannot come together...

You can have spiritual life and "stumble," but you cannot have spiritual life and "die"...

1 John 3:9 = *No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

More than "should not," True Christians CANNOT continue to "live in" (habitual) sin.

There's a big difference between the new "born again" you "stumbling" and...
the old, dead you coming back to life...

Who has died with Christ is DEAD... and...

...that which has been made new in Christ is a truly NEW creation! **2 Cor 5:17**

Philippians 1:6 = "He who began a good work in you will complete...."

We are all works in progress

Neither the Lost nor the Found can be other than they are...

**A sheep is a sheep is a sheep... and a goat is a goat is a goat...
...and anyone who tells you otherwise is a wolf!" – JDP**

"You cannot deny your DNA." - JDP

"You are not a remodeled sinner, but a remade saint." – J. MacArthur

1 Peter 1:15-16 = *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

12 *Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. 13 Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.*

***** VIDEO: "Be Sanctified"** (John MacArthur)

1 Cor. 6:15 = "Do you not know that your bodies are a part of Christ..."

Modest.....Manipulation 1
Timothy 1:8-10

Therefore, I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety... appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

1 Peter 2:9,11.... Christians are children of the king...

Satan can't touch a Christian's soul... so he aims at the nerve endings of the flesh...

"Lusts are lures of living lies" - JDP

Romans 12:1 commands us to offer our bodies as living and "HOLY" sacrifices...

Philippians 2:12-13 = "...work out your salvation with fear and trembling..."

When you and your bodily "members" are not righteous....

You're losing the battles with sin and Satan...

And you become human "bait" on the hooks of hell!

That means **Satan is USING YOU as a living lure...** a lie...

...leading others away from LOVE & LIFE!

Sanctification = "wanting" and "winning" in WORSHIP...

Sanctification is the change that comes with Christ!

"Members of your body" =

Mind - what are you thinking about? Focusing on? Convinced of? What do you think of the "on-line you?" More importantly: What does God think of the "on-line you?"

Eyes - what are you looking at? What have you opened the windows of your soul to? Reading? Gazing at? Mesmorized by? What do you see in the mirror?

Ears - who and what are you listening to? Lyrics to songs? Conversations you are a part of (or on the edge of)?

Nose - what do you smell (some smells say "Run!"); side note... noses were made to be a one-way street.... generally a bad idea to have things going in/up a nose (fingers to drugs)

Mouth/Tongue - Who are you talking to? What are you saying?

Arms - What/Who are you lifting up?

Hands - What are you holding? What do you have a grip on? What have you let go of that you should grab back a hold of?

Fingers - What are you pointing at? Who are you touching? What itch are you scratching? What are you typing and/or texting? (too many are too intimate with the internet!)

Legs - Where are you going? How fast are you running toward the battle line and away from sin?

Knees - How often are you kneeling down? To whom are you praying?

Feet - where are you standing? How firm are your feet of faith planted? Are you wearing God's boots of peace?

Do each of these parts of you look like they come out of the inventory of heaven or hell?

When you look at your allies, actions, attitudes...

...are they aligned more with the front porch of heaven or the trap door of hell?

Imagine if you only had 5 minutes to prepare..... Think about heading into the most important interview of your life... think of going to reconnect with the person you love more than anyone in the world... think of coming to say thank you to the person who saved your life and the lives of those you love the most... Think of meeting God Himself

What would you want Him to see was the last thing that had been on your mind?

What would you want Him to know you have been looking at?

What words would you want Him to hear in the inventory of your ears?

What smell would you want Him to associate with your nose?

Which of your past conversations would you pray that He not listen in on?

What's been in your arms that you wish He had not seen?

What did He free you from that you just wouldn't let go of with your hands?

Want to talk to Him about the quantity and lack of quality in terms of your touches, typing, &/or texts?

Where have you been that you know He would not have approved of?

What idols have you been kneeling too in this life? (Money, Materialism, Moralism, Kids, Comfort, Culture, Social, Sexual, Sinful in general...)

Have you found it hard to stand still lately? You can't stand firm if you're unwilling to stand still...

14 *Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.*

John 11:25 = *He who believes in Me, even if he dies he will live... (AWESOME!)*

Sanctification = "WANTING" and "WINNING" in WORSHIP...

SANCTIFICATION is the change that comes with Christ!

***** VIDEO: "Psalm 100"** (a uniquely youthful reading)

God's grace is never to be confused with a license to sin. On the contrary, Christians are called, and commanded to live holy lives.

While none of us will be perfect... "progressive-righteousness" is the calling card of every biblical believer.

1 Peter 2:9 = *you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Christians are Christ-like!

REAL Christians are... REALLY CHRIST-LIKE!