Let's Worship God

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2 Corinthians





Monday - 2 Corinthians 7:1 - The Quest for Godliness

In the Christian life, holiness includes not only separation from sin, but also a quest for godliness. Paul's saying that the promises of God impel us to be separate from sin and to separate ourselves unto holiness in the fear of God. Justification leads to sanctification. Out of gratefulness for the favour that we have received we respond not only in faith, but in obedience, following after God.

Holiness is separation from sin. Because God is holy, we too are called to be holy. We are called to be clean from these acts and attitudes of filthiness, these sins of spirit and flesh.

Holiness includes a quest for godliness. The Christian life does include the putting off of the old nature, the separation from sin. God tells us to flee temptation and to put away immorality from our lives. But it just makes sense that if you're running away from something, that you should also at the same time be running to something.

Holiness implies personal responsibility. We can have the hope of salvation because God is faithful, because Jesus has borne our sins and has obeyed for us. He who has begun a work in us will complete it. But that doesn't mean that we now have no responsibility. There is a goal to the quest for godliness. God has saved you for a purpose. And that purpose is that you would be holy, that you would be like Christ.

There's a cost to the quest of godliness. It will cost you everything. The Lord is the Lord of all or He's the Lord of nothing. It costs you everything because you belong completely to Him.

The quest for godliness takes practice. There aren't any shortcuts to godliness. God has so ordered it that we learn obedience. God is at work on the idols of your heart. He will cause you to grow in grace and strength through the patient practice of godliness. He'll lead you to understand the evil that you need to separate from, as well as the holiness that you need to practice.

The quest for godliness requires perseverance. There will be times that you find yourself lying flat on your back with the wind knocked out of you by the sin that you thought you had conquered. The hope is that we are not in that fight alone. Instead, we rest on Jesus Christ who is our Redeemer. We have Christ. And even more importantly, He has you. And He will never let you go.

Question

1. What is holiness?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would pursue holiness.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 111 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 7:2-7 - Christian Love

This passage shows us that Paul loved the church with Christ-like love. Remember that after Paul had left Corinth, he sent a letter to the Corinthians because he'd heard of some trouble that they were having. And in that first letter, Paul called them to repentance. Then he sent his fellow missionary, Timothy, to go to Corinth and to further teach and to reinforce what was said in his letter. Timothy returned to Paul with a report. The Corinthian church has not followed your counsel. And so Paul himself visited Corinth. This is described in 2 Corinthians 1. It's sometimes called a painful visit. He goes again to the city of Corinth and he personally confronted them on their sin, their failure to repent. And he calls them with apostolic authority to change their ways. And again, he departs on his missionary journeys, and he writes another letter following that painful visit, and he calls that letter a painful letter. One that we don't have in existence today, but that he mentions at various places in 2 Corinthians. Paul continues to be troubled for this church. He sends Titus to the Corinthian church to find out what's going on. He gets a report, and it's a report that overwhelms him. The Corinthian church has heard and has responded to the correction that he gave.

Christian love is, first of all, faithful. No matter what the Corinthians had done or what they had become, Paul continued to love them. He opened himself up and extended himself to the Corinthian church. And what did he get in return? They cast him off for false teachers. And all throughout this letter, we've seen how Paul agonized over that. And he calls them to see how this is the only true doctrine, the only true way of salvation. Humanly speaking, when we are injured, the temptation is to close up and to turn that love off to the one who has hurt us. But Paul says, you, the Corinthian church, are on my heart. I would die together and live together with you. It's the type of love that the Good Shepherd has for you, His sheep. For the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. Christ has faithfully loved us and faithfully born with our fluctuating love back. We are not constant. We are not faithful. But Jesus is. And Paul demonstrates this Christ-like type of love to the Corinthian church. He was faithful to the church that Christ had purchased with His own blood. He did not take offense when offense was given. He did not return evil for evil, but instead returned good. He kept on loving the Corinthian church.

Question

1. How does Paul show Christ-like love?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would love like Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 55:1-5 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Wednesday - 2 Corinthians 7:2-7 - Christian Love (Part Two)

Christian love is selfless. This comes through in verses 5 through 7. Paul indicates that when he and his fellow missionaries came to Macedonia, that that they had no rest. Why was his spirit restless? What was this conflict that he had? It's the love that he had for the Corinthian church. A selfless love that would lay aside his own comfort and even his own progress in a fruitful ministry in Troas. He would hazard trouble and trial. He would not rest until he found out the condition of this beloved church. Again, this is for a church that hurt him. He put their well-being over his own interests. Paul even expresses a selfless love in the relief that he experiences. Paul didn't rejoice in any type of personal victory or exercise of his power. Instead, he rejoiced that God had granted the gift of repentance to the Corinthian church. Can't you see Christ in this selfless type of love that Paul showed the church? You might read in Philippians chapter 2 about the love of Christ that is demonstrated in His incarnation, in His laying aside the glories of the Godhead to become a servant to suffer and die for us. How could Paul love the Corinthian church who had cast him off? It's because his hope rested on the work of God who comforts the downcast. He knew that the Lord who begins a good work in us is faithful, that He will complete it until that day of Jesus Christ. He could pray for the Corinthian church knowing that God's great purpose is to claim a bride for Himself, and to cleanse that bride, and to take that bride all the way to the very end in perseverance and faith. He'd experienced that type of love personally. He had seen it demonstrated in Jesus Christ and in His words and in the church. He could pray for them, resting in the God who comforts and the God who saves.

The Church of Jesus Christ is made up of sinners redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Those called by God and set on a pilgrimage toward perfection and heaven, a destination that will not be reached in this life. Do you know what that means? That means that you and I will sin and sin against each other. It's a pilgrimage that's full of pits and traps. It's full of hills of difficulties and dungeons of despair. And you and I will fall into those trials. You and I will fail and sin and be wayward in our love towards God and towards each other. May God grant that we show this type of faithful, selfless love to our Christian brothers and sisters. God grant us this type of mature, deep faith in Him and love for Him that loves each other, especially when they hurt us.

Question

1. How did Paul show selfless love?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would show faithful, selfless love.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 55:12-18- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Thursday - 2 Corinthians 7:8-12 - The Joy and Sorrow of Repentance

Repentance does bring joy. It means the forgiveness of sin and a restored relationship. The Bible talks about there being joy in heaven when a sinner repents. But there is something that precedes that joy of repentance. God confronts us and he prompts us to godly sorrow over our sin. That leads to true repentance. Godly sorrow is a necessary prerequisite to true repentance. And true repentance is necessary for salvation.

Remember that there is a setting here that Paul is addressing. He's addressing a Corinthian church where, within their midst, they were dealing with a man who had an incestuous relationship with his stepmother. They boasted about their being liberal in their dealings with him. Paul confronted them about this sin and called for the Corinthians to deal with this man and his unrepentant sin.

For the honor of God, for the love of the church, Paul will not turn away from them, and he will press upon them this need to repent. But it's not a happy thing that's done. But evidently God used this rebuking of their sin to work a godly sorrow in the Corinthian church. He used those efforts to bring about genuine and true repentance among them. True repentance involves not just a changing of the mind, but a changing of the will, a changing of the heart, so that we turn from sin with revulsion of it and turn towards holiness.

Worldly sorrow may look the same as godly sorrow at first glance, but Paul shows how there is a great difference between the two. Worldly sorrow is superficial. It may touch the face and the words, but it doesn't touch the heart. Superficial, worldly sorrow is also oriented towards the self, whereas godly sorrow is oriented towards the Lord. Worldly sorrow is sad because of the consequences of the sin. Godly sorrow has the Lord's person and His holiness in its sights. It looks at God and then understands what an offense that sin is to Him. There is a sense of seeing the holiness of God and having our stomachs turned by the sin that still exists in our life. Godly sorrow, when it leads to true repentance, is not left in a state of desperation or of self-loathing. We turn from sin and we turn to God. We understand that with Him there is forgiveness. We know that there is mercy that God offers to those who sin. As a consequence, godly sorrow leads to life. It leads to repentance, which leads to salvation. Worldly sorrow does not turn to God, does not turn to repentance, and Paul says leads to death.

Question

1. What is the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?

Prayer Points

1. Pray that you would have godly sorrow over sin in your life.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 116:1-6 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Friday - 2 Corinthians 7:8-12 - The Joy and Sorrow of Repentance (Part Two)
Godly sorrow is worked out in practical ways. The Spirit of the Lord is at work in us so that we forsake sin and endeavor then with all of our hearts to live in new obedience following after Christ.

Godly sorrow produces diligence - diligence in the Christian walk. Diligence could be translated earnest desire or eagerness. It's an active type of word that has in mind working to correct what is wrong. The opposite of this word is to be unconcerned, to be callous, or to be sleepy in respect to what God is doing.

Godly sorrow leads to an attempt to clear the account. And how are we going to do that? It is God alone who can clear our account. It is God alone who can pardon your sins and reckon you to be righteous. It is only by Jesus Christ that the Lord forgives our sins and covers them over in Jesus' righteousness. So on the basis of Christ's work on our behalf, we can appeal to God for pardon, for clearing of our account. Jesus Christ has paid the penalty that you and I deserve. And by appealing to God for mercy, you can find forgiveness, a clearing of your account.

Godly sorrow produces indignation. What's the source of that indignation? It has to be directed at the sin. You should never lose the horror and the revulsion that sin is. Renewal by God will lead you to look in that mirror of His holiness and not like what you see.

Godly sorrow produces fear of offending a just and holy God. And not just a just and holy God, but the one who has loved us, who has given His Son to bear the price of our sin. Fear comes from an understanding that the righteous judge will surely judge righteously. He is justly angry about sin. That leads immediately to the next thing that's produced, vehement desire. We wait upon our Master with an eager, vehement desire to please the One who has loved us.

Godly sorrow produces zeal. It's that desire to be right with God and to have a clear conscience intensified. Finally, Paul says, godly sorrow leads to and produces vindication. By this, Paul has in mind making right as you have offended. It's a word that is sometimes used for the payment of a debt. We must understand that sins have consequences. The holiness of God is vindicated when repentance leads to dealing with those consequences.

Question
1. What does godly sorrow produce?

Prayer Points
1. Pray that we would take our sins seriously.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse
For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 51A :1-5- See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



Saturday - 2 Corinthians 7:13-16 - The Joy and Sorrow of Repentance (Part Three)
Great comfort and joy follows godly sorrow. Repentance leads to joy in heaven, joy in ourselves, and joy among the church. Paul and his fellow workers rejoice over what God has done in the Corinthians. Paul really mirrors here the compassion and the faithful love that God shows to his church. There is joy in heaven over repentance. There is joy when sinners turn to Christ. When Christians repent of their entangled sins and are renewed in obedience, there is joy in heaven over that.

There is joy in yourself as well when you repent. Paul says that the Corinthians have been comforted. What is the source of that comfort except that the Corinthians had been restored in their relationship to God and church? Have you ever been alienated from someone because of sin that you have committed against them? When that offense has been forgiven, there's great peace and joy in that relationship again. In a similar way, there is joy and comfort that follow godly sorrow and repentance. The Lord promises to grant mercy and peace to those who seek Him in forgiveness, seek Him in repentance. He promises that He will not hide His face from you, but will turn again and grant you peace and comfort in His presence. He has promised never to leave off or to forsake the work of His hand, so that if you are experiencing godly sorrow over sin, the remedy is to seek God's face.

There is joy that's brought in the church over repentance. Paul says that Titus came back with this good news and they are exceedingly happy over what God had done in the Corinthian church. They'd even boasted, Paul said. What could he have been boasting about that is found true now? It has to be that God would bring the Corinthians to repentance. God is able to humble even those who have scorned the counsel that has been given many times. Paul has a great faith that God can work godly repentance. Paul boasted of God's power to save. What did Titus find but that Paul's boasting was true? God had brought them to repentance. And so, Titus was overjoyed. There's rejoicing in the church over repentance.

Question
1. What was Paul boasting in?

Prayer Points
1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse
For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10

Praise: Psalm 32 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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