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Killing Sin

Recently I have been reading a book called *The Mortification of Sin* written in 1656 by John Owen. I'm not sure how I'd heard about the book, but it has certainly left a powerful impact on me. The book has forced me to ask some probing questions of myself and my life as a follower of Christ: Am I daily recognizing and confessing sin, or do I just trivialize it? Am I striving more and more each day to grow in Christ or am I just on cruise control? Am I asking the Lord as David did to "*search me and know my heart...to see if there be any hurtful way in me,*"(Psalm 139)...or David again in Psalm 51, praying to God "*to create in me a clean heart...for You desire truth in the innermost being*"?

Although I am certainly aware that I'm to blame for my own lackadaisical approach in this area, I can't help but think that here in the United States we are also victims of weak preaching. It seems rare to hear of a sermon from a pastor in this country calling out his congregation to be in the habit of daily mortifying sin. In his book, Owen writes, "Believers in Christ, though completely free from the condemning power of sin, still ought to make it their business every day of their lives to be killing the indwelling power of sin that still remains in them." He goes on, "There is not a day in our lives in which sin does not either defeat us or is defeated, prevails over us or is prevailed over, and it will be like this as long as we live in this world...believers whose souls long to be delivered from the troubling and persistent power of indwelling sin know there is no safety against it except through constant warfare."

But really the question that we should be asking ourselves as Christians isn't "how did we get here?" but instead "what am I doing now to please the Lord in this area of my life?"

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 13:5, "*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-unless indeed you fail the test?*" We should be asking ourselves: Is sin decreasing in my life? When I stumble in an area of sin am I mortified by it? Do I hate it? Paul also wrote to the Philippians in Philippians 2:12 and told them to "*work out your salvation with fear and trembling.*"

We as believers are responsible to be continually obedient to the Lord in the process to become more like Christ. As true believers in Jesus, let's "*fight the good fight.*" Let's love God's Word, and study and meditate on it and hide it in our hearts to help keep us from sin. (Psalm 119:11) May we as children of God, and until Christ's return, always be at the task of mortifying sin. --scott

1 Timothy 6:11-14

"But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Music and Through the Teaching of God's Word and Discipleship of Others"

Something to consider...

“Jesus said to them, ‘*But who do you say that I am?*’ Simon Peter answered, ‘*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*’” (Matthew 16:15-16)

(excerpted from article “Who Do You Think That I Am?” from gty.org)

“*Who do you say Jesus is?* Your response to Him will determine not only your values and lifestyle, but your eternal destiny as well... *Who does the Bible say Jesus is?* The living God, the Holy One, the Savior, the only valid object of saving faith, the sovereign Lord, and the righteous Judge.

Who do you say Jesus is? That is the inescapable question. He alone can redeem you—free you from the power and penalty of sin. He alone can transform you, restore you to fellowship with God, and give your life eternal purpose. Will you repent and believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?”

Jesus said in John 14:6, “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.*”

As you reflect on Christ’s death and resurrection this Easter, it is our prayer if you already know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, that you will grow in Christ-likeness and sanctification as we eagerly await His return. And if you have never believed by grace through faith in Jesus alone to save you and to forgive you from the penalty of your sins, we pray that you will turn to Jesus today and repent and believe.

Have a Blessed Easter!



TRUTH SINGERS CARNIVAL

Thursday, April 20
6:00



If you would like to help out at the Truth Singers carnival by running a booth, helping with food, or donating door prizes or other items, please let Annette know. We are looking for medium/large stuffed animals, \$5-\$10 gift cards, 2-liter and 6-pack pops, adult coloring books or word finds, pre-packaged food items, or other fun novelty items or gift baskets the Truth Singers would like. We are expecting about 50-60 Truth Singers to attend along with their staff and families. We like to make sure each special needs adult goes home with a fun door prize! Thanks for your help!



We were so blessed to see one of our Truth Singers, Lana, when we sang at Eagle Pt. in March. Please pray for complete healing for Lana from her surgery, the adjustment to her new home, and that she will be able to return to Truth Singers soon. We have missed her smiling face. ☺

****Our Truth Singers Birthday Treasure Box is also very low. If you have any new/gently used beanie babies or small stuffed animals you would like to donate, we would appreciate it.**

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