

Today...

I did not come this far-nor to this place-alone, but in the presence and power of my God.

The circumstances of this moment are not greater than my God. He knows them better than I do, yet He permits them. And He will overcome them-within me if I will allow Him. Mine is not to fret as though He does not know, or care, or cannot overcome. Mine is to walk on knowing that He is here.

I am His by His creation, and His new birth. I am His to do with as He chooses-to bless or to use up, to serve or to simply endure. The day belongs to my Lord, and it is the only day I have to serve and glorify Him. And so I shall give all that I have and am that for this one day He shall be honored.

Quiz Time: I will ask the questions, please no speaking during this time. Please no speaking during answer time.

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

2Co 7:10 For godly **sorrow** worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the **sorrow** of the world worketh **death**.

Godly sorrow, produces a change of direction.

Worldly sorrow, produces a regret for getting caught, and maintains a desire to continue. It works death.

2. What is the difference between repentance toward God and sorrow toward God?

2Co 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

Sorrow towards God's is a deep emotion of pain for having drawn God's anger, by transgressing against Him.

Repentance toward God is the product of that sorrow toward God. It sets out to **now** live in fear of God, creates a passionate desire to live holy, a willingness to live your life in the open truth's sake.

3. Is an eternal lake of fire, a reasonable punishment for God to take out his eternal wrath on those who REFUSE to be sorrowful towards him for disobeying their conscience?

Yes: Revelation 20:12-14 -for their works

Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

4. Is fear a good emotion?

Yes, it creates an inhibition against lawlessness.

Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day.

5. Should a Christian know the fear of the Lord, after he has been sorrowful for his offence against God, and turned from it?

Yes: 2 Co 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

6. Is a man or a woman, capable of turning from their sin, and instead deliberately live holy, separate from that sin?

Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

7. Should a Christian be content with continuing to exercise themselves in a certain sin? Why?

Hebrews 12:5-6

Because when you exercise yourself in sin. God will whip you for it. And if he isn't whipping you for it, it's because he has appointed a day in which he will judge you after you die, and then into the lake of fire.

You should not content in sin, because:

- a. it greives the spirit of God within
- b. it means enduring chastening during and after the sin
- c. it brings displeasure to God
- d. it brings trouble on our soul

These question's are to put you in preparation for our next short series on Victory:

8. Does God expect you to be victorious in preaching law and grace to sinners?

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Yes. When we contrast the holiness of God against the wickedness of man, we are glorifying God. That is victory, and that is success. When we reveal that men REFUSE to turn from sin to God, and pronounce judgement.

9. Does God expect his children to be victorious over the fear of man?

Yes: Pro 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

10. Does Christ expect us to obey his commands?

Yes: 2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2Co 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

NB. How can you prepare yourself to revenge disobedience, when you live your life like the world, and not after holiness? Only in deceit. |

1Pe 3:10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11. We preach that God has a new and living way for mankind. Does that new and living way have anything to do with personal holiness?

12. If the new and living way declares a man should live holy, and thus he must repent from his old ways. Where is the place of victory over lust and sin?

A: Repentance, and new birth.

Heb 10:20 By a new and **living** way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Heb 10:31 *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

13. a). What is the point, in the holy Spirit of God, coming to dwell in sinful man who turns from his sin?

-- People who remain in their sins, and refuse to repent, have no desire to be holy.

-- People whose sorrow produces a turning from sin to holiness, are quickened by the holy Spirit of God, who comes to dwell in them.

Ephesians 2:5-6 – also he remains as a seal that declares that this man desires to live holy, to enter heaven thru the merit of Christ.

Ephesians 1:13-14

b) Does God really care about holiness in mankind?

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

1Jo 1:5-10

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Fellowship with the Father

A happy Christian met an Irish peddler one day and said to him, "It's a grand thing to be saved." "Aye," said the peddler, "It is. But I think something is equally as good as that." "What can you possibly think is equal to salvation?" "The companionship of the Man who has saved me," was the reply. When we know that, we can rejoice with John and say "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" ([1Jo 1:3](#)).