

Lesson 71 Answers and Comments

Bonds	word	righteousness	gain
Bonds	me	sanctification	loss
Bonds	live	redemption	all
Bonds	Christ	me	loss
Prisons	Christ	preach	knowledge
Prisoner	magnified	Gentiles	Christ
Prisoner	body	riches	Jesus
Jesus	life	all	Lord
Christ	death	mystery	loss
Prisoner	life	complete	all
Lord	Jesus	Head	dung
Prisoner	manifest	life	win
Prisoner	mortal	fullness	found
Jesus	flesh	access	know
Christ	magnified	new	desire
Prisoner	vessel	man	depart
Jesus	treasure	creature	with
Christ	light	fought	Christ
Bonds	knowledge	fight	far
Manifest	glory	finished	better
Palace	face	course	
Places	Jesus	kept	
Many	Christ	faith	
Brethren	in	die	
Confident	Christ	gain	
Bonds	Jesus	gain	
Bold	God	gain	
Speak	wisdom	gain	

Paul goes on in his letter to the Philippians to say in 3:14 “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Paul kept moving forward with great constraint toward “the mark”. The goal, the aim, the object that was ever before Paul was winning Christ as he said in Phil. 3:8 “...that I may win Christ.” Paul wanted more and more of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ.

Nothing should capture, constrain or press the child of God more than the Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing Him, winning Him, being found in Him. Does this define “really living” for you and me?

God the Son became incarnate that He might bear the judgment of sin for every man. His substitutionary death provided the righteous ground whereby God can justify the sinner. The immeasurable sacrifice of God the Son has resulted in limitless blessing to the sinner who simply believes. How can we but want to know more of Him!

Lesson 72 To live is Christ

Phil. 1:21 “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Where does the power come from to live this verse? I’d like to consider the following verses in our study.

II Cor. 4:7 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the _____ of the _____ may be of _____ and not of us.”

God chose to put His treasure, the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ, in earthen vessels. God has entrusted the saving message of His grace to fragile, frail, clay pots like you and me. He didn’t commit it to angels, structures of learning, or a “mother church”. No, he put it in us. God further describes His earthen vessels in: I Cor. 1:26 – 30, “For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many _____ men after the flesh, not many _____, not many _____, are called: vs. 27 But God hath _____ the _____ things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath _____ the _____ things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; vs. 28 And _____ things of the world, and things which are _____, hath God _____, yea, and things which are _____, to bring to nought things that are: vs. 29 That no _____ should _____ in his presence.”

When we got saved it was on the basis of God’s grace in providing a Saviour who’s sacrifice fully satisfied our sin debt. Our faith in Christ as our Saviour, believing what God believes about the blood of Christ shed as full payment for our sin, saved us. No act, work, or obligation of the flesh could be added without a violation to God’s salvation by grace alone.

Eph. 2:8, 9 “For by _____ are ye _____ through _____; and that _____ of _____: it is the _____ of God: _____ of _____, lest any man should _____.”

Rom. 4:5, Acts 13:38, 39, Gal. 2:16 are just a few verses that reiterate this truth. God will not tolerate man’s flesh, (all that we are as a result of being born in Adam).

God’s judgment on our flesh is found in Rom. 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered the world, and _____ by _____; and so _____ passed upon _____ men, for that _____ have _____.”

Rom. 3:20 “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall _____ be _____ in his _____...”

Rom. 7:18 “For I know that in me (that is, in my _____,) dwelleth _____ good thing...”

God’s only answer to our flesh was, Rom. 6:6 “Knowing this, that our _____ is _____ with him, that the body of sin might be _____, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

God’s answer to our flesh was death! If you are saved, you were saved without the benefit of your flesh. It would be impossible for you to be saved and for your flesh to have participated even a little tiny bit. Our salvation included the crucifixion of our flesh with Christ. The last time I saw a dead person, they weren’t able to do anything!

Remembering where our flesh fits into our salvation will help us in understanding how we can live Phil. 1:21 in our lives.

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Back in II Cor. 4:7, we remember that we have this treasure in earthen vessels “that the excellency of the _____ may be of _____, and _____ of _____.”

Also in I Cor. 1:29 we learned that God uses weak things “That _____ should _____ in his presence.” God wasn’t interested in what our flesh could do for our salvation and His attitude toward our flesh now that we’re saved hasn’t changed. Godly living is not about the strength of our flesh: the will of our character, the upbringing of our morals, the education of our minds, the environment to which we were exposed. If so, we would be at either an advantage or disadvantage to one another. We would have room for “self glory”. God wants His children to agree with Him concerning our flesh.

Rom. 6:11 “Likewise _____ ye also _____ to be indeed unto sin, but _____ unto _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Our flesh is dead!

That is what God believes.

Until we die, our flesh will continue to hang, but the judgment and sentence of death has already been passed on it. But it need not impede, destroy, defeat, or disable us in our Christian life. Why?? For one, it’s dead. Do we believe that? Secondly, God’s provision for us, His answer to the death of our flesh is LIFE!

Gal. 2:20 “I am _____ with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not _____, but _____ in _____; and the _____ which I now _____ in the _____ I _____ by the faith of the Son of God, who _____ me, and _____ himself for me.”

Rom. 6:4 “...even so we also should _____ in _____ of _____.”

Eph. 2:5 “Even when we were dead in sins, hath _____ us together with Christ...”

Col. 2:13 “...hath he _____ together with him...”

Col. 3:3 “When _____ who is our _____...”

Life in Christ, Christ in me.

Col. 1:27 “...which is _____ in _____, the hope of glory:”

Believers are a brand new species of humanity. We have the life of Christ in us. God has made us _____ to be _____ of the inheritance of the saints in light:” according to Col. 1:12. God has made us meet, fitted, suited, for eternity. How? Christ is in us. His life is our life. This was part of our salvation package. How many of your Christmas gifts are still lying unopened?? God would have us lay hold on this life! Get a grip on it!! That’s what Paul tells Timothy as Timothy faces the daunting task of preaching grace as his dear friend Paul is about to die.

I Tim. 6:12, “Fight the _____ fight of _____, _____ hold on _____...”

You and I have all the power in Christ's life living in us to live victoriously for God's glory in these earthen vessels. Living starts in the mind. How we think determines everything we do. Let's do what Rom. 12:1, 2 says vs. 2 "...but be ye _____ by the _____ of your _____..."

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As we fill our minds with the living word of God, the living Son of God will live His life in us. It has been said that Christ gave His life for us, that He might give His life to us that He might live His life through us.

May Eph. 3:20 be our prayer: "Now unto him that is _____ to do _____
_____ all that we ask or think, according to the _____ that _____
_____." Amen!