

Pastor's Thoughts of the Week

Isaiah 61:1-2: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.

In John 8:34: the Lord addresses the inveterate power of sin in a persons' life and then provides the key to freedom from this bondage: Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin...If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed

Men have sought to provide their effete programs and behavior modification instructions to try to abate the addictive enslavements. It is Christ, alone, who provides recover from the snare of the devil. II Timothy 2:25-26: : In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

For every Christian the sin burden was lifted at Calvary . Our soul has been liberated from the ill and odious effects of the curse though the flesh remains subject to the corruption of Adam's sin. The glad day is coming for complete deliverance from this corruptible carcass that still must bear up under the onslaught of the devil's curse.

The burden of sin weighs us all down innervating and vitiating and sapping us of the joy of life. Jesus knew that man living under the weight of sin needed a deliverer and so he exclaimed "come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". Sisyphus, a figure of Greek mythology who was condemned to repeat forever the same meaningless task of pushing a boulder up a mountain, only to see it roll down again. Life without Christ and the hope of heaven is a burdensome weight. In 1949 The French existentialist Albert Camus wrote the Myth of Sisyphus in which he compares the absurdity of man's life with the situation of Sisyphus. That life is inherently devoid of meaning and consequently absurd, but humans will nevertheless forever search for meaning.

Overcoming victorious living is the birthright of every believer. We are not to cower and wither under the seductions of the evil one as some pusillanimous weakling. We have learned to arm our selves in the mighty power of Christ. To lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus as Hebrews 12:1-2 instructs us. Making straight paths for our feet as we follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord:

Enjoy your day in the power of Christ,

Pastor

Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17