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We Live By Faith

Fruit Bearing Faith- Pt. 2

I. The foundation to fruit bearing revisited

A. Romans 6:6-7

1. Jesus as your representative died in his human spirit, soul, and body. This is counted as your death to your old man- what you came to you from Adam in your- spirit, soul, and body
2. This is a spiritual reality- in Christ- He is in the spirit realm
3. God has not redeemed [all though it has been paid for] the natural realm. Our body is of the earth. The principle of sin is in our body. Our body has not been redeemed. Our soul is connected to our body and was not redeemed at the new birth. The only part of you that is experiencing the resurrection life of Christ fully is your spirit because it is in the spirit realm!
4. We will experience the resurrection life of Jesus in our soul and body by faith. Faith draws upon spiritual realities and brings them into the natural realm

B. Galatians 2:19-20

1. This verse and Romans 6:11 are the clearest passages that show us how to live the Christian life. It is not really us living the Christian life, but allowing Christ to live it in us and through us.
2. Our life is a trusting life. We did not get annihilated when we died with Christ. The old man got annihilated. What came from Adam got annihilated. God gave us our spirit and soul. God created our spirit directly. This was given new life at the new birth. Our soul [personality] is from God, this is to be renewed. Our body came from Adam. It will die and we will be given a totally new body that is in Christ!
3. Many quote vs 20 and leave out verse 19. If you do not understand verse 19 then you will not enter into verse 20.
4. We died to the Law- what it means is that we died to self improvement and self changing to be more like God. We died to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
5. We were crucified with Christ and yet we live, but it is not the old me that is doing the living. Christ lives in us. Our life is one of trust in His life within us to manifest Himself for us and in us.

6. Christ is constantly giving Himself [present tense in Greek] to us- willing to share His nature and life to us as we draw upon it. We no longer draw upon Adam's life source for our life. Jesus has not left us without a life source. He now has become our life source.

7. We have a choice on operating in the life of God- tree of life, or from the flesh- tree of knowledge of good and evil. **One is trusting and the other is trying. One is the trusting tree and the other is the trying tree.**

C. Romans 6:11

1. We are to reckon [or put on the books, account] ourselves to be dead **indeed to sin**. Not just dead but dead **indeed!**

a. We all believe we have new life as Christians, but few believe we have died indeed! It is because we do not feel dead. It is easy to believe we have new life in our spirit because we do not have any conflicting evidence that tells us otherwise. We can't see, touch, or feel our spirit. We can feel what is happening in our body and experience the moving of lusts and passions of the flesh. This tells us very loudly that the Word is not true. We have not died!

b. Reckoning yourself dead to sin is the same as reckoning yourself healed. There is conflicting evidence in your body to counteract your faith. This is why healing is sometimes difficult to receive and manifest.

c. Reckoning yourself dead to sin will come when you realize that you died to the law. You have died to self improvement or self change to be more like God. You stop trying to change yourself! This is the hardest thing for Christians to get. They are addicted to self change. They feel they must change themselves for God. They say, if I don't do it, then who will! Paul got the answer to this question in Romans 7

2. Once we believe we have died we need to reckon ourselves to be alive to God is Christ Jesus - this is where we let Him manifest His nature and life in us.

D. It is vital to see our dual death- to sin and to the law. Jesus has overcome sin for us. If we do not see this we will try to overcome it ourselves by the law- or self change and improvement. Death to the Law is a greater revelation to us than death to sin. This is the core of teaching of the mystery. It is the mystery of godliness [1 Tim. 3:16]

E. Death to sin is Romans 6, but we need to progress to a revelation of death to the Law is Romans 7. Then the apex teaching of the mystery is tapping into the life of Christ within us to produce the Christian life- Romans 8

II. Death to the Law

A. Romans 7

1. Paul received new life but he still tried to live by law- self change and self improvement
2. Sin actually uses the law to gain a stronger footing in us and to put greater pressure on us to sin
3. Paul struggled with doing good things and avoiding evil things. The more he tried to do good all he found is evil- Paul was fighting through fig leaves and struggling in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
4. Paul finally came to the point of desperation. O, wretched man that I am; who will deliver me from this body of death! Paul gave up hope in doing it himself. Until then his answer to this question was, I am the one who shall deliver me! He finally realized he could not.
5. It finally dawned upon Him that it is Jesus Christ who is the deliverer from sin.
6. How do you know that you have died to the law? It is when you stop struggling to change yourself! You stop trying to get rid of your bad habits. Dead people do not struggle!
7. Ex. Watchman Nee watches someone drown- the life guard does nothing until the stop struggling and then he delivers them. Jesus is ready to deliver when we stop struggling to do what He has done and will do in you.

B. Many years I have struggled to reckon myself died to sin. However, this takes place when you completely cease to try to overcome sin yourself and accept it has been done by Jesus. You cannot be free from sin unless you cease from the law. The strength of sin is the law. The more you try to change yourself and make yourself better the more sin will be active in you.

C. **Romans 8:1-4**- The life of Jesus Christ within your frees you from sin and death

D. The danger in teaching this is that someone that is not done with law school will try to take these principles and immediately try to change themselves with them for the better!

E. This is because they do not have a true revelation of righteousness. They already are as they ought to be. God is not angrily waiting for you to clean up your act.

F. Romans 10:1-8- The Jews had a zeal for God. They were trying to be more like God. However, Christ Jesus is the end of the law for righteousness. We can receive it as a gift or try to establish it ourselves.

III. Fruit Bearing is a process

A. Once you understand the principles that we have shared it would seem that once you believe that you died with Christ and stop trying to change yourself and simply trust Christ to manifest His nature in life in you that it is an instant process and you will suddenly experience total freedom and see Jesus fully living in you.

B. This would be the case if you only had a spirit and body. The Spirit will overcome the body. However you have a soul that the Spirit has to work through.

C. Our soul over the years have developed flesh patterns and beliefs that do not change over night. Our mind must be renewed. This is a process.

D. As our soul is being renewed then more and more of the life of Christ can flow through us. We all have law and sin patterns in our soul. These must be renewed by the Word of God and Holy Spirit

E. Bearing fruit is a process not an event!

F. We grow in grace

G. We must be patient with ourselves and not throw away the principles of the Word of God if we do not see them working like we want them to. It takes time to grow.

H. It took awhile for us to walk. We had to think about it at first and fell more than we walked. To learn to walk we need time and sufficient light.