

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

How to Enter His Rest

Part 4

Separated from One thing, Attached to Another

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Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make [one] wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

- The first mistake Adam and Eve made was to sin against the Lord
- The second mistake they made was to try and cover it up...

As we learned a couple of weeks ago, before the fall everything was clothed in light:

- Including Adam and Eve
- As a result of their sin the light was removed and replaced with darkness
- All of mankind has been dwelling in darkness ever since
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- In order to come into the rest of the Lord
- We need to come back to the light
- Because God is light, and in Him there is no darkness
- Where there is no darkness, the devil cannot work
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- The world has no choice, they are bound in darkness
- For they, as we once did, dwell in the kingdom of darkness

Colossians 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

All of Creation is based upon being separated from one thing, and being attached to another...

- This is the spiritual law of separation

We in Christ, we have choices:

Ephesians 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even *expose* them; (*how?*)

Ephesians 5:13 But all things become visible when they are *exposed by the light*, for everything that becomes visible is light.

- We must not, like Adam, try to hide, ignore, or even cover up the sin in our lives...
- We must not avoid the truth because it makes us uncomfortable

Here is the Truth:

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. **5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Comprehend: katalambano – means to overtake.

The darkness has no power to overtake the light

Ephesians 5:14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

What God said to Cain, He says to us all:

Genesis 4:7 "If you do well, will not [your countenance] be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

- We need to do well
- To just consider ourselves Christians and go through the motions is not doing well
- Sin can only work in areas of darkness...
- We must work at abiding in the light

Romans 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

- How do you put on the Armor of Light?

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to [its] lusts.

John 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; **21** that they may all be one; even as You, Father, [are] in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us...,

- Here it is, Jesus prayed not only for the Apostles, who were present with Him at the time of this prayer
- But, for Everyone who would believe in Him through their word
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- There are many who are listening to me that need to get out of your comfortable churches
- Churches full of programs, yet lacking in the word of God
- Only the word of God can clothe you in His light
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- Hiding your sin in the pews of compromise will only end in your destruction
- For the wages of sin is death, so come out from behind those pews and be ye separate

Charles Spurgeon said it well, he said, "The grace that will not change my life, will not change my soul."

How do we put on the Armor of Light?

How do we put on the Lord Jesus?

It is so simple we trip over it

Jesus Said,

Matthew 13:18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. **19** *"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...*

- **If we are not hearing the word in our churches**
- **If we are not reading the word of God each and every day**
- **The darkness will makes its way back into our lives**
- **The word of God is seed that produces a harvest of Light**

Psalm 97:11 Light is sown [like seed] for the righteous And gladness for the upright in heart.

Matthew 13:23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, **this is the man who hears the word** and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

- **The measure of light you walk in is directly connected to the measure of understanding you possess**
- **In other words, the more of the word of God you receive and understand, the brighter the light you will walk in**
- **And the less darkness you will have to contend with**

Because God is Light:

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and [yet] walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

- **If you are not hearing, if you are not reading, if you are not being taught the word of God, you are walking in darkness**
- **How can you possibly practice what you do not hear?**
- **Ignorance of God's word is a false covering**
- **Like the fig leaf, it will not cover your nakedness**

1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

You Have a Choice:

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,...

We are the Bride of Christ, Listen to this:

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Ephesians 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Jesus is not coming back for a bride clothed in fig leaves

He is coming back for a bride clothed in glory

- Do not be like the 5 foolish virgins
- Virgins, because they were in the church
- Foolish, because they did not make themselves ready for the Lord

Psalm 32:3 When I kept silent [about my sin,] my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away [as] with the fever heat of summer. Selah. 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 32:6 Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.