

Selected Puritan Readings

Conversion turns the balance of the *judgment*, so that God and His glory outweigh all carnal and worldly interests.

It opens the eye of the mind, and makes the scales of its native ignorance fall off, and turns men from darkness to light.

The man who before saw no danger in his condition, now concludes himself lost and forever undone--except renewed by divine grace.

He who formerly thought there was little hurt in sin, now comes to see it to be the chief of evils! He sees the stupidity, the deformity and the filthiness of sin; so that he is affrighted by it, loathes it, dreads it, flees from it, and even abhors himself for it! Romans 7:15; Job 42:6; Ezekiel 36:31

He who could see little sin in himself, and could find no matter for confession--now sees the rottenness of his heart and the desperate and deep pollution of his whole nature. He cries, "*Unclean! Unclean! Lord, purge me with hyssop, wash me thoroughly, create in me a clean heart!*" He sees himself altogether filthy, corrupt in both root and branch. He writes 'unclean' upon all his supposed virtues and good works. He discovers the filthy corners that he was never aware of, and sees the blasphemy, and murder, and adultery that is in his heart, of which before he was ignorant.

By Joseph Alleine (1634-1668)

Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-49

Song #252 ~ See, What a Morning

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Song #256 ~ Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Prayer

Sermon ~ The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #233 ~ Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Revelation 15:3 And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!"

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The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1. The resurrection of Jesus was a powerful declaration that Jesus is the Son of God (Romans 1:4).
2. The resurrection of Jesus furnished proof to all men that Jesus will judge the world (Acts 17:31).
3. The resurrection of Jesus proved that God made Jesus to be both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:29-36).
4. Belief that God raised Jesus from the dead is necessary for salvation (Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3; John 11:25-26).
5. The world laughs at the resurrection of the dead and of Jesus Christ (Acts 17:32; Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6).
6. Our bodily resurrection is tied to Christ's resurrection (Romans 6:5; 1 Corinthians 15:20-21; Matthew 22:31-32).
7. Christ's resurrection took away the sting of death (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).
8. Part of knowing Christ is knowing the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3:7-11).
9. The resurrection of Jesus Christ encourages believers to seek the things which are above (Colossians 3:1-3).
10. The resurrection of Jesus Christ made a public spectacle of all His enemies (Colossians 2:15).

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Sin will not only be striving, acting, rebelling, troubling, disquieting, but if left alone, if not continually mortified, it will bring forth great, cursed, scandalous, soul-destroying sins. The apostle tells us what the works and fruits of it are, Gal. 5 19-21, "the works of the flesh are manifest, which are, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like." You know what it did in David and sundry others. Sin aims always at the utmost; every time it rises up to tempt or entice, might it have its own course, it would go out to the utmost sin in that kind. Every unclean thought or glance would be adultery if it could; every covetous desire would be oppression, every thought of unbelief would be atheism, might it grow to its head... And herein lies no small share of the deceitfulness of sin, by which it prevails to the hardening of men, and so to their ruin, Heb. 3:13...

~Excerpts from *Temptation and Sin*

By John Owen (1616-1683)