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**Sermon Notes**
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**Rightly Dividing Christmas  VI**

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| **In Whom Do We Put Our Trust?** |

**Are You Wearing Down?**

As we see things going the way they are going - and we get challenged all the time about being a Paul following Christian, we can wear down from the battle, even though we know we win the war!  (**Revelation 19**)

**And we can't forget that the devil always wants to wear us down!**

* **Daniel 7:25**: ***And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.***
	+ He sure does seem to already doing a good job of tiring us out, eh!
* Or is it just us tiring ourselves out?
	+ **Galatians 6:9 -** ***And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.***
	+ **II Thessalonians 3:13 -** ***But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.***
		- Tired of continual learning of the hard stuff?
			* Learning proper judgment, etc.
				+ **Philippians 1:9,10 -*And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;***
			* You have great 'conflict' for others - you care!
				+ **Colossians 1:1-3 *- For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.***
			* You really care - I mean, 'really' care
				+ **II Corinthians 2:4 -*For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.***
			* However...
				+ **II Corinthians 12:15 -*And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.***
			* *etc.*

**We still must maintain our trust in the living God!**

* **I Timothy 4:10 - *For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.***
* **I Timothy 6:17 - *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;***
* **II Corinthians 1:9,10 - *But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;***
* **Ephesians 1:12,13 - *That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,***

**This trust should cause us to make changes our personal and private lives!**

* + **Acts 26:18,20 -  *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.***
	+ **Romans** to **Philemon**, but especially **Timothy** and **Titus**.

**A Few False Trusts - Do we trust in...**

* a 'magic' God?
	+ to do it ALL for us with no effort or studying or learning, etc. from us?
* an unknown God?
	+ whom we know nothing about and think we can no nothing - but just go on with a false hope?
* a modern Christianity?
	+ that has supposedly 'finally' figured out life?
* flattering sermons?
	+ if sermons at all?
* flattering people
	+ love the people more than God and His truth?
	+ we love ' because He first loved us?
* grace only?
	+ no truth from any level
* psychology - a study of ourselves and old nature so we can live 'happier' about ourselves?
* music that appeals to the flesh?
* having favour with all the people?
	+ Why trim our ways to seek love?
* any form of physical - water baptism?
* communion?
* works of our own?
* modern Bibles?
* modern teachings?
* enticing words of man's wisdom?
* another gospel?
	+ different than Paul's?
* authors / writers?
	+ but they are so popular and 'say it so well?'
* musicians and their music?
	+ they have their own statement of faith, ya know... CCM!
* church teachings?
	+ even if from a KJB...
* school teachings?
* pastor/professor, etc. personalities?
* parents?
	+ they meant well and still do - but do YOU know your Bible for yourself?
* any Christmas / religious story / etc.?
* Media's doctrine - evil communication corrupt good manners, etc.  - ***Be not deceived...***!
* philosophy?
* vain deceit?
* tradition of men?
* rudiments of the world?
* questions?
* affairs of this life?
* profane and vain babblings?
* words that doth eat as a canker?
* youthful lusts?
* asking foolish and unlearned questions
	+ just trying to gender strifes
* asking foolish questions and genealogies, contentions and strivings about the law?
	+ unprofitable and vain?
* ever learned knowledge
* uncertain riches?
* seducing spirits?
* doctrines of devils?
* the law?
* the gospels - you know, 'Jesus' teachings'?
* Great Commission
* the law from Revelation - it is the last book in the bible, you know!
* ourselves?
	+ Getting pretty conceited & prideful, aren't we?

**Can We "Know" What / Who We are Trusting?**
We Sure Can!
It is called '*confidence,' 'boldness,' 'all riches of the full assurance of understanding*'

We are trusting in the testimony of Jesus Christ and in what He has told to Paul to tell and show us!

* **II Timothy 1:8 *- Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;***

**I.  We are not ashamed of Paul, his prisoner - in fact:**

* We trust him as the apostle we are to follow!
* We trust that he met face to face with the Lord!
* We trust that his teachings are the teachings of the Risen Jesus Christ!
* We trust his teachings are the testimony of the Risen Lord as written in the King James Bible!
* We trust that our salvation is through his teachings!
* We trust that we receive the correct Jesus from Paul's writings, not that 'another Jesus.'

**II. We are trusting in the testimony of Jesus Christ in:**

**His Birth to be true!**

* + Old Testament Prophets and Prophecy
		- Even in his 'appearances' in the Old Testament as far back as the Garden of Eden!
		- Virgin Birth actually took place!
		- No male seed
	+ **Matthew - Luke**
		- What Herod did is true
		- All the other details, etc. to be true and don't match the so-called "Christmas story!"

**His Death to have taken place!**

* + **I Corinthians 15:3 - *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;***
	+ **Gospels**
	+ **Hebrews 9:14-17 - *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.***
	+ Went to Hell to make full payment of sin and our sins

**His Resurrection to have really happened!**

* + **I Corinthians 15:4 - *And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:***
	+ According to end of Gospels
		- Started up the New Testament doctrine!
	+ According to Paul's writings

**The "Finished" Work of the Cross!**

* Why do folks say to "*take up our cross and follow him?*"
	+ **Mark 8:34 - *And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.***
	+ **Luke 9:23 - *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.***
* If that work is finished, why do we need to stay 'at the cross' after we have already been there once ourselves?
	+ The work of the cross:
		- **I Corinthians 1:17 - *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.***
		- **I Corinthians 1:18 - *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.***
		- **Galatians 5:11 - *And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.***
	+ The works of the cross:
		- **Galatians 6:14 - *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.***
		- **Ephesians 2:16 -  *And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:***
		- **Colossians 2:14 - *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;***
		- **Colossians 1:20 - *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.***

**The Blood of Jesus Christ**

* **Revelation 1:5 - *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,***
* **Romans 3:25 - *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;***
* **Romans 5:9 - Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**
* **Ephesians 1:7 - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;***
* **Colossians 1:14 - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:***
* **Ephesians 2:13 - *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.***

**His Walk that was fulfilled!**

* **Matthew 5:18 - *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***
* Then, He imputes his righteousness to us!
	+ **Romans 4:11 - *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:***
	+ **Romans 4:22-24 - *And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;***
* He does not impute sin to those who believe!
	+ **Romans 4:8 - *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.***
* Christ is the end of the law for righteousness
	+ **Romans 10:4 - *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.***
	+ The law is still there for the 'lost.'
		- **Galatians 3:24,25 - *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.***
* He made us free!
	+ **Romans 6:6-11 - *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.***
	+ **Romans 6:22 - *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.***
* There is no law so there is no transgression!
	+ **Romans 4:15 - *Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.***
* With no law, then there is no sin to impute!
	+ **Romans 5:13 - *(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.***

**His Word**

* King James 1611 Bible
	+ **Psalm 12:6,7 - *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.***
	+ **II Timothy 3:16 - *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:***
	+ **II Timothy 2:15,16 - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.***
	+ **I Corinthians 13:10 - *Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.***
	+ **I Thessalonians 2:13 - *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.***
	+ It is the mouth of God today!
		- Yes, God is still talking, but He hasn't changed His words / mind on anything!
	+ It is how we meet face to face with the Lord!
	+ It is our communion with God!

***Conclusion:***

**- We are trusting in the Risen Christ -** **The Living God**
**And we can know it!**

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