

Continuing “The Complete Green Letters”

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43 Spirit-Applied Reckoning – Pgs 195-198

Intro:

- I. Suffering involved in reckoning.
 - A. Experiencing the crucifixion of self is a dual truth – 2 Co 4:11
 1. Counting on having died to sin - For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake.
 2. Counting on being alive unto God in Christ - that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
 - B. God’s Intentional Purposeful Dealings with us to cause our growth!
 1. How many times have we gone through the same trial?
 - a. God uses Trials to conform us into the image of Christ - Ro 8:28-29; Jas 1:2-4
 - b. God gives what is necessary to get through the trial – Jas 1:5-6; 1 Co 10:13
 - c. Our wrong focus brings our downfall – Jas 1:13-15
 2. How often do we relate to Paul in Ro 7:14-25
 - a. Not doing what we, as a new creature, desire to do – vs 15b,19a
 - b. Doing that which we know is wrong (hate) – vs 15c, 19b
 - c. Recognizing a part of me that is corrupt – vs 17-18, 20, 23-24
 - d. Recognizing that Christ is my only hope of success in this battle – vs 25
 3. The Growth Process explained in Scripture – Jas 1; Eph 4
 - a. The trial is a good gift of God – Jas 1:17-18
 - i. Our reaction to the trial (discipline) is important – Heb 12:5
 - ii. Trials (discipline) prove Sonship – Heb 12:6-8
 - iii. Our response (submission to God – Death to Self) to the trial (discipline) brings life, holiness, the peaceable fruit of righteousness – Heb 12:9-11
 - b. A proper response and evaluation of what God is teaching as well as a submission to God’s word is what brings about the necessary change – Jas 1: 19-22
 - c. B/c of what God has done, making us new creatures in Christ,
 - i. We are to put off the conduct that relates to the Old man – die to Sin and Self – Eph 4:22
 - ii. We are to put on the conduct that relates to the New man – Live into God – Eph 4:24
 - d. Remembering Ro 7:18b for to will (desire) is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find b/c “I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells.”

- i. B/c Ro 7:25 ends with a recognition of a continuing battle with some failures expected.
- ii. Ro 8:1 begins with the declaration of “No Condemnation.”
- iii. Ro 8:2 gives the “How to overcome to law of sin in my members” – Ro 7:21,23
- e. Ro 8:10-14 Gives the source of the ability to perform according to who we are in Christ.
 - i. Body is dead because of Sin – The Spirit is Life – vs 10
 - ii. The Spirit gives life to our mortal bodies – vs 11
 - iii. True abundant life only comes through the Spirit – vs 12-13
 - iv. This is the leading of the Spirit – vs 14

C. Where WE Might Get it Wrong

1. Leaning on our own understanding

- a. If we Just have our personal devotions, we will do ok. – Col 3:16
- b. If we Just memorize God’s word – Ro 12:2
- c. If we Just put off the old and put on the new – Eph 4:22-24

2. The Spirit’s Work

- a. Teaching – Jo 14:26; 16:13; 1Co 2:11-14

Not just the intellectual aspect of teaching, but also the putting into practice, the doing of the word – Jas 1:22; 1 Co 2:11-14

- b. Enlightenment – Eph 1:17-19

- i. The Knowledge of God
- ii. The Hope of our calling
- iii. Our inheritance
- iv. The resurrection power available to us

- c. Empowerment – Acts 1:8; 1 Pe 3:15

- i. To Witness
- ii. To Live a Christlike life that causes some to ask questions about our hope.