

INTRODUCTION

1. The doctrinal issue of our day? [Jd 1:3; Tit 1:9]. Doct of man.
2. Satan's strategy - attack creation [1T 4:1-5]. Rm 6:11

1st: You, Yourself and Yourselves

1. Last wk: *consider - even so - v10*
2. *yourselves*- plural pronoun - individuals addressed corporately 12-13a, *you* is singular; my *mortal body* - v13b-14 *you* is plural -> *we* of v15ff all plurals - then Rm 7:14f - "I"

Observation #1: The Nature of Our Knowledge

1. We think that knowledge is just what we think: *consider* engages entirety of our inner faculties wh/ determine the totality of the life we live.
2. "What do you know?" Ans: the life we live. Our doing is the transcript of what we know/believe [Jn 13:17].

Observation #2: The Nature of Our Individuality

1. I know myself as I am in relationships: *consider yourselves*. My default posture as sinner is separation - isolation - death.
2. *yourselves* - my self is found in union w/ the church: *selves* - [1C 12:27]; I am an individual Xn to the extent that I love you. membs of body.
 - i. Phil 2:3-5 *attitude* = way of thinking - *was also in Christ*
 - ii. *in Christ* = my [our] defining point of reference
3. Be myself in Christ - Jn 12:23-26 At hour of death, Jesus yet thinks of us!
 - i. How can we *keep* our life *to life eternal*?
 - ii. How do we lose this life wh/ is already defined by death?

- iii. Jesus' self-identity: in rlnshp to Father; His people; His mission.

2nd: Me, Myself and I

1. United w/ Christ & church then I cultivate individual godliness - Gal 6:2-5
 - i. v2 - *burdens* [hardships] wh/ we [plural] help each other to *bear* [plural: lift up & carry] - Jn 13:34-35 love - *law of Christ* [Eph 5:2]
 - ii. v5 - *loads* [challenges] wh/ each individual *bears* [single verb] b/c they are *his own*.
 - iii. Need discernment: wisdom. Pride hinders [v3-4]: won't accept help or give help.
2. Biblical individuality as corporate mindset & corporate body concerned for each individual - Eph 4:14-16
 - i. Each receives ministry of Word [v11-13], mature, protected
 - ii. All responsible to *speak truth in love & together, grow up into Christ*
 - iii. Each *individual* holds body together - edify in love. How? *supplies*
3. 1C 12:18-27 - Mark Dever *What is a Healthy Church* [2007] Preface
4. *Now you are Christ's body & individually members of it - even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
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