

On Over-Correcting, Part 2

Excuses not to pursue holiness:

I don't need to worry about my religious performance. If I believe the gospel, holiness will take care of itself. All sin is the same in God's eyes.

I. THE THIRD EXCUSE

A. The Biblical Emphasis

1) Apart from Christ, good works cannot _____

2) The doctrine of total depravity means that unbelievers cannot _____

B. The Over-Correction: Since unbelievers cannot keep God's law nor please God, then believers ...

II. THE BIBLICAL DATA

A. A Few Passages Support the View that Believers Cannot Obey or Please God

1) Romans 7:14-20; Galatians 5:17

2) The writings of the _____

B. Many Passages Support the View that Believers Can Obey and Please God

1) Passages that describe certain children of God as _____ *Luke 1:5-6; Job 1:1*

2) Romans 8:6-8 indicates that those who mind of the things of the Spirit _____

3) Passages that indicate that God will determine our eternal destiny based in part on our _____

III. THE BIBLICAL BALANCE

The unregenerate person does not keep the law of God and cannot please God.

The regenerate person is able to keep God's law in some sense and pleases God in some way.

The Believer is Able to Obey and Please a Holy God Because:

A. God Demands _____ on the Right Road, Not _____ *Matt. 5:48*

1) "Perfect" = _____

2) The question is not "Am I perfect?" The question is "Am I on the _____?"

B. Our Good Works Are _____ *Eph. 1:6*

1) Because of union with Christ, God sees us as _____

2) What our works lack, Jesus by His blood and righteousness, _____

C. God Is Our _____ and No Longer Our _____

D. Believers Produce Living _____ instead of _____ *Heb. 9:14*

The unregenerate may do more and better works than the regenerate: how can that be?

1) The works of the unregenerate are _____

2) The works of the regenerate are _____

E. Our Good Works Flow from the Grace and Spirit of _____ *John 15:5*

1) When we depend on God's Spirit and grace, our works are in a sense _____

2) When the work of God flows back to Him through the believer, it cannot help but _____