
...is anchored in _____ of what's to come

2 Cor. 4:16 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Romans 5:3 *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Revelation 21:3 *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' u or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

Key:

Pg. 1. Hungers;

Pg. 2. Understands;

Pg. 3. relationships

Pg. 4. hope.

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The Stumbling Dance of the Church

3 Communities--part 2

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Do we really need church?

Hebrews 10:24 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Mark 8:34 *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.*

A church that...

..._____ **for truth that sets selfish people free**

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

John 8:31 *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said,*

■ *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will **set you free.**"*

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.

■ How does the bible change human nature?

A. God's truth is wrapped up in God's story of life. (John 1:1-18; 1 John 1:1-4)

B. God's truth as signposts. (Psalm 119:105)

■ C. God's truth points to the hope of what we can become in Christ especially in our battles with sin. (Phil. 1:20)

■ ... the radical surgery
■ **necessary to make me like Christ.**

*John 8:33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **everyone who sins is a slave to sin.***

*Galatians 4:19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the **pains of childbirth** until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!*

We are not in the business of spiritual cosmetic surgery.

"I pray with all my heart that I may be weary of everything else but ... communion with Him." – John Owen

A. I am born with an addiction to pleasure.

■ B. On occasion, God "hides" Himself from me. ■

C. I will feel confused about life

D. I shouldn't be surprised by my bad moods.

■ ...knows _____ matter ■

Philippians 4:2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,"

■ Part of the way we are broken by our self-centeredness is looking bad in the presence of good. ■

*John 17:23 I in them and you in me. **May they BE brought** to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*
