

Net Mending Week 7

I. True Christianity understands its identity

a. What we are: _____ of _____

b. What we are to be: _____

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

c. How we are to be: pursuing _____ motivated by _____

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

"An unbeliever who sins is like a creature sinning against its Creator. A Christian who sins is like a child sinning against his father." – Warren Wiersbe

II. True Christianity understands the cost

a. Christ came to cancel our _____ and conquer the _____.

b. Sins are the _____ but rebellion is the _____.

c. _____ from the outside will never cancel _____ from the inside.

Galatians 5:1-6

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ²Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised

that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

d. True salvation is about _____ and not _____.

e. It is impossible to abide in Christ and have _____ reside in us.

III. True Christianity understands the enemy

Isaiah 14:12-17

How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. ¹⁴I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." ¹⁵But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. ¹⁶Those who see you stare at you, they ponder your fate: "Is this the man who shook the earth and made kingdoms tremble, ¹⁷the man who made the world a desert, who overthrew its cities and would not let his captives go home?"

Ezekiel 28:12-14

"Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: ""You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings

were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. ¹⁴You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- a. Satan is a _____ being.
- b. Satan's present state is a result of his _____.
- c. Satan is assisted by numerous _____.
- d. Satan's chief objective is to oppose the _____ of Christ and his people.
- e. Christ's death and resurrection robbed the enemy of _____.

Christ was and is God but he became a willing servant. Satan was a servant who wanted to be God.

James 1:13-15

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

IV. True Christians understand their new nature

- a. A Christian's new nature always produces a new _____.

Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Galatians 5:17

For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

- b. A Christian's new nature has new _____.

The Needs of the New Nature

1. _____ (Matthew 4:4)
2. _____ through _____ (1 John 1:9)
3. _____ (1 Peter 4:10)