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## Connected Ephesians: Week 11

### The Great Secret of Christian Living

The primary task of Christianity is not to get us ready for heaven  
(justified by faith) but to get us ready for life.

*In these days, the goal of the church is not to make the world a better place to live in -- it is to make a better people to live in it.*

#### I. The Exhortation

- The goal of Christianity is to produce men, women, boys and girls who are \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of an \_\_\_\_\_ world...cults and the culture call us to be our own gods.
- There has never been a higher \_\_\_\_\_ set before human beings than the call to be \_\_\_\_\_!

#### II Corinthians 6:17

*"Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."*

- God's great tasks in our world are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Being an imitator of God is learning to \_\_\_\_\_ to your fullest human capacity (fully alive), and learning to \_\_\_\_\_ to your fullest capacity.

#### II. The Explanation

- Being a dearly loved \_\_\_\_\_ is a prerequisite to \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can never be Godlike without having the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Colossians 1:27

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

#### I John 5:12

*He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

#### Ephesians 6:10

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

- The process of Godlikeness is the process of “putting \_\_\_\_\_” and “putting \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Verbal confession is \_\_\_\_\_ in the “putting off process.”

I John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ if we expose it to too much \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 5:11

*Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

III. The Demonstration

- We \_\_\_\_\_ the Christian life by walking in \_\_\_\_\_.

John 13:35

*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

- We will never love as Christ \_\_\_\_\_ until we see people as Christ \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- Christianity is demonstrated by \_\_\_\_\_ for the culture and not \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our faith is demonstrated when we view people not as someone \_\_\_\_\_ something to me but as someone I can do something \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ self desires to use people and love things; our \_\_\_\_\_ self desires to love people and use things.
- Walking in love is learning to speak to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Walking in love has \_\_\_\_\_ as its \_\_\_\_\_.
- Walking in love is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.