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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 _____.