

Loving Self Through Jesus - renewing mind

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 - a. School establish 30 years ago
 - i. Trained many pastors - planted more than 500 churches

A. Testimony Ps. 40:1-4

B. Do you love yourself? Do you really grasp Jesus loves you? Matt. 19:19 "Do you love your neighbor as yourself?" I hated myself, Scripture haunted me because how love neighbor when didn't love self. Do you Hate yourself? - How do you love yourself?

- a. Think like Jesus thinks of us
- b. Renew mind - basing our thoughts on facts - the scriptures. Who are we in Christ?
- c. Loving self not arrogance but realizing your humanity - accepting how God created us complete weakness. We are sinners saved by grace but once you are saved you are now a saint of God. Do not identify as a sinner. Yes you are capable of sinning every moment of the day because we live in flesh

but God sees you through Jesus blood. You are pure and holy in God's sight.

- d. Ps 139 :14 NIV "I praise you because I am fearfully & wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." KJV "...Marvelous are thy works..."
 - e. Song "Dancing on the Waves" by We the Kingdom
 - i. This is Jesus singing over us. "I'm standing at the door, My heart is calling yours, Come fall into my arms ... I'm reaching out, I'll chasing you down, I dare you to believe how much I love you, Don't be afraid, Your past is dead and gone, Your healing has begun, I'm making all things new...But you are my masterpiece, You are the reason I sing, This is my song to you..."
 - f. Zeph. 3:17 AMPC "The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior [Who saves]! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] and in His love He will be silent and make no mention [of past sins or even recall them]; He will exult over you with singing."
2. Don't listen to satan's accusing voices - condemnation, condescending, & deprecation self
- i. Guilt, shame, accusing sins - Satan says how can God forgive you. Your sin is so bad or too great you can't be forgiven. That is bold lie - Satan wants us concentrate on our sins.
 - ii. But concentrate God - who are Jesus
- a. Rom 5:18-21 "Consequently, just as one trespass (sin) results in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act results in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will be

made righteous. The law was brought in so trespasses might increase. But when sin increases, grace increases all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- b. Adam sin lead all people sin. Condemnation through our disobedience
- c. Jesus obedience lead eternal & abundant life
- d. Law given increase awareness sin. Utter dependance on savior - Jesus. Keeps us humble
- e. Show God's incredible grace

C. God's love us

- 1. Not accepting God's forgiveness is not understanding God's love for you
- 2. " Rom. 5:6-8 "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us."
- 3. Jn 17:23 "I in them and you in me, that they may come perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."
 - a. God Father loves us - just as much loves Jesus
 - b. "In them" that is everyone who Jesus in heart. "You" refers to each one us
 - c. Worlds may know (recognize) that you (Father God) sent me (Jesus) and loved them (us) even as I (Jesus) loved you" (all us)

4. Jer. 31:3 Amp. "The Lord appeared from of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you and continue My faithfulness to you."

- a. Lord loves us w/ love never ends & never fails
 - 2. Why are you not forgiving self sins, do realize you are playing God
 - 3. We humans all sin - need accept ourselves as sinners in flesh - God loves us just as we are in our frail flesh but God Father sees us saints, righteous, & holy through the blood Jesus
 - 4. Don't beat yourself up but concentrate God's mercy and grace

D. Attitude toward self key - I horrible attitude self

- 1. Olympic medalist Scott Hamilton said
 - a. "The only disability in life is a bad attitude."
- 2. Winston Churchill said: "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference,"
- 3. The key to overcoming rotten attitudes toward yourself is giving thanks to God for who he is. God always has best for us.
 - a. Give thanks for trial, every circumstance Rom. 8:28
 - i. In trial need concentrate who God is(His characteristics). He never changing
 - ii. This is hard - disciplining emotions & mind
 - b. God can use our pain to minister to others in same pain. 2 Cor. 1:3-4 "Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of comfort, who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God."

E. Renewal mind - How does God think about you?

1. 2 Cor. 10:4-5 ESV “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,”
 - a. Fight against lies of Satan w/ scriptures
 - b. Tear down vain imagination, take authority over every negative thought towards self
2. Do you not realize have power Almighty God living in you? 1 Jn 4:4 Amp. “Little children (believers, dear one), you are of God and you belong to him and have (already) overcome them (the agents of the antichrist); because he who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world (of sinful mankind).”
 - a. If Jesus lives in you then you are one w/ God our Father & Holy Spirit. He has all authority & power over darkness.
 - i. We authority over darkness because Jesus Dead on Cross, Shed Blood & resurrection life.
 - ii. Do you not know as believer you have resurrection power living in you
 - iii. We have power overcome Satan’s lies
 - iv. Overcome all trials-no matter how dark
3. Eph. 4:20-21 AMP “And they [the ungodly in their spiritual apathy], having become callous and unfeeling, have given themselves over [as prey] to unbridled sensuality, eagerly craving the practice of every kind of impurity [that their desires may demand]. But you did not learn Christ in this way! In fact you have [really] heard Him and have been taught by Him, just as the truth in Jesus [revealed in His life and personified in Him],”
 - a. Church wake up! Are you still walking in lust for money, material things and sexual lusts? Are you jealous of others peoples talents, angry with your

brothers, walking in unforgiveness of others and you are consumed with yourself, walking in arrogance and pride, putting others down and think you are superior to them.

- i. Church purify yourselves!, for judgment is coming on the church & already has.
 - ii. We are to be bold witnesses for the gospel!
 - iii. But we as the church must walk in purity, holiness, righteousness and love.
4. Eph. 4:22-24 AMP “that, regarding the previous way of life, you put off your old self, [completely discard your former nature], which is being corrupt through your deceitful desires, and being continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God’s image, [godlike in righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation]].”

F. Conclusion

1. Must disregard & strip off all sinful untarnished mental & spiritual thinking and actions - base thinking scriptures. Our heritage Christ Who we are Jesus.
2. We are righteous, holy, pure, justified & intensely loved by God & Jesus so stand in these truths and live your life through Jesus Christ, Amen