

Day 22 Colossians 3: 1-5 (cont.)

Today we will continue our discussion on how we practically fight temptation and sin in our lives. We will talk about the reality of sin in our lives and the response we can have when we fall into it.

We learned yesterday that Christ understands and experienced temptation. But we also know He has experienced the destructive power of our sin nature even though He himself did not sin. He experienced the very wrath of it. It mentally and physically destroyed Him. It killed Him. We can understand His aversion to it. Sin is not playing.

But this text tells us Christ has been resurrected and because we have been raised with Him, we will never feel the brunt of the wrath of our sin before God. But in this world, sin still destroys, and we can still suffer its consequences.

Paul has an interesting name for sin in this text, he calls it our “earthly nature”. I like that because it denotes that while we are susceptible to it, we are not powerless to it.

But there are a few things we need to accept about God before we can freely practice putting our “earthly nature” to death. And accepting them is a process.

Firstly, is the fact that God is all knowing and holds all wisdom. Our ways are not his ways. He has made Him Lord. We need to trust He knows better than we do.

Isaiah 55: 8

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Secondly, we have to accept that God is a good Father. Those of us who are parents know what it is like to see dangers that we want our children to avoid. We can trust Him to want what is best for us and His church.

1 John 1:3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God, and so we are.

Thirdly God has given us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to the things of God.

Romans 8:26 - 27

In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weaknesses. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

And lastly, we accept that we have a Savior when we fall.

1 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.

God's desire for us? That we are free from consequences of this world so we can be free to glorify His Name. He has geared us to be able to do it in His Name.