

Revival: The priority of holiness in the life of the believer (John 10:10)

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Study Questions

1. If you could be anyone, go anywhere, do anything, what might it be?
2. Read Philippians 3:8-10
3. What was Paul's priority in life? Unfortunately our priorities aren't always so divine. Why not?
4. Scripture declares that we stand accepted by God by grace through faith alone and not because of works, no matter how good or moral these works may be (Eph 2:8-9). On the other hand, it commands us to live holy lives (Rom 6:12; 2 Cor 7:1; I Thess 4:3,7-8; Heb 12:14; I Pet 1:15-16) and, only God can actually conquer sin and produce holiness in the life of the believer (Eph 5:25-27; Phil 2:13). How do we harmonize God's sovereign work in conquering sin with our responsibility to live a life of consistent holiness?
5. Read the following verses and list how God views us "in Christ" - I Corinthians 1:2; 1:30; Hebrews 13:12; 10:10; Ephesians 1:3-4.
6. From God's viewpoint, a truly abundant life is a holy life. One that is found "in Christ." Are you "in Christ"? How should this truth of being viewed as righteous in Christ affect us?
7. Take time to have some group members thank God right now for their salvation.
8. God is committed to our practical, daily holiness (Phil 2:12-13); but we have a part to play as well (Phil 2:12-13). What part does God require of us (see John 17:17; Galatians 5:16-18)? How are you doing in forming "habits of holiness" in your life? What are you doing well? Where do you maybe need others to encourage you and help hold you accountable?
9. Read Revelation 21:1-5,27; 22:11-13
10. Describe one of the most beautiful homes you've ever seen. How do you think it compares to heaven? What will make heaven so beautiful?
11. What impact should this view of God's presence have on us (see 2 Peter 3:13-14; 2 John 3:2-3)?

12. In light of today's study, how will you re-order your priorities this week? Share one thing you will do this week in order to prioritize the pursuit of holiness in your life.