

Vol 6, Day 15: Accountability: Love, Not Condemn

Paul says that we must all, preacher and people alike, “appear before the judgment seat of Christ.” If you learn to live in the love of Christ here and now, judgment becomes discernment. This will cause you to delight in the work of God in you. Remain constantly aware of the presence of Christ. Walk in every moment in the light of the Christ’s revelation to you available instantly to move at His bidding. Rather than casting judgments on any other soul, accept them with the fullness of God’s love. Otherwise you will operate in the spirit of the devil, no matter how saintly you are. It takes only one carnal judgment of any other to create hell on earth for them and you.

Bring your condemnation of others and say, “My God, I am guilty here.” If you don’t, hardness will set in. It is not only God who punishes for sin. Sin confirms itself in the sinner and gives back full pay. No amount of striving or praying will enable you to stop doing some things. And the act of sin, if you gradually get used to it, you will cease to consider it sin. No power except the union of the Holy Spirit with your spirit can alter the tendency to sin.

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light.” For many of us, walking in the light means holding others and ourselves to our standard of perfection. The deadliest Pharisaism today is not hypocrisy, but unconscious fantasy and unrealistic expectations of self and others. It is a huge mistake to assume that “Walking in the Light (in the Spirit)” occurs by achieving a relatively sinless state. Even avoiding sin, studying the Bible more and praying more will never cause one to “Walk in the Spirit.” This is putting the cart in front of the horse which will never accomplish forward progress. The only way to “Walk in the Spirit” is to develop such an absolutely passionate abandoned love for God that the affection itself connects one inextricably and intimately with the Holy Spirit. The abundance of this magnificent passionate love overflows in the expressions of the Spirit of God as opposed to the expressions of the human spirit in the union.

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan