



Empowering People to Change the World

Destroying the Works of the Devil Part I

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Antiphonal Reading: 1 John 3:8-10

Announcements:

- If you are new to The Road, here's what you need to do to get connected:
 1. To start getting our weekly EBlast and my blog, email us at theroadcs@gmail.com
 2. Download The Road, just go to the Apple App store and put in "the road Colorado Springs" or my name and then just download it
 3. We do our giving two ways: 1) online, which is through our website or App and 2) our box in the lobby
- So much happening at The Road:
 - NexGen and NexGen Jr you can start helping with our children by signing up when you pick up your children. Tonight is our Family Service with the kids in here
 - Teleios (High School) and Shine (Women's Titus study) 6:30pm always on Thursday nights
 - Flagship (Middle School) is Friday night October 2nd 7pm

1 John 3:8-10

- Jesus' MO is to destroy the works of the devil! By the way, He's the only One who can do it
- Jesus came to destroy, not sign a treaty with, not accommodate, but destroy the ways and works of the devil

- This why the name of Jesus is so powerful!
- So, when you accept Christ into your heart, He comes through His Spirit to set you free. He begins at salvation to seek out and destroy the works of the enemy in your life
- Where you have been habitually sinning begin to get uprooted and destroyed if you allow the Spirit access into your lifestyle
- Ex. It's like our graduates from AFA who graduate from the Academy but then they begin pilot training. Graduation only begins the process of training and equipping their lives. Same with receiving Christ. Receiving Christ only begins the training you will need for the battles ahead
- You are just learning to fight and battle in the Spirit. You have the Spirit living within you but you must learn how to have an intimate, deep, growing knowledge of the Lord
 - You must learn to love in the Spirit
 - You must learn to walk in the Spirit
 - You must learn to live in the Spirit
 - The greatest defense against Satan and demons is a biblical offense
 - We must learn to destroy the works of the devil through building the works of the Spirit
 - The best life is a life of proactively feeding on the Spirit of God through the Word of God and gradually you will be less reactive to the temptations of enemy

So, tonight I want to take you through how to defeat demons through a personal intimate wholeheart relationship with the Holy Spirit

Turn to Romans 8

Manual for Breaking Shame in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Part 1 this week, part 2 next week

Vs. 1

- Demons build condemnation into your life from the day you are born. You grow up feeling condemned and that results in shame
- You counter shame with hiddenness and cover-up
- The results of shame are perfectionism, blaming, gossip, sexual exploitation, envy, pride, and jealousy.
- Competitiveness and perfectionism comes from shame and feeling that you are not fully loved in Christ
- So we play hide and seek with God and people. This leads to strongholds that cause us to work very hard at cover-up and portraying ourselves for more than we are—we have to always give a good impression
- But we can now walk in the Spirit, walk in Christ Jesus. When we walk “according to the Spirit” daily feeding on God’s Word, feeding on the face of Jesus, feeding on His love
- When we do that we break the power of condemnation!

Vs. 2

- We now have a new law at work. The Law of the Spirit of God. We have a new heart, the Spirit of God has given us a new heart, a good heart, a loving heart, a non-competitive heart
- You have freedom over that shame, condemnation and perfectionism

Vs. 3-4

- Religion is limited in what it can do for us. Faith is not limited; but religion limits us.
- Religion is the Law of outward show, outwards symbols, that pretend to give us freedom, but they can't
- But God has made up for the limitations of religion through the Spirit of Jesus living within us. True Christianity is intimacy with God
- True faith is from within. The work of the heart

Vs. 5-8

- Crossroad decision that every believer in Christ must come to
- What will you set your new mind on? God gives you the freedom to decide...flesh, the old way vs. Spirit, the new way of the heart.
- You can have life or death...it's your choice
- Which will you choose?
- Wholeheart, all of your heart intimacy leads to life
- Half-heart, false self, leads to death

Vs. 9-11

- Even though our flesh, our "old man," our old heart stills wants death through the habits of our old heart
- We can have life, abundant life, but it's a war
- John 10:10: "Demons come to steal, kill, and destroy but Jesus came to give us life, life that is abundant and free

- The Spirit infuses your old nature and begins to actually sanctify your old man
- This is called sanctification. This is the ongoing training of the heart

Vs. 12-13

- You no longer owe a debt to your old man because that old man is dead
- You no longer owe a debt to your flesh, your soulish man, your old heart
- You don't have to die now!!
- Christ paid it all. Yes, he took care of the old nature at Calvary
- Turn to Romans 5:6-11

You are now Beloved Sons & Daughters of the Father

- **You are loved and free**
- **You are adopted into a new relationship**
- **You don't owe the old life anything! Nothing! That life is over, done with, obsolete**
- **Quit listening to the demonic voices of the past**

Vs. 14

- You are sons of the Father. Son's and daughters of God!
- You know it because you can be led by the Spirit
- You can hear God's voice everyday
- Not driven, but led by the Spirit

- Ex. That's why we took 40 days to seek God about starting this fellowship. We wanted to be led by the Spirit
- You can hear His voice daily
- Feeding on God's Word in an open dialogue with the Spirit
- We can walk daily in an intimate relationship with the Spirit
- You contend for your freedom through daily communing with Jesus. It takes quality and quantity of time
- You must spend time, loads of time, with the Spirit, contending for relationship

Vs. 15

- You have the Spirit of adoption. This means that you have a new family, a new Father, a new home
- Bondages and fears can be broken off
- Intimacy with Jesus through calling out to Him as our daddy. Abba is the Aramaic for daddy
- Cry out for it. We have bondages still because we have not battled for freedom through crying out for it

Vs. 16

- Your spirit tells you it's right. Your spirit agrees with the Spirit that you are a child of God now!
- Bears witness in your new heart...you are a child of God

Vs. 17

- Even as you walk this out, you are learning through ongoing training of your heart that you are a joint heir reigning with Christ over your old heart
- You are a Co Regent over the earth
- It is the Genesis 2 Mandate over your heart
- Genesis 2:27-28
- You are the son of the Warrior King Jesus (Ex 15:3)
- You are a warrior son, a warrior daughter, a warrior child of God and you can now war in the Spirit for ascendancy and your rightful place over sin and death

This means:

- You can walk in the Spirit...it's a walk, a daily walk, using the Word and Worship in your life
- You can live in His presence everyday. It is learning to live in the now, His Presence in the present!
- Richard Rohr writes, "Transformative faith is always much more about the now than the future. How you do anything is how you do everything. How you do relationship is how you do relationship: with your job, your family, animals, nature, the present moment and God. As other teachers have said, 'if you are here now, you will be there then.' If you can be present to love and live now, you are ready for heaven. If you do not know how to be present, how would you possibly be ready for the Real Presence." (Wild Man to Wise Man, p. 105)
- In other words, if you cannot live and enjoy in the Presence of God now, seeing the beauty and true, how will you enjoy it later in the True Presence of heaven?

Next week, I want to talk about warring for freedom, warring in the Spirit, contending for our rightful place as beloved sons and daughters of God