Living A Lie

Tony Mauck · 1 Corinthians 15:12–19

INTRODUCTION

- If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.
- The point I think he's making is poor pitiful us is that we're suffering for this.
- If Jesus Christ is not raised, … then why are we putting ourselves at such risk? Why are we in danger?

1 We Are Not Living a Lie

1 Corinthians 15:12–19; Romans 12:1–2; 2 Thessalonians 2:8–14

- If Jesus Christ is not raised from the dead, and if you do not have a hope of a future resurrection, what we're doing here today is a lie.
- If Christ is not raised, there's no resurrection of the dead. Your faith is vain. Our preaching is vain. There is no solution to sin.
- But folks, it's not a lie. What we are doing here today is not based on a lie, but sober truth. It's wise, it's real, it's sensible, and it's valuable.
- When we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, the person that we prove it to is ourselves.
- Who really is living a lie? It's not us. What about those who reject God's will?
- It's the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they do not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

2 Our Stuff Will Be Enough

Luke 12:15–21

- One of those lies that is so prevalent in our culture is that our stuff will be enough.
- If he gains the whole world and loses his own soul. Stuff ain't going to be enough. I don't care how much stuff you have.
- This life does not consist in the abundance of a thing which a person possesses.

3 I Don't Need God

Deuteronomy 6:24; 1 Timothy 4:8

- That mentality is preceded by another, and that is, I don't need God.
- God wonderfully fashioned you. He made you. He gave you life and breath. He is infinite in knowledge.
- These things are written for our good and for our survival.
- The way of man is not in himself. It is not in man that walks to direct his own steps.

4 It’s Too Hard

- It’s so hard. It’s so difficult, it’s impossible. And we’ve all experienced moments of failure.
- With men it is impossible, but with God, all things are possible. We’re going to need God in the equation.
- We can go to heaven, but we’re going to need divine assistance to get it done.
- Your eternal salvation is going to be dependent upon your trust in God.

5 I’m Okay as Long as the Good Outweighs the Bad

Mark 3:31–35

- I’m okay as long as the good outweighs the bad in my life. This is a wrong approach to perseverance.
- But it’s not about being better. Because none of us are good enough. It’s about receiving forgiveness.
- What we’re all about is submission to God in every respect.

6 Maybe God Will Make an Exception

- There is yet one more lie that I want to address. And that is, well, maybe God will make an exception.
- He says, I know I’m going to hell. … But we said, you don’t have to go to hell.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you going to embrace what is true, or will you embrace what is a lie? Choose truth.

MY NOTES