The Building of a Healthy Self-Image (Acts 2:36)

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INTRODUCTION

- Is guilt necessarily a bad thing?
- As he acknowledges, against thee and thee only have I sinned, he then begins to work from the acknowledgement of his guilt to the transformation of the sinner.

1 We Should Deal With Guilt Properly

1 Corinthians 11:27; Matthew 27; Acts 3:14–19

- You shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- So we shouldn't just wish guilt away. We should deal with it properly.
- God has made him both Lord and Christ. And they were pierced to their hearts. There was guilt.
- You must repent. You must deal with your guilt. Repent and return, that your sins may be wiped away in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

2 Great Danger to Live in Denial of Sin

Isaiah 47:8–11

- There is great danger to live in denial of the problems of sin as so many do.
- I am, and there is no other besides me.
- But evil will come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away.
- This view of self is destructive in every possible way.

3 Sinners Unfit for the Presence of God

- Because as sinners, we are unfit for the presence of a perfect and holy God. That's why we need the gospel.
- That's why acknowledging your guilt and getting the remedy for that is so very important.
- This book says that we're going to stand before the judgment seat of our God.

4 Spiritually Remade and Given Value

1 Peter 1:18–19; 1 Peter 1:22

- He provides the building blocks of a healthy self-image based upon the acknowledgement of my guilt and then dealing with it as he has prescribed.
- We are a new creation in Christ. We are correctly spiritually remade. And we are given value by the very fact that our creator has redeemed us.

- But you are not redeemed, even with the most precious of things in this world, like silver and gold, but with instead the precious blood.
- When you sign on to serve the Lord, all of that guilt in the past, gone. Removed. A great weight is lifted.

5 A New Way of Seeing Ourselves

Revelation 2:17; Ephesians 2:6; Philippians 3:20–21

- It's a new way of looking at ourselves. That's what the gospel does.
- Your new status, the new name that you have in Christ is God delights in you, and you have a relationship with him tantamount to spiritual marriage.
- Again, our wellness is defined by our relationship with God.
- And you have been raised to sit in the heavenlies with Christ.
- Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly await for a Savior, the Lord, Jesus Christ.

6 Vessels of Honor

2 Timothy 2:21

- We're fit for the master's use according to 2 Timothy chapter 2.
- One of our great missions as vessels of honor as citizens of heaven is we're going to try to show other people how they can be a vessel of honor too.
- Even our trials can contribute to our betterment and make us long for the ultimate that's coming.
- Our momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory, far beyond all comparison.

THE CHALLENGE

Can you leave this place this morning and say with all assurance and certainty? You know, I'm really doing better than Gigante. I'm a faithful child of the King of Kings.

MY NOTES