The Path

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 5:10

INTRODUCTION

- I want to thank me for doing more right than wrong. Is that going to be good enough at the end of our lives?
- We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may receive what is due. What he has done in the body, whether good or evil?
- What you've got to hope is that when this judgment takes place, that there's more on the good side of the ledger than the bad side of the ledger. Is that what this passage is saying?

1 The Path a Person Travels in This Life

2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 5:3–8; Ephesians 5:15–17

- Isn't he talking more about the path that a person travels in this life? About a direction that a person's life heads, either toward good or evil.
- He's talking about a path, a course. An impenitent pursuit of an immoral behavior which could cause that person to not receive his or her inheritance.
- Let no one deceive you, because the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- Walk as children of light. You see, he's talking about a path, a direction that we're headed.

2 Perils: Outside Assailants

John 8:44; Galatians 5:4–8

- There are outside assailants, there are forces without who will do their best to discourage you from this path.
- Who is so vigorously promoting another path? Well, it's the devil, of course, the father of all lies.
- I call it attempts to incorporate the broad way into the narrow way.
- You were running well. But someone has hindered you.

3 Perils: That Which Comes From Within

- Another peril of the path is not so much that which comes from without, but that which comes from within.
- Old passions and behaviors will not go away quietly. The rigors of daily life will divert focus, diminish zeal.
- I'm not sure that because you were once that soil, that means you will always be that soil.
- Repent and pray that the thought of your heart might be forgiven you. Never forsake thoughts of God and commitment to assembling with his people.

4 With God, All Things Are Possible

Colossians 2:2

- Jesus says, with men it is impossible. But with God, all things are possible.
- We have a high priest in Jesus who hasn't just left us on our own on this path. If it's just up to me, I'm not gonna make it. But I have help.
- He is able to save forever those who draw near to him.

5 Invoke Heaven's Assistance in This Journey

Psalm 19:13–14; Psalm 139:23–24; Nahum 1:7

- Keep back your servant from presumptuous sins. Let them not rule over me. Then I shall be blameless.
- Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my anxious thoughts and see if there be any hurtful way in me and lead me in the everlasting way.
- We have to invoke heaven's assistance in this journey.

6 Priceless Proof, Precious Possession, Peerless Prize

Philippians 3:14

- What we have at our disposal is priceless. Our knowledge of the path.
- Then there is, secondly, the precious possession. That I have a relationship with the living Lord.
- There is what I call the peerless prize that awaits us.
- We're on a path whose trajectory is glory. And that is peerless.

THE CHALLENGE

Inwardly, as you fight the struggles that you inevitably will, keep the soul diligently seeking the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and the path that He has called us to. And we can make it. And it is worth every effort.

MY NOTES