

FULFILLED
IN CHRIST

THE BOOK OF
H E B R E W S

Hebrews 4:12-13
"Sharper"

BASIC
INSTRUCTIONS
BEFORE
LEAVING
EARTH



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The Donut of Truth



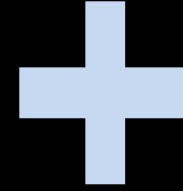
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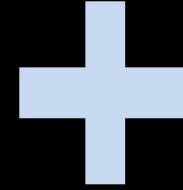


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God's Instrument for Transformation

1. Reveals
2. Removes
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Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

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Matthew 5

²¹ “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry (“enraged”) with his brother will be liable to judgment...

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²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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Romans 7:13b

It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become ***sinful beyond measure.***

If I can reduce “holiness” to a list of behaviors, then personal holiness might be attainable.

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Revelation 1

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest... ^{16b} from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

Removes

The Word doesn't merely teach us,
It works within us.

Act 9:18

And immediately something like
scales fell from his eyes, and he
regained his sight.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins and to
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Restores

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,

*for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,*

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Ephesians 4:22-24

...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to **put on the new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Gospel Response

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How does this passage:

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Eisegesis vs. Exegesis

Can Scripture
contradict you?

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Scripture uncovers your darkness and struggles, and God’s magnificent pursuit of you in Christ.

Prayers of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

(From the Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8,10-12

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Benediction

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Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you