

INDICATIVES vs IMPERATIVES

IMPERATIVE

Rom 15:7

2 Cor 8:7

Eph 5:2

Phil 2:3-4

Col 2:6-8

Col 2:16-22

Col 3:1-2

Col 3:5-11

Col 3:12-25

INDICATIVE

Rom 15:7

2 Cor 8:9

Eph 5:2

Phil 2:5-8

Col 2:6

Col 2:10-15

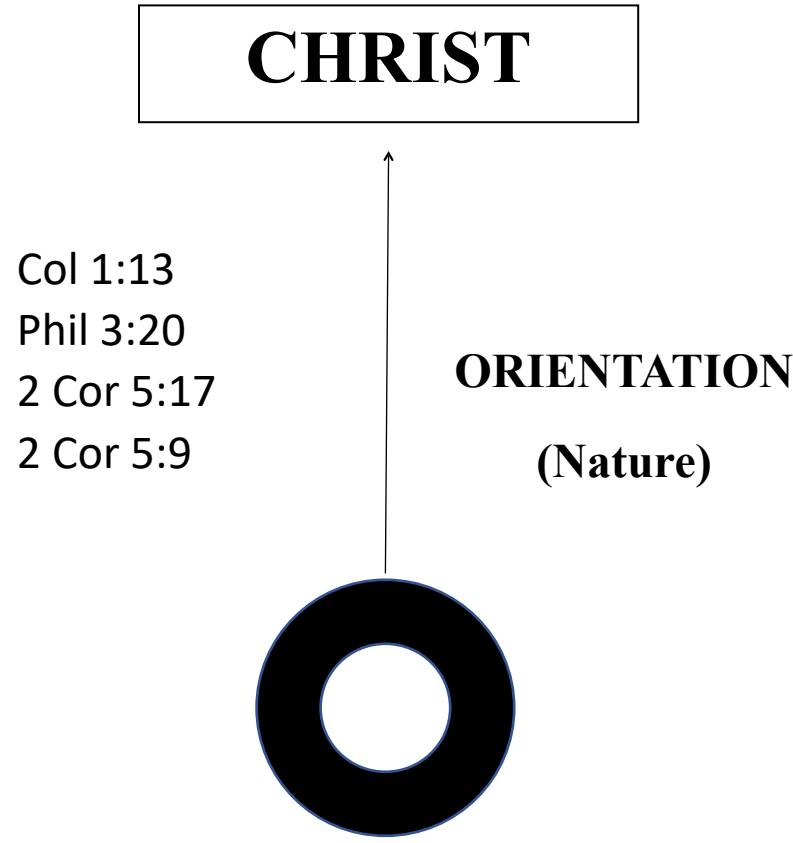
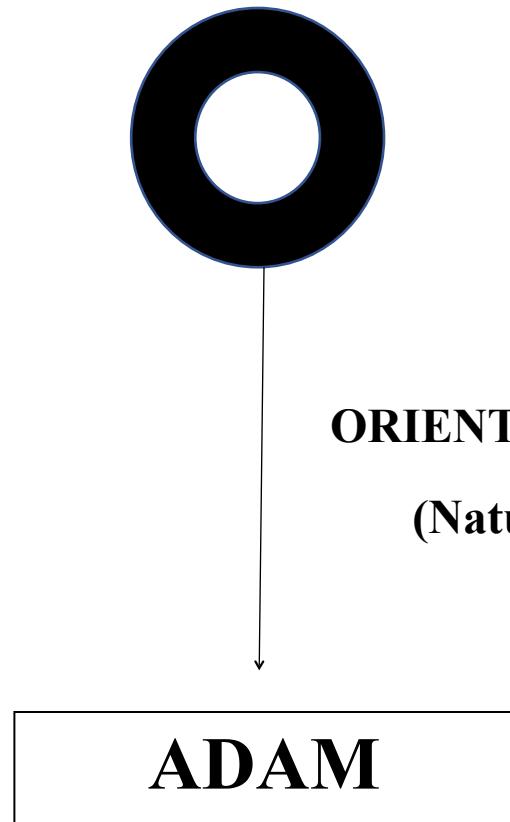
Col 3:1

Col 3:3-4

Col 3:12, 13-20

DEAD TO SIN

Romans 6:1-2



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Jude 1:4 - For certain persons have crept in unnoticed...ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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DORIANI – *You could call antinomianism a subtracting movement. It shifts from ‘no one needs to keep the law to be saved’... to ‘no one needs to keep the law at all.’ This attitude appeals to our worst instincts and entices both genuine and (alleged) believers to take sin lightly.*

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Rom 13:8–10 – 8...he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

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2 May it never be!

Titus 2:11–12 - 11 For the grace of God has appeared...12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

HARVEY BAVINCK – *Sin is guilt, but it is also pollution. Justification delivers man from his guilt; Sanctification delivers him from the pollution of sin.*

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Westminster Larger Catechism:

Q: *Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?*

A: *Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification His Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.*

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2...How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

1 John 1:8–10 - 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

David G. Peterson – what it means that we have ‘died to sin’...

1. A *judicial* aspect
2. A *proclamation* aspect (John 4:53; Acts 16:31, 33-34; Acts 18:8)
 1. A *moral* aspect
 2. An *eschatological* aspect

1. We Must Boldly Preach Grace.

LLOYD-JONES – *It is grace at the beginning, and grace at the end....(It's) not what we have been, not what we have done, but the Grace of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. The Christian life starts with grace, it must continue with grace, it ends with grace. Grace wondrous grace. By the grace of God I am what I am. Yet not I, but the Grace of God which was with me.*

2. We Must Relentlessly Pursue Holiness

1 Pet 1:16 - ... it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."