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Position & Practice:

Dead to Sin

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

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Why a second sermon?

- Positional knowledge without practical application is the same as faith without works
- God has a purpose for us to walk in righteousness
- Righteous living has no downsides and immeasurable reward

Why should I (we) practice holiness?

- Illustration
- Holiness is NOT legalism
- Holiness is NOT comparative or competitive

James 1

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Romans 6

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 10

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Why Do We Sin?

- We get opportunities to fulfill our desires
  - James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
- We think no one sees
- We think that no one will be hurt
  - Proverbs 20:17 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a man, But afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

- At least it’s not that bad compared to…

How Can I be Holy?

- Pray
- Examine your thoughts and desires
- Hold your heart up to the mirror of Scripture
- Think before you speak
- Be quick to apologize
- Redeem the time

Living a Cross-Shaped Life

