
ADDENDUM

I know, I know, you're thinking DAY SIX? But, if you're like me, you have spent some time evaluating and finding just how short you fall of the holy life we are called to.

Self-evaluation can lead quite quickly to self-loathing UNLESS it's done within the sphere of Christ.

After evaluating myself, I was so convicted by the fact that I have been judging others, judging situations, judging motives, etc... Apparently I judge a lot!

But as I was reading another bible study blog this morning I saw this reminder, and thought I would encourage you with it in case you were forgetting the amazing grace of God.

"If you obey for a thousand years, you're no more accepted than when you first believed; your acceptance is based on Christ's righteousness and not yours." - Paul Tripp, New Morning Mercies

And then there was this -

"Jesus' perfect record has become ours. Because God has accredited or imputed Jesus' perfect obedience to you, when God looks upon you, he sees you as a person who

~always does the things that are pleasing to Him;

~is so focused on accomplishing His will and work that doing so is your daily food;

~doesn't seek your own will but seeks His will instead;

~doesn't seek to receive glory (praise, respect, worship) from others;

~has always kept all His commandments;

~lives in such a way that your life brings holiness to others;
~loves others and lays down your life on a consistent basis;
~lives in such a way that the people around you know that you love
your heavenly Father more than anything else;
~seeks to obey every command so that righteousness will be fulfilled.

In God's opinion (the only one that matters!) that's your record today. These truths ought to astound us." - Love God Greatly

Isn't He amazing? Our position in Christ provides His righteousness, His holiness. So while it's great to evaluate, and necessary to align our character with His, just remember that God loves you. He provides for you all that you need pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1)

Self-loathing will not make the changes we need to make. It's only submitting to His Spirit that can do that. Let's not forget the truth of God's word -

"Being confident of this very thing,
that He which began a good work in you will perform it until the
day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory,
just as from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Blessings today as you ponder the grace of God that leads us to glory and freedom and out from the bondage of sin.

I just can't help but praise His name! How about you?