

Finding My Place

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

We live in a changing culture of "everybody's doing it" and in fact a world that fosters different types of reason to determine mankind's destiny. Unfortunately this leads to confused and irresponsible people who step out of God's purpose and fall short of happiness and victory in this life.

Growing up as a kid I can remember my two older brothers constantly challenging my Father and being disobedient. Now I wasn't no saint, but I learned a lot from their short comings and my Dad's authority. But, their temporary fun seemed like a life of punishment and pain for all. My Dad was constantly hurt and my brother's were constant in rebellion to get their way. If my Dad would have just left them alone, neither one of my brothers would have survived the future they were paving. Yet, my Dad was constant in love and commands and they were slow to yield to his leadership and foresight. I can remember when they would act up, steal something, drink or even bring girls over when no one was home, I knew that it wasn't going to be pretty when he found out. Why wouldn't they just listen and believe in him?

Paul gives us a very direct instruction about the message of reconciliation. He implores us on Christ behalf to become righteous. In essence Christ took our sin and became the sin offering so that we might become morally right.

Jesus came to this world to make man righteous. To restore God's people, everyone he created, into a right way of life, His way.

Hindsight is always 20/20 and my brothers and my Father get along great and they have wonderful families. Sometimes they sit around and joke about those old days and my Dad remarks that their teenage years were the reason he has gray hair and wrinkles. I am thankful for my Father on earth and my heavenly Father who never gives up on me and loves me so much that he gave us all His Son to make us righteous, new and free.

So find your place in Christ and stop fighting the culture, the sin problem, and the way of the world, confess your sin, live for God and become righteous!

Blessings,
Pastor Art :)