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THE ESTABLISHED HEART

Reading Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-9

Dictionary definition- establish:

- To cause to be accepted or recognized
- To show to be valid or true
- To bring into being on a firm or permanent base
- To install or settle in a position, place, or business

We must have a healthy Christian life:

We are of a sinful nature that have weakness in our flesh. **Rom. 7:14-18**

We must resist the continual drag of other people who sin and the disappointments of others in our life.

Exodus 32:1-2 and 19

We must be able to deal with the criticism and persecution of others. **Matt. 5:10-12**

We must establish others that they may have a healthy Christian life. **Rom. 1:11-12**

We must establish the church in the principal doctrines of the church. **I Tim. 4:13-16**

I Pet. 5:2-3 Eph. 3:21 (security of the believer, scriptural baptism, the Lord's supper, the laying on of hands, the independence of the local church body, the wonderful plan of redemption, a know so salvation)

NOTE: Living in a sin polluted world, it is imperative that the born again children of God be strong in faith and love for His great cause. The church must contend with powerless congregations using the name of Christ who know not God and have no understanding of spiritual things. We must be established in the power of the gospel of Christ and walk in His strength.

COMMON PROBLEMS OF TODAY:

The interest of the Lord's Church and His people is extremely low.

Our revivals are not well attended and are not effective as they once were.

Our young people are leaving the faith and those who remain are not interested.

The local church bodies are full of confusion.

Our ministers are jealous of each other.

The doctrines of the church are not embraced and adorned as they were a few years ago.

The sinners seem to have no conviction of their sins.

Sin is raging as never before.

NOTE: We must have a common cause that will stabilize God's people and a common ground the we can walk in unity. The only things that never change are God, His Holiness and His glorious plan of redemption. OUR OBJECT OF FAITH MUST BE CHRIST JESUS.

THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH:

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 17: 20-28 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one and the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

John 5:22-23 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

John 5:26-27 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgement also; because he is the Son of man.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Rom. 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Rom. 16:25-27 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world

began. But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen

John 14:15 And so Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

NOTE: Jesus has stood as the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world and He is the theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We must lift Him up before a sin cursed world that they may have a object of faith. In our preaching, we present His holiness, His love, His compassion, His judgment, His power, His sacrifice and His glorious victory.

The virgin birth: Luke 1 and 2, **His love:** John 15:13 John 11:35, **His compassion:** John 13:5-12, **His judgment:** John 5:26-27, **His sacrifice:** Matt. 27:27-51, **His victory:** Matt. 28:1-10, and **His return:** Acts 1:9-11

James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.