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Two Sides

MT 25:31-46

In sports of any type, baseball, football, etc., you have to choose sides. Then you have to choose to see what end of the field, ~~or~~ or who is up to bat first. You have to chose what position everyone will play.

All through you life you have to make a choice of one type or another.

In your life here you also have to choose whether to live a "worldly" life or a "christian" life.

This is what I am going to talk on:

"Two Sides"

1. Human - which is now while you are here on the earth.
2. Divine - which is to come after death.

In my lesson I will try to show you how this life on earth should be; what the life to come will be like; and how you should prepare for this life to come.

A.) Reading from I Tim 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Keeping yourself physically fit here on the earth is alright and I am all for it; but what is more important is spiritual exercise. Building yourself into better Christians.

1.) Rev. 3:1-5 Turn to Pg ~~325~~ 1307 ~~1317~~

Speaking here of a church that was faithful, but fell back through false teachings. They were warned that if they did not repent, then Jesus as a thief comes in the night the Lord will come.

We have to be ready at all times. There were some people in Sardis that were faithful

and the Lord said of them, "they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy." Are we going to be worthy?

I. The Life on Earth Should Be:

1.) New - Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the ~~dead~~ dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

When Christ died there on the cross he gave us this chance of a new life ~~through~~ ~~baptism~~. here on the earth. By being ~~this~~ baptized we are taking one of the steps which we have to take here in preparing ourself for the life to come. FRCB

2.) Hid - Col 3:1-3 Turn to pg ~~227~~ 1252

Speaking before of this new life. Think of the ~~things~~ things which will be ours in heaven if we are faithful. Your life is in heaven with ~~Christ~~ God & Christ, and this is what we should be striving for here on earth.

3.) Peaceful A.) II Cor 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Paul in the closing of his letter to the Corinthians is telling them (and us ~~too~~) to pay attention to what he said; to live in harmony and peace; to grow in Christ, and to be happy.

B.) I Tim 2:1-2 turn to pg ~~234~~ 1260

We also said to pray for all men, even those that have the rule over us so we can live a peaceful life here on the earth.

this life on earth should be

4.) Godly - Titus 2:11-15 Turn to pg ~~[illegible]~~ 1270

This is telling us to turn from this worldly life and ~~[illegible]~~ to live God fearing till Christ comes. To be different from the world - non-conformest. Striving to do good works. If someone questions us we should be ready with ~~one~~ answer - and you should be ready to correct someone else - always going to the Bible. No matter how much ~~[illegible]~~ knowledge you have, don't think that you know it all.

we are

5.) Honest - Heb 13:18 Pray for us: for we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Do you feel that you have lived a good and honest life here on earth? Think back on your life; have you said or done something to someone that you should not have?

We are not perfect but we must strive for perfection. This life on earth is full of trials and tribulations, joy and heartaches.

II. The Life ~~to~~ Come Will Be:

1.) Bright - Matt 13:40-43 Turn to pg 1029

Like seperating dead branches from the living we will be seperated at that day. Those that have not done all that they should have on ~~the~~ earth will go the way of the dead branches into the fire. While the godly will be spared like the living ~~[illegible]~~ branches to shine forth in the Kingdom of God - Are you a dead branch or one that is bearing fruit?

2.) ~~[illegible]~~ Perfect - A.) Pro. 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The Life to Come Will Be

We are the light of the world, and what we say and do here will reflect upon the church. ~~what we say and do, etc~~.

SHINE BEFORE MEN - NOT HOLD IT UP IN FRONT OF THEM.

B.) Mtt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

C.) I Tim 6:17-19 Turn to pg ~~654~~ 1264

Earthly riches are not going to get us into heaven. We can not take it with us. We are to be rich in good works, building up our "savings" account in heaven.

READING

3.) Eternal - Matt 25:31-46 Turn to pg ~~3~~ 1045-46

Forever - you can not comprehend how long ~~eternal~~ ETERNATY is. Forever in hell or heaven?

4.) Glorious - Philip. 3:20-21 Turn to pg ~~257~~ 1248

WE MUST Think always of heaven as our home, because we are just "passing thru" this world. Working for the time of his coming (today - tomorrow?). "We will be like Him" - glorious body.

III. How To Prepare for This Life to Come:

1.) By Hearing - Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

How do you hear? Speakers in church, meetings or talking one with another. In one way you learn by reading. One will lead to the other. Questions and answers asked about or found in the Bible.

How To Prepare for this Life To Come

To hand in hand - same purpose

2.) By Believing - John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should ~~shall~~ not perish, but have everlasting life.

3.) By Faith - Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek him.

Anyone that wants to come to God must believe that there is a God, and must seek Him. Could we freely give up one of our loved ones? God did because he loved us. We must return that love by doing what He wants us to do, not what the world wants us to do.

4.) By Repenting - A.) acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall recieve the gift of the Holy Ghost.

B.) Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

You have to make the choice of whether to follow Christ or stay as you are and, as the saying goes, Pay The Piper.

WE MUST Turn from the sins of this world and COME to God. ~~come to to to

son of God and confess thēa before men, then Christ will put in a word for us to God.

In a court room when you are sworn in, you swore to tell the truth. When you confess that you believe Christ is the Son of God, you have to believe it or you won't be telling the truth.

6.) By Baptism - A) I Pet 3:21 The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

B.) Rom 6:3-4 Turn to pg ~~1170~~ 1196

This is an inward cleaning, cleansing our hearts from sin. Your sins are washed away - blotted out [redacted] when you are baptized. to be remembered no more

7.) Narrow Gate - Mt 7:13-14 Turn To pg ~~1010~~ 1020.

In Math - the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Road or path Fork in the road - cares of the world Repent of this wrong turn and retrace ~~for~~ your steps ~~back~~ back to the main road.

What if Christ came while you were on the wrong road?