

A LIFE of DEPENDENCE

WALKING WORTHY part 2: God is Sovereign Philippians 2:13 Chris Mueller

Introduction:

Psalm 115:3, "But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases."

God does as He pleases, only as He pleases and always as He pleases.

RC SPROUL, "If there is one single molecule in this universe running around loose, totally free of God's sovereignty, then we have no guarantee that a single promise of God will ever be fulfilled."

12 "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive." Acts 2:23, "This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."

John 15:4-5, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

#1-Depending on God's sovereign P _____ for it is God

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Philippians 3:8, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ."

#2-Depending on God's Sovereign P _____ who is at work

Galatians 3:3, "Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected [sanctified] by the flesh?"

Colossians 1:29, "For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."

Philippians 1:6, "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Romans 8:29, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son."

#3-Depending on God's Sovereign P _____ in you

Romans 8:9b, "...if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him." Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me," 1 Corinthians 3:16, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

#4-Depending on God's Sovereign P_____

both to will and to work

LOOK AT 'WILL'

1st Holy D _____

2 Timothy 2:22, "Now flee from youthful lusts."

John Flavel, "It is easier to cry against one thousand sins of others than to kill one of your own."

John Newton, "I am not what I might be, I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I wish to be, I am not what I hope to be. But I thank God I am not what I once was, and I can say with the great apostle, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' "

2nd Holy D _____

Romans 8:29, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son."

2 Corinthians 3:18, "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."

LOOK AT 'WORK'

Hebrews 13:20, "Now the God of peace, ... Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever."

#5-Pursuing God's Sovereign P_____

for His good pleasure

Ephesians 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." 2 Peter 1:3, "Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

A. A sovereign God requires _____

B. A sovereign God requires _____

C. A sovereign God requires _____

2 Peter 1:8-10, "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble."

Hebrews 12:14, "Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord."

Christian, are you making _____?

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS--BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-How does the intimate person of God effect His sovereign work in our lives?
- 2-If God is the one who saves and sanctifies, then why are Christians to RUN TO WIN and die daily?
- 3-How do I experience God's sovereign power in my life on a daily basis?
- 4-How does God's presence in my life effect my sanctification?
- 5-If the Lord wants me to turn from sin and pursue Christ, how does that actually work out practically?
- 6-How does my sanctification actually bring God pleasure and WHY?
- 7-Explain the fact that God is sovereign but you are responsible, as if you were talking to a baby Christian.
- 8-How can there be church attenders who sing to Christ, say they love Him, but do not submit to Christ?
- 9-Why is it important for believers to make progress in their sanctification?

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