

Sermon Quotes
February 4th, 2007
Living In The Good Of The Gospel
Gospel Implications- No Condemnation

D. Martin Lloyd-Jones:

“The vital principle is that we must face ourselves and examine ourselves, and if we are among those that never seem to know the joy of salvation and the joy of the Lord, we must discover the cause...It is more likely to affect those who have been **brought up in Christian homes and families** and who have **always been taken to a place of worship than those who have not.**”

“There are **large numbers of people** in this unhappy situation. The Christian life to them seems to be a constant problem, and they are always asking the same question: ‘Why can’t I get there? Why can’t I be like that?’ (referring to Christians experiencing great joy and satisfaction in Christ)...They read books which are meant to give instruction about the Christian way of life, they attend meetings and conferences, always seeking that certain something, which they do not find. And they become very discouraged.”

“...It is all important, as we face such people, to be quite certain that they are clear in their minds about the primary and most fundamental principles of the Christian faith. Many times I’ve found in talking to them that **their real trouble lies right here**. I would not say that they are not Christians but I am suggesting that they are what I would call **miserable Christians**, simply because they have not understood the way of salvation, and for that reason all their beliefs and efforts have been more or less useless. They often concentrate on the question of sanctification, but it does not help them because **they have not understood justification.**”

—D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

John 3:16-18 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (17) For God **did not send** his Son into the world **to condemn** the world, but in order that the world **might be saved** through him. (18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe **is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

1. Do you feel God loves you more when you are doing the right things, and less when you’re not?
2. When you worship God, do you keep a “respectful distance,” as though you're not sure He wants you to draw near?
3. When you read your Bible, do you sense more of God's love...or just feel more guilty?
4. Are you regularly more aware of your sin than you are of God's grace, demonstrated for you on the cross?
5. Do you walk around with a vague sense of God's disfavor, as though He generally disapproves of you?

1 John 4:17 “By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because **as He is so also are we in this world.**”

“Ultimately, the only thing which is going to drive a man to Christ and make him rely on Christ alone, is **a true conviction of sin**. We go astray because we are not truly convicted of our sin. That is why I say this is in particular the problem of all those who have been brought up in a religious home. Their chief trouble is **their wrong idea of sin.**”

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“In various places in England, you will see the royal coat of arms over certain buildings. The presence of this seal tells you some very specific things. Most notably, that this building is now in the ownership of the Queen. At the moment the building is purchased, the seal goes up, signifying the transfer of ownership has occurred. But right off, there's very little that's different in the property itself besides this royal coat of arms. But immediately, the Queen authorizes workers to begin a process of remodeling and repairing the property. Why? To make it fit for the Queen's inhabitation. This is a picture of a saved soul. A transfer of ownership occurs, and the King sets his seal of ownership upon us. But outwardly we are not that much different beyond that. But the King undertakes a process of transforming us into a holy place that is actually fit for him to dwell in. The work may be hard. Things are torn down. Other things are hammered in. **But all the while the work takes place with our position and relationship secure and intact.** His seal is upon us. We belong to Him. The work was known by Him before He took us on. And He undertakes the work **with a confidence of completion.** He knows one day we will actually be totally worthy of the seal that's set out front for all to see.”

—Alistair Begg