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By this glorious operation of faith, am I delivered from my fallen nature, and triumph in my desires to please Him, for He liveth in me, to lead me away from what I would be inclined to do, bringing disgrace and shame to His glorious person and name. Which is an abominable thought, to me! I love what I see in Him. I love what I see in His work for me. His zeal to come, and perform wonders of feats too marvelous to explain, and to descend, descend, descend into hell, for me!!!! While hanging, on that cross! Do you see?

Hence the Holy war! A war which has in the midst of it, My Savior's honor, and at the end of it, my eternal happiness and blissful glory, with Him! A war, that looks raggedly and unappealing, and questionable to the wax soldier of mere philosophical interest. A war, like the pilgrim, whose sight of Him., caused him to leave everything and head, that way! That way! What kind of revelation is this? That will cause a man, to willingly, be crucified, with Him, and his own nature, with it's passions so close to the breast! And to the world?

What kind of Revelation is this? A saving revelation, which understands and agrees with the terms! Gal 6:14 To be developed!

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Prov 22:6

It is important for parents of young children to know that their task as God given authorities is to instruct their children. Teach them what is right and wrong, good and evil. The emphasis is on teaching and instructing. This as you have come to learn is hard work, for the parent. The constant reminding, and demonstrating of how a things is to been done, or how a things is to viewed and understood, is arduous and can be exhausting. However the fruits of assisting your children in their educational development will yield marvelous fruit, if patient.

Warning! instruction, is not scolding. It is not yelling. It is not burdensome and heavy handed correction every time the parent opens their mouth. Though needed sometime, that is the wrong way to bring the children up.

Remember Rules without Relationship equals? R _____. The goal of instruction and training as commanded by God is two fold. It is first build a relationship between the parent and the child. It allows them to be close and together addressing the issue and discussing the lesson to be learned. The parent is like the Holy Ghost, the paraclete, the one who comes near, and reveals truth. It establishes the bond. Secondly, it emboldens the children to learn. And accustoms them to being instructed, without threat or fear, by adults! And it satisfies the need for communion, so that it does not come out in other ungodly ways!

Think about it.

Pastor's Commentary And Outline

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The following commentary will be of importance to the person or persons who realize that there is something missing in their experience of grace as a believer. For the person who is honest and earnest about eternal life, who also recognizes that there is little if any virtue operating in their soul to deliver them from the powerful and damning allurements of the flesh; the answer lies within the above advertisement.

Four times in Galatians, does the apostle address the subject of the cross of Christ! In Gal 2:20 He says, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* This is His theology of salvation and it's experiences of Grace. By it He triumphed over the high mountain of the law!

At another place He said, *"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*

Gal 5:24. This too, is a past tense, reality of grace, in the life of all, that are Christ." And they that are Christ.: have consciously taken their place with the redeemer, in His crucifixion and death, against themselves. That is against their fallen nature. **Do you see the importance of this perspective?**

I am convinced that many don't. *"Have crucified the flesh"* is a mental resolve, by the informed believer which results from a clear understanding of the issues of salvation. And that my deliverance is not only from an objective code of conduct (the law), of which it was and is impossible for me to satisfy before His holiness or my conscience, but an inward corruption of nature (flesh), inherited in my Father Adam, and working ruin in my heart, mind, and spirit, so long as it rules and reigns, as king in my life. Children of God, if he rules, Christ doesn't! The only way that I shall triumph over my nature, is to first, by faith, see him (flesh) as dead in Christ. Rom 6:6,11. It is out of this conviction of truth, that I am commanded to, "let not SIN REIGN, in your mortal body!" Rom 6:12-14 - continued (Pg 4)

The Calling and ministry of Samuel:

3 " Prophet. Priest, Judge"

Text: 1 Sam 3:1-21

(1) His 3 offices, **Priest, Judge, and prophet:** 1 Sam7:8,9/ 3:20

A prophet: Speaks for God! Jer 23:28. / 7:24-27/ 19:14

"Distant futuristic ,primarily immediate; immediate will of God"

He was God's voice: Distinction between written will/ spoken word

Ezekiel 33:7 / Luke 19: 48/ law, priesthood - prophets

Hear from God: 1Sam 3:8,9 - New testament Church Parallel 2Tim 4:1-4

1 Tim 4:1-4 / 2 Thess 2:11,12 Rev 2-3 Christ ministry was largely prophetic

Rev 19:10

The priesthood: The ministry for an, to God: Heb 5:1-4 / 1Sam 7:8,9 - 12:23

New Testament: Spiritual priesthood. 1 Peter 2:9/Heb 13:15 / Ehp 6:18, Luke 18:1

Acts 2;42

Things which shaped and forged Samuel's character:

(1) Call and conversion: 3:3,4,8 / Gal 1:15 / Jer 1:15

(2) The revelation of Christ: 9,19,20,21/ 1Peter 1:10

(Spirit of Christ in them)

(3) A hard word of prophecy against His up line. Vs10-18

(4) The indication of Samuels call! Vs 27 /

(5) **The up close wickedness in the ministry.** 2:12-16,22 / 18,26

(6) The impenitency and apostasy of the people: 2vs 24,25

(7)The capture of the Ark. 4:1,2-10/6:1 - A powerless gospel

(8) He saw revival; 7:1-13 Flesh subdued.

(9) God abandoned/ a kings sought: 8:1-9

(10)Samuel sees God's King: 16:11-13

Members Moving!

Schell Plouche and Nancy Sanchez are sisters in Christ and members of Grace, and are moving to Georgetown Kentucky in a few days. They are setting a course for retirement in hope that the Lord will be pleased to meet their needs both physically and spiritually in that community.

Both of the sisters have been a thorough blessing to us at grace. Helpful, encouraging and very low maintenance (smile). It has been our privilege to have had the Lord to bring them our way and we are the better for their participation at Grace for these few year.

By the mercies of God, the world is now a lot smaller, and a number of our friends and saint's in Christ are able to keep sufficient contact with us, through mail, internet, and other in different states and around the world. This allows continued fellowship and a knowledge of the affairs of people we care about and love.

We trust that these resources will serve the same purpose for this situation as well. Please greet them with a kiss and remember them in your prayers. They are our members and we love them.

Til we meet in Glory! By Grace, Alone.