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Exalting Christ

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EXALTING CHRIST!!!

I. Eph. 2:8-10. OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN: SALVATION.

A. Three negatives noted:
2. The Power not in works of Old Law. II Cor. 3:6
3. Therefore, nothing to boast about. V. 9.

B. Six positives noted:
1. Salvation is by God's KINDNESS: Grace.
2. Sal. is through man's FAITH in God's Kindness.
4. We are the PRODUCT of God's good work!
5. We are created unto GOOD WORKS or unto "the life of goodness" -- good deeds etc.
6. We are created to WALK in good works.

CONCLUSION: Man was created by the Father to COOPERATE with Him in providing the good life for man on earth and in Heaven!! Romans 8:28. EXALTS CHRIST!

II. Eph. 4:11-15. THE PROCESS OF EXALTING CHRIST.

A. PERFECTING OF THE SAINTS. MATURING.
1. Reason every member should be in a BS class every Sunday! (Don't get much out Question: WHAT DO YOU PUT IN?????)
   Conclusion: Perfecting the saints is YOUR putting something in!!!!


3. We either COOPERATE or get weak and die.
   Ill. AESOP: Stomach and appendages.
   Moral: "As in the body, so in the church each member in his proper sphere must work for the common good."

B. WORK OF THE MINISTRY. Life of Serving!!!
2. Idle Christians are worldliness-prone!! Irritable, critical, weak & harmful.

3. Our Salvation is in our Unity!!! Cooperate.
   Ill. AESOP: Father and bundle of sticks.
   Moral: "In unity there is strength!"

C. EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST. Building!
1. Question: If Christians don't BOOST their brethren....who will??????
2. Question: Does this Poem typify the spirit of Jesus???
POEM: I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU!! Should we practice it more?

3. An accusation: Guilty of Prov. 3:27.
A remedy? Yes! POEM: Tell Him So.

4. Paul's great Prayer says it beautifully:
   Phil. 1:8-11.
   a. Your love abound more & more...for God. For Neighbor. For self. For lost.
   b. Approve excellence. Good things. Our Gospel Meeting is good. Support it 100%
   c. Bring Glory & Praise to God through your cooperation with Every Good Work

INV. DANIEL WEBSTER ONCE SAID: "The most sobering thought ever to enter into my mind is MY PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD!"

APOSTLE PAUL put it this way: I Cor. 15:58.
   Be stedfast: If not, repent this day. Now!
   Be unmovable: If not, repent this day. Now!
   ALWAYS Abounding: If not, repent. Now!!

Sinner friend: Jesus wants you in His kingdom today! Wants to save your soul. Wants to forgive your sins. Wants to give you peace of mind.
   He says: Mark 16:15-16.
Will you let Him save you today????

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