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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:

(II COR. 3:6)

1. The Power of Sal. is not IN man. Jer. 10:23.
2. The Power not in works of Old Law.
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 Kin
3. Sal. is a GIFT of God. John 3:16.
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 4 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!!!!

2. Why our Gospel Meeting? Perfect the saints. II Tim. 3:16-17.
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."

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(B) WORK OF THE MINISTRY. Life of Serving!!!

1. Why so important? Danger!!! I Pet. 5:8.
2. Idle Christians are worldliness-prone!!! Irritable, critical, weak & harmful.

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Bundle over head!

3. Our Salvation is in our Unity!!! Coopera 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. <sup>LBS LBC
SM MBC
CWP AWS</sup>

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????