**CHRISTCOMPANIONBIBLECHURCH Weekly Bible Study**

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**IDENTIFYING AND OVERCOMING BESETTING SINS (Part 2) Study 26**

 TEXT: Psalm 51:1-12,17.

MEMORY VERSE: ***Hebrews 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin***.

 Besetting sin is a serious concern that needs special attention and pragmatic action among believers today. Unless you realize that the problem is truly a problem, you may not be able to overcome it. Many believers downplay their sinful conditions/tendencies with excuses and arguments like Cain who after committing murder still argued and claimed not to be his brothers' keeper! **Rather than choosing remorse and repentance, he said in self-defense and pride that God was unfair to him, and everyone that found him should slay him! Genesis 4:13-14.** Such attitude will only prolong a state of oppression under sin than breaking through to freedom and dominion over besetting sins.

 **SECURING YOUR VICTORY OVER BESETTING SINS. ROMANS 7:15-25.**

 The spiritual life of victory is not by human struggling, but of grace through the Spirit. Knowledge of the gospel truth and obedience of faith are the answers to true freedom. The following steps will help you overcome day by day as you live in Christ:

1**. *Acknowledge your personal weaknesses and helpless state without divine empowerment***. ***Matthew 26:40-41***. The Lord Jesus when it comes to daily victorious living over sin, temptations and evil said, ***"Without me, you can do nothing"***. Imagine the fruitless attempts to place call with your cell phone when the battery has totally run down! Grace and active connection with Christ is the only way out of besetting sin. It is not enough to be saved, but you must remain connected to Christ by abiding and in his word all the time. John 15:4,14. Through unsevered abiding, the grace and enabling power will flow unceasingly.

2. ***Acknowledge and ascertain the possibility of your deadness to sin and self by being made alive unto God through Christ Jesus!*** Then pursue to make it a reality in your life.

Romans 6:8-13.

 Knowledge of your state and position in Christ is the chief determinant of your mind, resolves, actions and reactions towards life. Why did Stephen choose to pray for those who wickedly rained stones on him as he was dying? It was his knowledge of their religious blindness of course! When you know you are dead to sin, and awaken to righteousness your affection and priority in every circumstance will be to please Christ.

***3. Choosing to walk in the spirit. Romans 8:1-10.***

 Grace teaches and enables you to reject evil ways, align and walk after the Spirit. Titus 2:11, 12. The results are fruits of righteousness unto God pleasing at all times! Galatians 5:16-18.

4. ***Walk in the light of God’s word and live to shine the gospel light***. Isaiah 2:5; 60:1.

 Christ and everyone that follow him are the light of the world. Light cannot be hidden at all! Light is a symbol of uprightness, integrity, transparency and gracious living in Christ Jesus. When you live in this consciousness that you are a representation of the gospel light in the world like Joseph, your mind is made up never to disappoint God's interest, or drag the glorious gospel in the mud. This understanding helps you to build solid resistance towards every besetting sin. Thus, your weaknesses are made strong to ride over every high place of challenges like Joseph Genesis 39:7-9.

5. ***Divine revelation and affection for heavenly things will turn your life around. Isaiah 6:1-8.***

 In the above scripture, Isaiah had been an active Prophet, yet having unclean lip and association with such men as his besetting sins! God mercifully opened his eyes to his wretched state and imperfections! The result was thirst and hunger for heavenly purifying power. This quest brought about sanctified heart and a genuine turnaround that prepared him for higher heavenly calling! Isaiah 6:8. This is the path to truly overcoming besetting sin. Anyone with thirst for sound spiritual life of exploits can approach God for similar experience. The Lord is ever ready to offer help.

 i. *Stop justifying your weaknesses in defeat, see possibilities of triumphant life over every besetting sins.* ii*. Pray for divine help. iii. Get mastery over every identified Besetting sin and appearance of evil. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27. iv. Watch over your heart and mind vigilantly. Proverb 4:23.*v. Finally, put your emotions under control. Romans 8:13-14. May His grace be sufficient for you in Jesus name.Amen.

Yet he got broken and summon courage to repent and return to the Lord! His love for the master was proven. By faith rose to become a leading figure and hero of faith! Luke 22:61-62.

 Dear believer in Christ. Your choice is the only thing that can limit your horizons in Christ. God want you to rise on the wing of faith today. Forgetting the past, build up and grow in holiness to pursue the price of High calling in Christ. Philippians 3:10-13.

 Get your sinful habits and limitations behind you, trust in the author and finisher of your faith, forgetting the pains attending your cross to wear the heavenly crown with joy unspeakable! It is possible!

Amen.

**HYMN: TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY (CHS 59)**

1. Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;

 Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.

 Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,

 Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek

1. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;

 Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.

 By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;

 Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

1. Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide;

And run not before Him, whatever betide.

 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,

 And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word

1. Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,

Each thought and each motive beneath His control.

 Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,

 Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.