



How We Must Fight for Holiness

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14)

There is a practical holiness without which we will not see the Lord. Many live as if this were not so. There are professing Christians who live such unholy lives that they will hear Jesus's dreadful words, "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness" (Matthew 7:23). Paul says to professing believers, "If you live according to the flesh you will die" (Romans 8:13).

So, there is a holiness without which no one will see the Lord. And learning to fight for holiness by faith in future grace is supremely important.

There is another way to pursue holiness that backfires and leads to death. Paul warns us against serving God any other way than by faith in his enabling grace. God is not "served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25). Any effort to serve God that does not, in that very act, depend on him as the reward of our hearts and the power of our service, will dishonor him as a needy pagan god.

Peter describes the alternative to such self-reliant service of God, "Whoever serves, [let him do so] as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11). And Paul says, "I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me" (Romans 15:18; see also 1 Corinthians 15:10).

Moment by moment, grace arrives to enable us to do "every good work" that God appoints for us. "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). The fight for good works is a fight to believe the promises of future grace. (JP)

Mountain Gate Youth Activity Day: On Saturday, August 23rd, our young people will be coming together for food, games and prizes, sports activities, and worship. They will be meeting at Promenade Park, 615 Richey St. Corona, 92879. Activities start at 11:00 a.m.

Theology 101 – From the Mind to the Heart: Our next Theology 101 class will be Saturday, September 6th, at 9:00 a.m...

Wednesday Bible Study: Tonight, at 6:30 pm, we'll be looking at Seven Signs We Might Be Sowing to the Flesh. This study goes along with what we've been learning on Sundays: How to Walk in the Newness of Life.

Sunday's Service: Walking in the Newness of Life – Part 4 (Romans 6:6, 9-14) <https://youtu.be/d9Z81fMlVbQ>

This Sunday's Message: Walking in the Newness of Life: A Final Perspective – Part 5 (Romans 6:5-14)

Great Quote: "Strange as it may seem, one of the primary purposes of being shaken by suffering is to make our faith more unshakable." (John Piper)

Prayer Needs:

8-13-25



- Please continue to pray for Peggy. She had surgery last Friday and is still recovering in the hospital.
- Please pray for our sister, Andrea. Pray that she can adjust to her recent retirement and that God would open doors of opportunity to serve Him.
- Please continue to pray for Jose Sr. Pray for the healing of his leg – he's in constant pain.
- Please continue to pray for Nicole and her family. They lost their house and car and are starting over. They have been approved for housing but are waiting for it to come through.
- Please continue to pray for Tomas. He is just starting out walking with the Lord. Please pray for a job so he can support his family.
- Please continue to pray for brother Jeff. He will be having surgery to remove a mass in his abdomen.
- Please continue to pray for Mary. She is undergoing treatment for stage 4 kidney cancer. Please pray for healing and for more good days than bad ones.
- Please continue to pray for Mark N. He is at home and doing better each day but still needs complete healing from the effects of his illness.

If you have any prayer needs (or praise reports), please let me know by email or text: Pastor Mike, 909-229-1888 or yea4god@gmail.com

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Church Meeting Place: 2260 Griffin Way, Corona 92879 (At the Ayres Hotel)

Prayer: 9:00 a.m.

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

For His Glory!

Pastor Mike

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Proverbs 3:5-6

"Nothing but God exists for its own sake"

"God magnifies his greatness by making himself the supreme treasure of our hearts, even at great cost to himself (Rom 8:32), and so serving us in the very act of exalting his glory." (John Piper)