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New Message Series: Who We Are In Christ

Today's Message: Develop... Disciple... Deploy

Three Warnings:

1. Pseudo—Transformation: Mark Twain - “a good man in the worst sense of the word”
2. “Inauthenticity involves a preoccupation with _____ to be spiritual” ~Ortberg
3. “Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.” ~Bonhoeffer

Truth: “Following Jesus” is not “_____ to be like Jesus”, which without Holy Spirit power, leaves a person exhausted and _____; like trying to run a marathon with no training.

#1. Rejoice In The Believers _____ In Christ: DEVELOP

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing...”

Ephesians 1:18-20 “... and what are riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead...”

Our Wealth: Ephesians 1:11 “... In Him we have obtained an inheritance...” ... Ephesians 1:13, 14 “... and believed in Him were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance...”

Ephesians 3:16, 19 “that according to the great riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power thru His Spirit in your inner being... to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

John 14:21, 23

Foolishly: we emphasize the physical body and stay _____ in our “inner being.”

Choose: Spiritual Substance over Superficiality: Being a mile wide but only an inch thick leads to disaster.

#2. Live In This New Life: _____ With God: DISCIPLE

Ephesians 4:17, 18 “... you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God... due to their hardness of heart.”

Ephesians 5: 8, 15, 18 “... for atone time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light... Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time... but be filled [fully controlled] by the Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:25-27 “So stop telling lies... don't sin by letting anger control you... for anger gives a foothold to the devil.”

#3. The Warfare That's Real: DEPLOY

Ephesians 6:10-12 *"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power... put on all of God's armor... For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies but against ... cosmic powers over this present darkness..."*