

Troubling The Darkness

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Colossians 1:13-17

I. Free From the Power of Darkness

A. Gadarene Demoniac - Mark 5

1. Vs. 3-5 compare to Vs. 15

- a) He was set free from the power of darkness, and left that place.
- b) Don't come back to the places that God has set you free from!
- c) "right mind" = same root word as 2 Tim. 1:7 - "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
- d) Galatians 5:1 - "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."
 - (1) Entangled = enecho - to keep a grudge: - entangle with, have a quarrel against
 - (2) The "yoke of bondage" is referring to the law and all of its strict regulations and rules.
 - (a) how many times do we tie ourselves up in religion instead of the Spirit of God who gives us freedom and power.
 - (b) Sometimes following confusing religious activities can seem easier than dealing with the heart and allowing the truth and light of the Holy Spirit to change us. - Sometimes breaking off the shackles hurts
 - (c) Sometimes moving forward into freedom is more scary than staying in the familiar darkness that we are comfortable sleeping in.

B. "...where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." - 2 Corin. 3:17

- 1. We have been translated into God's Kingdom, a Kingdom of truth and light and freedom
- 2. Romans 8:14 - "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."
 - a) If we are allowing the Spirit of God to lead us into light, clarity, truth, freedom then we are his children and have power over darkness.
 - b) We are no longer subject to the power of darkness!
 - (1) John 1:1-5 - We possess this light! He lives inside of us and is upon us!

C. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." - John 8:31-36

- 1. Continue (abide) in His word!
- 2. Eph. 2:19-22

II. A Firm Foundation

A. Luke 6:46-49

- 1. The darkness is not necessarily threatened by you hearing the truth, but is devastated when you receive the truth and act accordingly!
 - a) The enemy will try to keep you from hearing it but only in attempt to keep the truth from penetrating your heart. - the enemy is after your heart, not your hearing

2. We must work to build a solid foundation!
 - a) Hebrews 5:13 - 6:2
 - (1) "reason of use" = Through habit or perfection
 - b) James 1:22 - "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."
 - B. When we are stable and unwavering in the truth we limit these four things in our life:
 1. Confusion - "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." - James 3:16
 2. Comparison - Using the the proper measuring stick (God's word and the Holy Spirit)
 - a) 2 Corin. 10:12 - "...but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise."
 3. Instability - Luke 6:48 - the storm could not shake the house because it was founded on a rock.
 4. Vulnerability - Insecurity - no confidence in the truth, exposed to the enemy
 - a) We have weapons and power to fight against the evil and darkness - Eph. 6:10-18
- III. Shine The Light - Live By Faith
- A. 2 Corin. 4:18 and 5:7
 1. The enemy can only try to distract us with things that we can see. By making things dark and confusing in the world around us and the thoughts in our head.
 - a) The one thing that the enemy can do nothing about is stop the flow of light and truth from the Holy Spirit into our spirit!
 - (1) This is our supply of light under the radar. our "black market" of truth.
 - B. We receive light and truth from the Holy Spirit **by faith**.