

🔖 Building on the Atonement

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I cannot save and sanctify myself; I cannot make atonement for sin; I cannot redeem the world; I cannot right what is wrong, purify what is impure, or make holy what is unholy. That is all the sovereign work of God. Do I have faith in what Jesus Christ has done? He has made the perfect atonement for sin. Am I in the habit of

...present...your members as instruments of righteousness to God. —Romans 6:13

Constantly realizing it? The greatest need we have is not to *do* things, but to *believe* things. The redemption of

Christ is not an experience, it is the great act of God which He has performed through Christ, and I have to build my faith on it. If I construct my faith on my own experience, I produce the most unscriptural kind of life— an isolated life, with my eyes focused solely on my own holiness. Beware of that human holiness that is not based on the atonement of the Lord. It has no value for anything except a life of isolation— it is useless to God and a nuisance to man. Measure every kind of experience you have by our Lord Himself. We cannot do anything pleasing to God unless we deliberately build on the foundation of the atonement by the Cross of Christ.

The atonement of Jesus must be exhibited in practical, unassuming ways in my life. Every time I obey, the absolute deity of God is on my side, so that the grace of God and my natural obedience are in perfect agreement. Obedience means that I have completely placed my trust in the atonement, and my obedience is immediately met by the delight of the supernatural grace of God.

Beware of the human holiness that denies the reality of the natural life— it is a fraud. Continually bring yourself to the trial or test of the atonement and ask, “Where is the discernment of the atonement in this, and in that?”

Comment: I am convicted of my own sin when I read this and I think that I can do so much for God like saving others and sanctify others. I realize that I can do neither... that it is God's work, not mine. My job is to obey... do I do that? Sometimes, sometimes not. Lord have mercy on me a sinner.

How do I disobey God? Here is an example. The Tithes. I know that I am commanded to give a tenth of my increase to the Lord. But sometimes when things get tight, I think that I need to hold on to what I have. That kind of thinking is to say that all I am getting is all that God can do. That my financial situation is “static” (will not change) That kind of thinking paralyzes God and the Blessing that he can and will bestow upon us. I can think back on times when I did trust God and obeyed, even when things were tight financial. Each and every time that I obeyed, God provide more. Why then, do I find myself back at a place where I hold on to the money instead of trusting God? All I can say is “*Lord have Mercy on Me a Sinner*”. Amen