

How to Win over Sin

No sin is small

Sin is directed against an infinite God, and may have consequences immeasurable – J. Taylor

Greatest issue in life: how to win over sin?

Consider our past –

1. Dark past, 1 Pt.2:9
2. Detested past, 1 Pt.2:10
3. Doomed past, 1 Pt.2:10

1 Pt.2:11-12, a new beginning

I. The Love of God, 11

Beloved: 8 times in 1-2 Peter

– 2 Pt.1:17, Christ

– 2 Pt.3:15, Paul

– 2 Pt.3:17, Christians

1 Pt.2:9-10: admonition is a sign of love

– Love warns against danger (2 Pt.3:10-12)

– Be grateful, not offended

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Persuasion of God, 11

I Beg – Peter's general purpose (5:12)

2 Pt.1:4, you may be partakers ...

- Army motto
- Man ... woman ... child ... dog ... Christian
 - Attend
 - Bible focus
 - Committed
 - Dependable
 - Encouraging
 - Faithful
 - Growing
 - Hospitable . . .

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III. The Demands of God, 11

Sojourners

Alien; one without rights of citizenship, 1:17

Gen.23:4

Pilgrims

Exile; sojourning in strange place, away from one's own people; suggests a visitor on a brief stay

Christians are on a journey (1 Pt.1:1; Ph.3:20)

We get constant reminders of our temporary visit on this planet

1. Hatred, 4:3-4. U.S. has changed
2. Persecution, 4:12-19. Rejoice (13)?
3. Death, 2 Pt.1:12-15 . . .
 - a. Hb.11:13, confessed... Abraham
 - b. Hb.11:14, seeking... (10). Gal.4:26
 - c. Hb.11:15, goal: looking ahead, not behind
 - d. Hb.11:16, desire: city of God

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Abstain – hold self away from

- 1 Pt.2:11... a break with the past
- 1 Co.9:25
 - *Self-controlled...*
 - *Do not Touch* –

Fleshly lusts – strong desires

- 2 Pt.1:4; 2:18f.
 - Some Christians advertise fleshly lusts in their speech / dress / actions
 - Sinners may know nothing about NT teaching, but they know a bad temper, selfishness, arrogance, dishonesty, and immodesty ... and judge us by these things
 - From infancy we try to satisfy desires; we must learn self-control

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War against – fight, wage war, carry on military campaign

- Ro.7:23, sinner
- Gal.5:16-26, Christian [Ep.6:11]

Soul: 1:9, 22

- Our generation fears wrong things:
 - Global warming
 - Illegal aliens
 - Terrorism
 - Mass destruction

Most carelessly
ignore their soul –
2 Pt.2:8

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God uses our good example to influence the lost to come to Him

- **Honorable** (2x): lovely, attractive, winsome
- **Observe** implies close attention
 - a. Sinners watch Christians to find fault
 - b. Best answer for slander: a pure life

Day of visitation

- Visiting, inspection, either for ...
 - Judgment (Lk.19:44) or ...
 - Mercy (Gn.50:24)

Peter mentions “sin” three times

1. 1 Pt.2:21-22, Jesus committed no sin
2. 1 Pt.4:1, sufferers ceased from sin
3. 2 Pt.2:14, rebels cannot cease from sin

What to do?

1. Arm yourself with mind of Christ, 4:1
2. Adultery / covetousness begin in heart,
2 Pt.2:14 – guard the heart
3. Physically: you are what you eat.
Spiritually: you are what you think.

‘Sin will keep you from this book;
this book will keep you from sin’