

Thought 39

Have you ever asked the question, “I wonder if I’m doing enough for God?”

This kind of thinking produces in us a ‘works-mentality’ and hinders the freedom and joy that God wants us to experience. **Let’s fast from it!**

Christianity is not a life of attainment and achievement. It’s a life of acknowledgment. This means to recognize, appreciate and accept.

The problem with so many believers is that they are striving to get God to do something or try to make God’s promises come to pass in their lives. Gang, listen to 3 of the most important words you’ll ever hear: **IT’S ALREADY DONE!**

Today as we approach the end of our fast from wrong thinking, I want you to acknowledge (to recognize) some things. And as you do, I hope you’ll join me in taking communion at some point during this upcoming weekend.

1. Everything God has is yours! You have a covenant with Him through the blood of Jesus. Luke 15:31 is a picture of God and us, the father said to his son: “All that is mine is yours!”

2. THINK “BLESSED” not “cursed.” You are blessed not cursed. Stop thinking that since you’re mother or father had a disease or anger, or some other problem, that you will have it too. You are of a new blood line—the blood of Jesus. You have a new DNA—the DNA of Jesus. Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us on the cross, that the blessing of Abraham might come to us.”

3. IT IS FINISHED—ahh, the magnificent final words of Jesus on the cross! (John 19:30) There’s nothing more that has to be done for you to be saved. Nothing more that has to be done for you to be accepted by God. Nothing more that has to be done for you to be approved and loved! Nothing more that has to be done for you to be free.

4. Realize that your job is to acknowledge and to recognize. God has done it. You must accept it. This is the true meaning of “confess.” It means to acknowledge. We’re not trying to MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN by confessing God’s Word. We’re acknowledging what is already done, what is already ours, and that’s what brings it out of the invisible world into the visible world. Think about “confession of sin.” When you confessed your sin, that’s not when you sinned. You were simply acknowledging what was ALREADY done. When we “confess God’s promises,” it’s the same thing. We’re acknowledging what is already done. Philemon 1:6 says your faith is effective by acknowledging every good thing that is already in you.

5. See communion as a RECOGNITION that He is already with you, in you, and for you. Remember in Luke when the 2 men on the road to Emmaus thought Jesus was a stranger. When they took bread, it says “they recognized Him.” You see, He was already with them, but when they took communion they were able to recognize and EXPERIENCE His presence.

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I have a covenant with God, already! I'm not trying to get God to do something for me. I'm going to focus on believing what He has already done. This is what the Christian life is about—acknowledging what is already in us, and recognizing what He has already done.

I'm already blessed. I'm already healed. I'm already everything that God says I am. I will live a life of acknowledgment—recognizing and praising God for what is already mine through the blood of Jesus.

I'm "blessing" conscious rather than "cursed" conscious. I'm connected to the blood of Jesus; therefore, I have the DNA of blessing. Goodness and mercy WILL follow me all the days of my life.

I accept that I already have in me everything pertaining to life and godliness. I lack no good thing. It's already done! IT IS FINISHED.

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