

RISE UP!

Session 2

I do not believe that God desires that we live our lives in failure, defeat, or bondage.

Lives lived as such:

1. Do not bring glory to God...or His cause.
2. Hinder our witness of Christ.
3. Present the wrong image of the Church.

This is what Jesus envisioned for the church:

Matthew 16:18

This is often how it really is:

Revelation 3:17

One of the goals of this series is that we come to look like Matthew 16:18, **not** like Revelation 3:17.

It is with this in view that I want to move forward in this series. Let us remind ourselves of our theme Scripture as we press forward.

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Those verses are saying to us that the power to rise up is here...it is only for us to utilize it. That power is the knowledge...understanding...and application of God's word...and God's will!

1. Let's talk about the carnal Christian

The carnal Christian lives his/her life from a worldly perspective.

A. The Carnal Christian, though saved, has a strained relationship with God.

Romans 8:7-8

B. The Carnal Christian's struggle

Romans 7:14-24

C. The answer to the question in Romans 7:24.

The who is Jesus

John 10:10

The how is through renewal.

Romans 12:2

Stop acting from your old mindset

2. You must know who you are

The beginning of the end of the struggle with our fleshly nature is a knowledge and understanding of who we are.

A. There are two potential identity problems:

1) The problem of thinking too highly of one's self

Romans 12:3

2) The problem of low self-concept

We are often pinioned by our past

2 Corinthians 5:17

B. You are called of God

Called to be saints

1 Corinthians 1:1-2

Called to fellowship with Jesus (koinonia)

1 Corinthians 1:9

Called for the purpose of God

Romans 8:28

C. You are the chosen by God!

Ephesians 1:3-6

John 15:16

2 Thessalonians 2:13

3. Choosing you was part of God's design

Romans 8:29

1 Peter 2:9-10

A. A chosen generation (Genos Eklekton)

B. A royal priesthood

Revelation 1:4-6

C. A holy nation

D. A peculiar people

I am a covenant child of God.

I am chosen and elected by God.

I am a blessed born-again believer

I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

I am more than a conqueror through Christ

Therefore, I shall prosper and be in health even as my soul prospers.

For I am somebody!