

- we trust
- we are assured
- we bear witness

Personally I am saved, practically I desire to show it.

III. Conclusion. It is a great joy to know the Lord and to be expressive of that joy. It will carry us through difficulties, dark days, and even moments of enormous joy. Our stability is in knowing Him and not just in having "mountain top experiences" or occasions of ecstatic happiness. To be steady in the knowledge of salvation and its outworking in our lives is the very solid foundation on which spiritual living is built.

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MESSAGE # 2: A CONSCIOUS TURNING FROM SIN

Biblical Passages: 2 Timothy 2:19, et al

I. Introducing the Subject:

We certainly should not brood over ours sins (sin) but recognize that in the Lord Jesus we are cleansed, forgiven, accepted and never again in the place of condemnation. Our joy is to live in Him. But we are in a world of temptation and it is very easy to be comfortable with sinful situations which, as Peter says in 1 Peter 2:11 war against the soul. We are to abstain from these for ours is a heavenly calling to holiness. Paul sums it up nicely for Timothy in our chief text when he notes that the Lord knows those who are His and those who are His should depart from iniquity. That theme is stressed repeatedly in the Word...that those who walk with God should walk away from what is opposed to God. And that is a corrective to live and a principle for building or living in spiritual life.

II. Discussion:

A. The Problems---and I cannot mention them all but here is a nice selective list with some warning Scriptures:

1. False Teachers (corrupt in doctrine or/and practice)

1 Timothy 1:20; 6:5. 2 Timothy 2:17; 4:14 and an inclusive category as in 2 Timothy 4:1-3