



All Citizens Christian Church Calgary

Bible Study: Thursday, May 29th 2014.

Topic: THE BALANCED CHRISTIAN

TEXT: Heb 13: 9, I Cor 15: 58, Eph 4: 11-16

INTRODUCTION: The major area of conflict in life between people usually springs from their level of imbalance on any issue. A balanced fellow is not swayed by whatever he or she hears and also does not take an unreasonably rigid stand. He rationalizes issues in light of the scriptures and the environment as guided by the Holy Spirit. On the contrary an imbalanced person either never takes a stand because he or she is not sure whether her chosen stand is the ideal one or when he takes a stand, it is unreasonably rigid and does not want to hear the opposite or contrary opinion. So how do you become a balanced Christian?

DISCUSSION:

What is God's plan is for each believer? Jer 29:11, 2 Tim 1: 13, Jude 1: 3, I Cor 15:58, Rom 12:2, Hosea 7:11, Matthew 10:16

How do you become a balanced Christian? 2 Tim 2:14-16, I Cor 9:25-26,

What is God's standard for a balanced Christian? 2 Cor 10:12, Eph 4: 13-15, Eph 3: 17, 19, Col 2:9-10

What is the nature of God? Ex 34:6-7 (God is a balanced God)

Holy (1 Samuel 2:2; Isaiah 6:1-3), yet **Loving** (Ps 145:17; 1 Jn 4:8).

Patient: (Rom 2:4; 1 Tim 1:16; 2 Peter 3:9), yet a **God of Justice** (Isa 5:16)

God is faithful (1 Cor 1:9; Heb 10:23)

God demonstrates righteous anger (Ps 7:11), yet **full of Compassion** (Is 55, Lam 3:22-23)

What Balance is Not

Compromise: 1 Peter 1:14-15, Rom 12: 2 1 John 2:15

Lukewarmness: Rev.3:15-16.

What can cause lukewarmness? 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

Double-mindedness: James 1:6-8, Hebrews 12:2.

If you do not want to be double minded then reshape your focus John 14:6.

The Key to Balance

- Knowledge (1 Corinthians 8:1-3).
- Power (Nahum 1:2-7; 1 Cor.13:1-2; 2 Tim.1:7).
- Holiness (Neh 9:17-21).
- Faith (Gal 5:6).
- Loving like God (1 Jn 4:11-12; 2 Thess.3:5).
- Holy like God (1 Pt 1:15-16).

- Faithful like God (Ps 18:25).
- Patient like God (Gal 5:22; Col. 3:12).
- Merciful like God (Lk 6:36; James 3:17).
- Forgiving like God (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).
- Balanced like God (Matt 5:48).
- Speaking the truth in love, Eph.4:15, 24.

These put together is what the Bible refers to as godliness. 2 Peter 1:3, 5-8 Titus 1:1; 2:12; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; 6:11.

CONCLUSION: Since our God is a balanced God, it will not be out of place for us His children to be balanced. The world expects us to have a mellowed down life. This is actually a trick of the devil to ensure that we do not please our God and ultimately get us on his side. Staying on the side of the devil leads to damnation. Imbalanced Christians are also very difficult to live with because they never want to see the other side of any issue.