

Your Weakness and Enemy

Review

- What we were, the change, what we are now. SpiritMan!
- Why is it so difficult? Gonna be kind of a downer day, mostly about our problem in this.

Intro

- Tenses of salvation

- Past: justified
- Present: sanctified
- Future: glorified
- Sanctification is the process of learning how to walk in the spirit and how not to walk in the flesh.

- Every hero has two things; a weakness and an enemy.

- When the hero is in hero mode and fighting his enemy, the enemy may put up a good fight but the hero always wins.
- When the hero encounters his weakness, it holds him back, slows him down, causes confusion.
- When the hero's enemy attacks him with his weakness, it's bad news for the hero.
- Our weakness; the flesh. Our enemy; Satan. Lex Luther, Lex Lucifer (Luthifer, ha)

Our Weakness - Sarx

- Galatians 5:16-18. Give context, legalism, "I can"

- Three options: try to do both at the same time, try to do both, walk in the reality of the new. Two dogs.

- Trying to do both, Romans 7 shuffle.

- Do one and deny the other (trying to feed both)

- Walk in the Spirit, be miserable in the flesh (setup, clip)

- Being in the new will interfere with the old.

- Trying to hide the new from the old is lying. (Boss, MJ, prof)

- Walk in the flesh, be miserable in the Spirit (setup, clip)

- Worrying about the old weakens you in the new. Split focus, hypocrisy.

- When people object to Christianity it's because this is what they are seeing. When Christians are ready to quit, this is why.

-Superheroes are a great study in this because they try to do both all the time. Secret identity.

-Suzy's Diet

- Die to the flesh, walk in the Spirit. **Galatians 5:24** (last week). Talk about how to next week.

- The flesh is our weakness. Positional vs. practical.

Our Enemy - Satan

- Who is he anyway?

- Created being. Not equal to nor opposite of God. An accuser, a tempter.

- Doesn't rule in Hell, isn't in Hell now. Hell designed as prison for him to be in, not rule.

- But he is after you. **1 Peter 5:8**

- When you are in super mode, walking in the Spirit, you might get a good fight, but he has no power over you. When you have your armor on, defending yourself with the word and God's promises.

- When you are already operating in your weakness, your flesh, you can be in trouble. (setup, clip)

The answer? Make a decision

- Do you want to keep trying to live on both sides of the fence, or do you want to make a deliberate effort to live in the Spirit?

- Are you going to wing it when the attacks come or are you going to be ready? Awareness and preparation.

- Going to get practical next week as to how-to's and what it looks like. But it begins with a decision to accept, receive, pursue, be diligent, acknowledge, deepen our understanding of all that God has for us in this area.

- Jesus died and rose again so that we could die to self and walk in newness of life here and in eternity. Eternity will happen when we get there.

- What are you going to do about the now? Are you going to do both flesh and Spirit and be miserable, or are you going to take Jesus up on His offer and be SpiritMan?