

Fighting for the Faith - What is At Stake

There are three things that the Bible declares are hard to "hype"... 1. The horrible nature and consequence of sin. 2. The glory and majesty of God. 3. The profound importance of the simple gospel of grace. God urges us in our passage today to fight for the simple gospel of grace because life depends upon it.

Scripture(s): 1 Timothy 1:18-20

I. The first evidence that salvation by grace alone through faith alone is essential to live by and stand for is we are

_____ to do just that. Because the grace of God is the only thing powerful enough to transform lives, we cannot _____ for anything less.

Romans 1:16-17 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, " BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

II. The second evidence that salvation by grace alone through faith alone is essential to live by and stand for is the way to fight for the gospel is to fight with the _____. Once we have been saved by the gospel we cannot abandon _____ (and fighting) by the gospel.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

III. The third evidence that salvation by grace alone through faith alone is essential to live by and stand for is the consequence of living separated from _____. Graceless lives are lived without the _____ that real hope in Christ gives us.

2 Timothy 2:14-18 14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

2 Timothy 4:14-15 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. 15 Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

Remember this - We fight for the purity of grace alone as the foundation of our relationship with God because there are disastrous _____ when we lose sight of it.

Our challenge: Examine your spiritual house for cracks in its _____ of grace.

1. On what will you appeal for your entrance into _____ ?

2. On what do you build your understanding of your relationship with God, your personal _____, and how you will _____ as a believer?

November 21, 2021

"Mighty to Save"

"He Lives" 533

"Christ Is Risen"

* Pastoral Prayer & Time in
the Word *

"I Saw the Cross of
Jesus" 286