

## SUNDAY SERMON QUOTES OCTOBER 14, 2018

“What we believe determines how we behave.”

“The starting point to *experiencing* the power and freedom promised to us in the Gospel begins with what we think about. Our thinking unlocks the door to experiencing God’s power.”

“A gospel indicative tells us what Christ has done. A gospel imperative tells us what we must do. The order of these things is important. If you get the order wrong, you end up with the appearance of being in Christ (spiritual moralism), but without actually being in Christ. When indicatives (what Christ has done) are put before imperative (what I must do), the result is the fruit of God-honoring obedience. We obey, not to earn God’s favor, but because we *know* we already have it in Christ.”

“The reason so many confessing Christians experience regular defeat in their lives is because they are bad at grammar. They tend to focus more on what *they must do* than they do what *Christ has done*.”

“The power to change begins by focusing on what Christ has done before we focus on what we must do.”

“Life is what you are alive to. To be alive to something is to live in full awareness of its reality and live for its importance. That’s what it means to seek the things above where Christ is.”

“Our lives are like filament, glowing with light and heat, as the current of Jesus flows through us.” – John Stott

“The idea of seeking the things above speaks of intensity of aim. We don’t just seek Jesus one time or from time to time or on Sunday, but we continually seek the priorities of God and the Kingdom. It’s our singular focus. It’s living for God’s mission.”

“To seek the things above does not mean we ignore and neglect the daily affairs and responsibilities of life in the here and now. Buy groceries. Earn money. Go to school. Feed your kids. Take a shower. It just means we’re consciously living by God’s values and principles in our homes, at work, on the ball field, in private on the internet, etc., not the values of the world.”

“Here’s the reality for most of us: we’re so fixated on earthly chores, distractions and ambitions that we have little time to consider God’s work in the world and our place in that work.”