

SUNDAY SERMON QUOTES SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

“To say Christ is in us is to say Jesus is Lord. To say Jesus is Lord is to live under his authority.”

“In spiritual matters, we are all weak and inadequate, and we need to face it.” (J.I. Packer)

“To receive Jesus as Lord is to humbly abandon all self-trust and self-reliance. It is to abandon all hope in *our* ability to please God (be righteous, good enough) on our own. It is to place yourself before God in utter helplessness. It is to say nothing I can do can make me alive to God. It is to say, as Paul David Tripp has said, “I have been humbled by the war I cannot win...grieved by desires I cannot conquer...confronted by actions I cannot excuse.” It is to willingly relinquish control of your life and say, “I have been crucified with Christ. I no longer live. Christ lives in me, and the life I live in the body I live for Jesus” (Gal 2:20, my paraphrase).”

A.W. Tozer once said that people who have been crucified with Christ have three distinct marks: They are facing only one direction; They can never turn back; They no longer have plans of their own. That’s humility.”

“The only way to silence the accusing voices, assuage our guilty conscience and disarm our shameful actions and thoughts is by anchoring our security and hope to what Christ has done for us in the Gospel rather than what we have done. We must be rooted in him.”

“No matter what I encounter – good or bad – of this I am certain: **I am rooted in Christ**. I am his child. I belong to him, and he loves me fiercely and with more devotion than I could possibly imagine.”

“But not only am I rooted in Christ, but I am being built up in Jesus. Spiritual progress is being made in my life even if it is imperceptible to me. I may not always see or feel the major developments, but we are ever and always under construction in Christ. What God begins by grace, he will complete. Brick by brick. Board by board (Phil 1:6).”

“We need our lives to be built on a real knowledge of God.”

“God wants our speech, our thoughts, our words and our lives to overflow with thanksgiving for who God is and what God has done.”