

Colossians 3:1-25

Exodus 20:3-5

The new life of faith can only start when our old life of self-reliance is declared dead. Identifying with Christ means that we accept His death as the punishment for our sinful 'old life'. So we must die to that old way of living. Paul provides a two-part challenge. Firstly, he identifies the various forms of immorality as being idolatry. That is, self-satisfaction becomes a god to be worshipped (though about, talked about, spending time and money on it). The Bible does not tolerate idols. Secondly, God's intolerance of idols will result in His wrath coming to those who love them.

The church and the workplace are much closer together than many realize. We do not change identity on Monday morning. So we should honour the Lord as much at work as we do in worship. He is the same Lord and we are the same people, so why do some believers treat their workplace as being outside of God's interest and authority? He actually knows more about the business than your boss, has greater influence than your customers or suppliers. He knows the end of every research project before it is started. He is fair to all and hates people 'pulling strings' to get an advantage. Honest hard work will be rewarded. Even if the pay rate is low here, Jesus will make sure you have a full reward. So, Work as though Jesus is right next to you... because He is! Col 3:23-25.

Point for Discussion

1. Give examples of modern day idols that distract us from spending time with God?
2. In what light do we need to view employment

Colossians 4:1-4

2 Chronicles 7:11-16

In Colossians 4:3-4 the Apostle Paul asked believers to pray for them. Why did he ask them to pray? Were his chains the final discouragement? Was he losing his grip, or even his faith? No! But he was honest. However great his evangelistic 'successes' he knew he was incapable of achieving anything for God by himself. His ability came only from the Lord, not from inside himself.

If the gospel was to lodge in people's hearts, he knew that God had to open their hearts and give him the opportunity to speak, he knew that all his experience of preaching was not enough. Unless the Lord guided his heart, mind and tongue, the Word of God would seem like nonsense to his hearers. So he asked the church to pray for him. Paul believed that God hears every prayer and takes action.

Although prayer may seem muscle-less, it is very powerful because God acts when His people cry out to Him, some believers think of ministers as celebrities or super-saints. That is a worldly view based on their apparent 'success', it is wrong. No servant of God can minister effectively without others praying. They need prayer far more than anything else. So, instead of worshipping the 'successful' preachers and criticizing the 'unsuccessful' – pray for them, if the Apostle Paul needed that, so do they?

Point for Discussion

1. Is there a need to pray for spiritual leaders (Pastors, ministry leaders etc.).
2. What is God's promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14?



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Colossians 3:16

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MISSION: To reach, build and exhort families to live better lives that glorify God.

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KwabaseKolose 3:1-25
UEksodusi 20:3-5

Impilo entsha yokukholwa iqala kuphela uma kufa impilo endala. Ukwamukela ukufa kukaKrestu njengesijeziso sezono zethu kunomphumela wokufuza yena. Uma sivumela ukufa ezindleleni zakudala, imvelo endala iyanqotshwa. UMphostoli uPawulu usivezela inselelo embaxambili, okokuqala, uthi kunohlobo lokungakholwa okufaniswa nokukhonza izithombe. Kubonakala ngezindlela esicabanga, esikhuluma, futhi esichitha isikhathi nemali yethu kuzo. Kulapho sithola khona ukwaneliseka kunakuNkulunkulu. Inselelo yesibili, izinga lentukuthelo kaNkulunkulu, nokungakubekezeleli kwakhe ukukhonwa kwezithixo.

Inkonzo nomsebenzi kusondelene kunalokho esikucabangayo. Esiyikho ngeSonto kumelwe kudlulele kuMsombuluko. Indawo yokusebenza kumele siyibuke njengensimi esithunywe kuyo. UNkulunkulu wazi kabanzi ngebhizinisi kunabaqashi bethu. Unomthelela ngaphezu kwamakhasimende ethu. Wazi imiphumela ye“nhlolovo” ngaphambi kokuba iqalwe. Umelene nabenza inzuzo engafanele. Ungumvuzi wabasebenza ngokuzikhandla, nakuba umvuzo ungabonakali, ubuyisela sekugqishiwe. Ngakho sebenza njengosebenzela iNkosi, ngoba unawe zikhathi zonke.

Amaphuzu Engxoxo

1. Yiziphi izithixo zamakholwa kulezinsuku?
2. Kumele siwubheke kanjani umsebenzi wethu?

KwabaseKolose 4:1-4
2 IziKronike 7:11-16

KwabaseKolose 4 uMphostoli uPawulu ucela amakholwa ukuba abakhulekele. Kungani? Kungabe wayexakwe ngamakefanga? Ingabe wayesephelelwa ukholo? Qha! Wayevula isifuba sakhe. Wayekuqonda kahle ukuthi umthwalo ayewuthwele wawudinga abanye. Amandla akhe wokushumayela ivangeli ayezovela eNkosini.

Wayeqonda ukuthi ukushumayela kwakhe kwakungenele ukuvula inhliziyu zabantu ukuze bamukele umlayezo wevangeli. Wayedinga ukuba uNkulunkulu alawule inhliziyu, ingqondo kanye nolimi lwakhe, ukuze iZwi alishumayelayo lenze umsebenzi ezinhliziyweni zabantu.

UMphostoli uPawulu wayekhohlelwa ekutheni uNkulunkulu uyawuzwa umkhuleko, bese enza njengokucela kwabantwana bakhe. Ingqondo kayiwaqondi ngokuphelele amandla omkhuleko. Izwe libuka futhi liphathe izinceku zeNkosi njengosaziwayo, okuyiphutha elikhulu. Izinceku zidinga umkhuleko ngaphezu kwakho konke esingakucabanga. Ibandla limelwe ukuyeka ukuphakamisa izinceku ezibukeka ziphumelela, bese ligxeka lezo ezibonakala zidonsa kanzima. Uma uMphostoli uPawulu ayewudinga umkhuleko, izinceku zanamuhla ziwudinga nangaphezulu!

Amaphuzu Engxoxo

1. Sikhona isidingo sokukhulekela izinceku? Kungani?
2. Sithini isithembiso esiku 2 IziKronike 7:14?

Services

Sundays : 07h30 Pinetown South
: 9h00 Pinetown Central
: 11h00 Pinetown Central
Thursday : 09h00 Ladies Ptn South
: 13h00 Ladies Ptn Central
: 19h00 Home Cells
Friday : 05h30 Prayer Ptn Central
: 17h00 Youth Meetings

Upcoming Events

05/08/17 : Ladies Meeting
12/08/17 : John Maxwell Workshop
26/08/17 : Foundational Course 1&2 and
Baptism @09h00 Ptn South
08-10/09 : Couples Outing
15-17/09 : Singles Camp
29/09-01/10 : Youth Camp

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Branch Code : 223726
Swift No. : firnzajj

Building Fund

Bank : Standard Bank Kloof
Account Name : Pinetown Christian
Centre
Association
Account No : 251665550
Branch Code : 04552600
Swift No : sbzaza