

2nd John # 10

“There's Nothing Quite Like Church”

2nd John 12-13; Acts 20:28-31

Biblically mental separation is simply rejecting human viewpoint thinking to protect us from the influence of the kingdom of darkness.

Mental separation always precedes physical separation because learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth is knowing God and His will for us.

Self-assessment is something all believers must do regularly, objectively, apart from any subjective, self-centered arrogant considerations.

Self-centered subjectiveness is a great hindrance to the advance in the spiritual life and inevitably a subjective believer starts reacting to various things like authority, Bible teaching and fellow-believers' personalities; so he always winds up in rebellion unless it is caught in time.

Paul points out that it takes great concentration not to be handicapped by his past failures and this shows great objectivity.

Any failures any of us have had in the past should never hinder us because as long as we're alive, God has a purpose for us.

We never advance while dragging our feet, kicking and screaming by handicapping ourselves in some past failure.

No greater emphasis on the importance of biblical truth can exist than in performing all these functions found in Philippians 3:13-14 forgetting failures of the past and pressing on from one objective in spiritual maturity to another.

The constant function of learning and applying God's Word not only causes rebellion recovery but it's the means of achieving all of objectives of maturity from greater-grace to dying grace.

Biblical truth in the soul is the key to avoiding the trap of being hindered by past failures and becoming subjectively hypersensitive and therefore becoming unhappy, lacking contentment and always reacting with resentment.

Past failure must not interfere with present victories; past discipline must not hinder present blessing and past apostasy must not prevent present glorification of Jesus Christ.

It takes a lifetime and beyond to learn everything Jesus commands.

John is pastor of this remote congregation as in the early church, there weren't always enough pastors for each individual church but John knows that face to face teaching is the best way of communicating biblical truth.

It's definitely meaningful that Christian churches may be considered as sisters to one another

and like the members of one family, they should see themselves as mutual recipients of God's gracious gift of eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The power God gives to the Church is His omnipotence related our portfolio of invisible assets and the omnipotence of God the Holy Spirit is related to the plan of God.

The Church Age begins with the baptism of the Holy Spirit by which the royal family is formed and this is something that happens to us at the moment that we believe in Jesus Christ.

At the time of the Rapture, the Church is transferred by resurrection to Heaven when the living believer's go up and are changed in the moment of a twinkling of an eye.

The preparation of the bride for the 2nd Advent is threefold:

1) Every believer in the royal family receives a resurrection body at the same time — the dead believers and the live believers on earth/1st Cor 15:51-57; 2) The removal of the sin nature in ultimate sanctification/Phil 3:21; 3) The destruction of all human good accumulated during the believer's life on this earth as it is burned/1st Cor3:15.

If we stop growing spiritually and turn into rebels, Jesus Christ starts knocking on the door to re-enter our lives, experientially.

When it comes to the royal family, God speaks through His Word.

Execution of the plan of God comes through the filling of the Holy Spirit and the consistent intake of biblical truth.