

Doing the Honorable Thing

Within the framework of dispensations, it must be concluded that the termination of the Church Age must occur prior to the Tribulation. This is called the pretribulational rapture.

Within the framework of dispensations, it must be concluded that the Second Advent of Jesus Christ must occur prior to His millennial kingdom. This is referred to as premillennialism.

These are just a few examples of orthodox theology without which one's understanding of Scripture is vulnerable to the lie and its motivations toward human good and evil. It is with a clear and precise understanding of orthodox theology that the believer is able to defend his soul against the delusions of human good and evil. Without it, the believer must resort to either bad theology or enter into assumptions about those things which are pleasing to God.

Paul habitually desired to please God and he had facilitated wheel-tracks which he assumed accomplish his desire. However, through self-observation i.e, heuristics, he came to realize that every time he desired to do the right thing, the law of evil was revealed within him.

“Consequently, I discover this principle, that when I desire...”

Next comes a very familiar verb to us by now, the present active infinitive of: *poieo* - “to do.”

present - Customary; denotes that which habitually occurs or may be reasonably expected to occur.

The last two verbs we have seen in Romans 7:21 are in the customary present tense: “I desire” and “to do.” Paul habitually desires to do the honorable thing which is to produce divine good. The production he desires to do is based on wheel-tracks which have been facilitated as well. His desire to do the honorable thing is defeated by facilitated wheel-tracks programmed to produce human good and evil.

active - Paul represents the believer who is involved in the struggle between the Holy Spirit and the sinful nature for control of the soul.

infinitive - Intended result; Paul's motivation is to fulfill a deliberate objective which is to do the right thing.

The right thing is referred to in this verse by the accusative singular direct object from the adjective used as a noun: *kalos* - “the honorable thing.”

What is included in doing the honorable thing? It is a step-by-step process which we have been developing over the past year: *metanowo*.

To change one's mind for the better. To admit wrongdoing to oneself. Unfortunately translated in English Bibles by the word “repent.”

2 Corinthians 12:21 - ... I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality, and sensuality which they have practiced.

homologeō

To confess the wrongdoing in a legal sense to one who is authorized to judge the case. Recovery from sin therefore can only be accomplished by confession alone to God alone.

1 John 1:9

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pleroo

To be filled. Confession results in the filling of the Holy Spirit and restoration of fellowship with God.

Ephesians 5:18b - ... be filled with the Holy Spirit.

didaktos

To be taught. The Holy Spirit teaches divine truth to the human spirit of the believer enabling him to achieve academic understanding.

1 Corinthians 2:13 - ... we speak not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Holy Spirit, combining spiritual truth with a spiritual system.

gnosis

Academic understanding enables the believer to consider divine truth objectively. If he perceives the information then the teaching process has accomplished its first objective.

Ephesians 3:19 - To know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge ...

epignosis

Divine truth metabolized into the stream of consciousness. The Holy Spirit places the information into a long-term memory trace in the brain's cerebral cortex.

1 Timothy 2:4 - God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

hupomimnesko

To recall to mind. The Holy Spirit recalls the memory trace into the conscious mind for consideration by the soul's volition in problem-solving and decision-making.

John 14:26 - The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you [*didasko*] all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

katergazomai

Production of divine good under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. Divine good can be any thought, decision, or action which is energized by the Holy Spirit utilizing divine truth for guidance and leadership.

Romans 7:18 - I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) there does not reside any good of intrinsic value, for the desire to do the will of God is present in me but the divine-good production of my desire is not.

misthoo

Rewards in both time and eternity for faithfully fulfilling this system for executing the Christian way of life.

1 Corinthians 3:14 - If any man's work which he has built upon it [**the foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11)**] remains, he shall receive a reward.