Looking Unto Jesus

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

People look to different ones for inspiration, strength, and guidance as they go through this life. It is important that we look to the right source for the help that we need, and it is of the utmost importance that we do in our spiritual life. Some look to the church, others to works that they do, and some think that they should look to the preacher. Then there are those who look where they should-to Jesus.

None of the things, people, or anything else, can save a person's soul. The Lord is the one that saves a soul. People, even the best of them, will fail us. Why? Because they are people, living in the flesh, just like we are. They don't mean to err, but all people will at some time or other. As great a man and Christian as Paul was, he said, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Romans 7:19. Was he saying to not worry about sin and to not fight against it? No. He points out that

we are in the flesh and it will fail us at times. A Christian may sin in a weak moment, but he will not continue in it and will earnestly ask God's forgiveness for it.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

These verses show us where to look for the help that we need. Jesus is the one who set the right example all through life. Man cannot do that as much as he would like to.

A man asked me once if I did what was right all the time. How would you answer that question if it was asked of you? I thought for a moment before I answered, then gave him an honest answer. My answer was, "No, I'm afraid that I don't, but I try to." Are we trying to live for the Lord as we go through life? One thing is certain, if we don't intend to, and don't try, we will not do it.

Looking to Jesus means exactly that, looking to Him in every situation in life. We should when we are tempted. The Bible tells us that Jesus was tempted in all points, just as we are. He knows what we face in our life and is able, and willing, to help us if we call on Him. Many times we don't get the help that we need because we don't ask for it. Don't make the mistake of thinking that we are so strong, smart, or good, that we can do it on our own. Some of us have made that mistake and, through experience, we know better.

We need to look to Jesus when troubles come. They will come, and the question is not if they will come, but when. The evil one wants us to think that the Lord has forsaken us when we face trouble. Or, that we are not good enough, or that we don't have enough faith. Some preachers, erroneously preach that Christians don't have problems. They do, no matter how much faith they have. Look to Jesus for help in all areas of life. That's good advice from God's Word.

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