

1. The nature and duty of mortification. What it means to mortify your members. *My friend yesterday night*

1. ITS NATURE: *Cal. 3:9-14. Put on the new man -*

- (1) It means to resist the solicitation of sin.
- (2) Mortification implies a lingering process. Though not in power the old life lingers on... reaching out for a new lease on life.
- (3) MORTIFY implies that sin will not die of its self. We must slay...kill it.
- (4) Jesus' law of mortification. Matt. 5:29,30

2. The duty of mortification

- (1) It is commanded. We are to show no more mercy to the "old man" than to the "right eye" or the "right hand" that offends us. Matt. 5:29,30
- (2) This mortification is done in the power of the Spirit. Romans 8:13

2. The ground of the condemnation.

1. That these members are upon the earth is not the ground of condemnation...but that they are used to hold correspondence with the earth.
2. Paul tells us to present our entire bodies a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1

3. Two things enjoined.

1. Death to corrupt living.

- (1) The gulf between Christianity and the world is too wide and deep to be bridged by flimsy ~~come~~ promises.
- (2) Impossible for a man to walk firmly with one foot in the gutter and the other on the curb.
- (3) Two classes of sin:
  - (1) Impurity of life...Covetousness which is idolatry...Greed of gain; Miser's worship.

2. Death to wrong conversation...language.

- (1) ANGER: hot displeasure...a desire to punish.
- (2) Wrath: Vituperative outburst...to abuse in words. Violent anger. Naaman...2 Kings 5:11,12
- (3) MALICE: Malice aforethought. Deliberate ill-will
- (4) Blasphemy: Taking God's name...Irreverence.
- (5) FILTHY COMMUNICATION: Foul-mouthed abuse. Railing shameful speaking.

