

INTRODUCTION

Today, we are going to look at the need for <u>consecration</u> - the need to remove ourselves from the desires and rewards of sin and the world, and instead to <u>devote</u> ourselves fully to the Lord and the work He wants to do through us.

TRANSFORMED, NOT CONFORMED

Romans 12:1-2

2 Corinthians 7:10

It is God's mercy that we have a <u>Savior</u>. It is God's mercy that we have the <u>Holy Spirit</u>. It is God's mercy that we are not <u>consumed</u> by His holiness and the wrath that our sins have brought upon us...

We need to let our <u>hopes</u>, <u>dreams</u>, and <u>desires</u> die upon the altar of the Lord, so that we may die to ourselves and that He may resurrect in us His <u>dreams</u>, His <u>desires</u>, and His hopes, and that the life that we surrendered can be resurrected into the life that He desires.

Luke 9:23-26

Genesis 19:23-26

You cannot move forward while you are still looking backward.

Luke 9:62

Without the <u>blood</u> of Jesus, our sins are not <u>covered</u>, and without the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, we cannot be <u>holy</u>.

Proverbs 16:25

You only get God's rewards by doing things God's way.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 Peter 2:9-12

We discern the Lord's <u>will</u> for our lives by reading the Word of God, by <u>submitting</u> to it's authority, as being the very Word of God Himself, and by <u>responding</u> to the Word of God through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, that will lead us into all truth, <u>convicting</u> us of sin and working practically in us the righteounsess of Christ that has been imputed to us.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

There is no such thing as a Christian life that is not consecrated unto the Lord.

A CALL TO CONSECRATE

Jeremiah 29:12-13

1 John 1:9

Isaiah 1:16-20

The time has come to <u>declare</u> to the enemy and to the world that we are the Lord's. We are not for <u>sale</u>, we will not be <u>bought</u>, and we will not be <u>swayed</u>.

James 5:7-8

CONCLUSION

James 4:1-10

He still calls, still cleans, and still commissions those who turn to Him in faith and sincerity.