JEANNA'S NOTES IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR PERFORMANCE Pastor Donald Hinkle November 29, 2009

The Law of Moses was based on performance and conduct. In the New Covenant God expects you to live out of your new nature in Christ.

The New Covenant is based on grace. We access grace by faith, by believing.

Gal 5:4-5

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

Sin has no dominion over us because we are no longer under a performance base we are under grace. We are under a faith based system that allows us to access grace.

If your nature governs what you say and do people will mistake you for Jesus!

If you switch to a performance based doctrine you suddenly remove yourself from God's grace based covenant. Christ has become of no effect unto you.

Giving to get is a performance based ideology. You can't give to get and believe you receive it by faith. These are opposing theologies.

Whoever is justified by the law you are fallen from grace. The action has been performed by Jesus for you to walk in life.

You can't mix the Old Covenant with the New Covenant; you can't mix grace and works.

A performance base won't work with the New Covenant; you have now put death in the New Covenant.

Whosoever is justified by the law you are fallen from grace; that's a bad place to be.

To try and live the New Testament life under a perfect code of conduct puts you under the law of sin and death! Once you take yourself out of the covenant of grace, where the curse has been bore for your sins, you are now walking under a curse.

We need to find out what it means to walk under grace.

Tithing is an example of people suffering lack but being taught a performance base for giving. They are taught to give out of their lack or they won't be blessed unless they give 10%. They then give out of their lack and now they are 10% shorter than they were before. They then access death under the New Covenant.

People who give out of lack get bitter at God and the preacher and they drift away from God and become a husk of a person, just a shell.

We are taught if we confess something enough it will drop in your heart. That is a performance based Old Testament concept. There is no place in the bible that tells you how much you need to confess to get healed!

You were healed at the cross! You don't need to confess it to get the faith to believe it. Figure out what you believe before you confess. Immediate faith brings immediate results.

While you are yet speaking I will say here I am!

Tithing is the ultimate Old Testament performance. They pay God off like a mob boss so the curse doesn't come, so God doesn't allow the devil to come! No! Jesus redeemed us from the curse. You have to believe you are redeemed from death.

Phil 3:8-9

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

The word suffered means experienced; it is an Old English word that doesn't necessarily mean pain! Paul was not shipwrecked and whipped because God was building character; Paul suffered because he was preaching the gospel!

If you aren't preaching the gospel you shouldn't be suffering. I

There are 2 kinds of righteousness.

- 1. Righteousness of the law (the Law of Moses) = your own righteousness based on conduct.
- Righteousness through faith in Christ = righteous by faith.

The very best you can perform won't qualify you for the life of God!

People come to God based on their own righteousness. They prayed for 1 hour and studied. They are all tithed up. They approach God and feel good based on their own righteous performance and their own good works.

Paul said your righteousness is as filthy rags! God won't hear you because you are tithed up. No matter how good you get it's just filth before God.

If you are in Christ you won't be able to help being good!

If you don't spend time with God you feel condemned and don't want to talk to God! If you perform you feel good but are you?

People come to God based on their own righteousness and God doesn't respond and then they get mad at God. There are people who hide if they have done wrong and won't go to God because they can't stop chasing women etc.

You have performance on one side and then refusing to approach God because they are a mess on the other side. Both sides are based on your own works. Both get no results. This is a huge segment of the church. We are under a system that is not performance based.

How many women or men you slept with means nothing to God. He doesn't reject you because of fornication anymore than he accepts you because of tithing. He loves us. While we were yet enemies He sent Jesus to die!

We aren't on a performance based system anymore. You can't give up chasing women and smoking dope because you need a new nature in you to enable you to stop doing those things.

Giving out of empty pocket to get God to bless you is a wrong context. Some people are so messed up dope was on the bottom of God's list for that person and getting them in church was on the top of the list.

If you throw people out of church because of their conduct how will they learn to act differently, God is trying to teach them how to live another month.

The bible is the only reliable gauge for our spiritual condition.

Rom 8:9-10

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Make a choice to believe that. Your flesh isn't the dominant force anymore! You are spiritually alive now. If the spirit of God is in you, you are in the spirit not the flesh. You might need the help of the spirit of God.

The bible says I am in the spirit. I don't perform a penance to get in Him or pray for 12 hours. Just believe what the bible says about you.

1 Cor 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Cor 6:9-12

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

A person can commit fornication without being a fornicator. You have the life nature of God not the nature of a fornicator. To be a fornicator you have to have a dead nature but you are in the spirit. He is not talking about actions but the person. Are you an idolater or have you received Jesus as savior? You were one but you are washed! You may sin but you aren't a sinner because you have a new nature.

The Christian who commits fornication can come and be cleansed of fornication.

1 Cor 6:11-12

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Jesus has washed you from being a fornicator, idolater, adulterer and effeminate the moment you came to know Jesus.

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Glorify God because you are bought with a price. You can become forgiven of unrighteous act.

Gal 4:4-8

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

You are no more a servant but a son an heir of God through Jesus Christ. You have the spirit of his son in your heart.

You are not what you do but who God created you to be.