

Root Canals - cont.

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Jesus and “Roots”

“Then His disciples came and said to Him, Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when They heard this saying? But He answered and said, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” (Matthew 15:12-13)

Many times folks get upset when you show a teaching of man to be false in light of what the scripture says. They don't want (or like) false teaching to be exposed and condemned. “Preach the truth and leave error alone”, they say. Jesus both taught what was right and condemned what was wrong (Mt. 15:3-9). Anything that has not been “planted” by God (authorized by His word) will be rooted up.

When sin or error has become “rooted” in our life, it's better to root it out now while there is time. The teachings of men don't lead us to the light! Rather they blind us, sending us to “the ditch”. Remember what Jesus told Thomas, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). - Steve

Gospel Meeting Schedule

April 11-14, 2019

Thursday: “What Has the Lord Spoken?”
(7 pm)

Friday: “Do You Really Want to Know What
the Lord Has Spoken” (7 pm)

Saturday: “When People Don't Like What
the Lord Has Spoken” (7 pm)

Sunday: “Is Not My Word Like A Fire?”
(9:30 am)

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

How Will I Get Back Up?

A few years back, when my Mom and Dad were living with us in Tennessee, my family and I had gone to Ohio for Christmas. There was a big snow event in Tennessee while we were gone and I had call home to see if they were alright. I got a kick out of my 84-year young Dad when he gave the snow report. He said that the snow was falling like cats and dogs. I thought that only happened with rain! He wanted to know if I had a snow sled. “Sure”, I said, “It’s in the loft of the barn”. “It sure looks tempting”, he replied, “but I don’t know how I’ll get back up the hill!”

Ah, there’s the rub. Every kid soon learns that part of the fun of sledding is the work of climbing back up the hill! I wished that I was home. I would have given him a ride up the hill with the tractor just to see him take the ride down on the sled!

It’s Kind of Like Sin

It’s hard to compare snow to sin, especially when Isaiah (1:18) tells us that being reconciled to God can make our sins like snow. This event, however, has similarities to allurements of sin. Satan tempts us to look at the fun that he offers and not at the cost that we will have

to pay for that “fun”.

Remember what Solomon said to the one tempted to go to the harlot? “Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me, And attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thy heart decline to her ways; Go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: Yea, all her slain are a mighty host. Her house is the way to Sheol, Going down to the chambers of death” (Proverbs 7:24-27). In the previous verses Solomon described how good she looked and how good she sounded, but it would cost him his soul!

God’s Grace: You Can Get Back Up

The blessing of the Gospel of God’s grace is that the blood of Jesus can atone for all and any sin. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Paul lists several sins that the Corinthians had been cleansed from by the sanctification in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some had been fornicators and adulterers, but they had been “washed” by the blood of Jesus on the cross (1:18).

This blessing however, comes with responsibility. As Christians, we have a responsibility to walk in the light of God’s word, not walk in darkness. We can’t keep running down the hill of the pleasures of sin and expect the Lord to “pick us up” so we can go down again! As Paul said, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that

grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:1-4).

Those participating in the “newness of life” don’t look to the pleasures of sin but to the love of the ways of the Lord. They know that true living and true joy come by walking in the light and the paths of righteousness. - Steve Reeves

Root Canals

Aren’t “root canals” great? Well, not really. If you’ve had one you know. If you haven’t ... keep brushing and flossing! Two weeks ago I went to the dentist expecting to have another root canal procedure. However, a little drilling and a new filling and “done”, that was it! No root canal. Whew! I was relieved.

Yet, as any dentist will tell you, if the problem is in the root, the root must come out! You can’t ignore the problem and hope it goes away. You can’t say, “I don’t like root canals so I’ll just refuse to have one” (you can if you have a high