

TWO MORE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Romans 8:31-32

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^(NIV84) What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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The World:

One's worldview:

John 15:18-19

Romans 12:2 ^(Phillips) Don't let the world press you into its mold.

One's desires:

1 John 2:15-17 ^(NLT) - Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only the lust for physical pleasure, the lust for everything we see, and pride in our possessions (Literally: the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life). These are not from the Father. They are from this evil world. And this world is fading away, along with everything it craves.

James 4:4

The sad reality is that, all too often, we get mad at God for taking away these IDOLS!!!

"An idol is not so much seen by looking at how good you feel when you get it, but by how devastated you are when you don't." ^{Tim Keller}

"An idol is anything which we add to God as a condition for happiness or contentment." ^{Tim Keller}

Our rulers/leaders

Proverbs 21:1 ^(NIV84) - "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."

The Flesh:

Galatians 5:16-17

The *flesh* - (NIV): *sinful nature* - That part of us which rejects God's standards, which

craves and seeks after pleasure and comfort, after the *stuff* of this world, after status and power...

The Devil:

"He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." ^(1 Cor. 7:29 - NIV84)

2. v. 32 ^(ESV) - "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

John 3:16

Romans 5:6-8 ^(New Century Version) When we were unable to help ourselves, at the moment of our need, Christ died for us, although we were living against God. Very few people will die to save the life of someone else. Although perhaps for a good person someone might possibly die. But God shows his great love for us in this way: Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Question: Do you believe that God loves you? Do you believe that He loves more than anyone else does, including yourself? Are you willing to trust Him, even when doesn't make sense? Are you willing to, by faith, thank Him even when life is hard?

A Truth to Remember: God's love for you is so great that He did not even spare His OWN SON, but gave up for you. No matter what circumstances appear to be against us, if we belong to Jesus Christ, then God is causing ALL thing to work together for our good and for His glory.

A Challenge to Consider: Is there an area of your life which you need to acknowledge His goodness, even though you cannot understand? Are you willing to turn away from the things of this world, which your flesh craves, which Satan wants you to have, so that you might know God better?

One thing I heard this morning was...