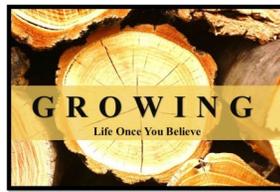


THE SILENT “S’s” IN SALVATION

PHI. 1:6; 2:12-13; EPH. 2:1-10; 4:17-24



The Silent S: _____

It is _____

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So _____

So _____

The Silent S: _____

Who: _____, _____, _____

What: _____, _____, _____

So _____, _____, _____

Consider the Gospel...

You are _____

You are _____

“I am not what I ought to be—ah, how imperfect and deficient! I am not what I wish to be—I abhor what is evil, and I would cleave to what is good! I am not what I hope to be—soon, soon shall I put off mortality, and with mortality all sin and imperfection. Yet, though I am not what I ought to be, nor what I wish to be, nor what I hope to be, I can truly say, I am not what I once was; a slave to sin and Satan; and I can heartily join with the apostle, and acknowledge, ‘By the grace of God I am what I am.’”

~ John Newton

Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

- Read Phil. 2:12-13 a few times. Then, read and contemplate Paul’s prayers in Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-19.
- Make three observations about how God is at work in your spiritual life from Paul’s prayers?
- What is something you learned about growing as a Christian from Paul’s prayers in Ephesians 1 and 3?
- Read Eph. 2:1-10. What encourages you from this passage?
- Read Eph. 4:17-24. Think about how Paul relates mind/thinking and heart/ desires in this passage. Is thinking simply about information and propositions? Why or why not?
- Phil. 2:12-13 talks about what we do and what God does. How does Eph. 4:22-24 connect with Phil. 2:12-13? What is one way you can act in faith on this passage this week?
- Spiritual Exercise: Jesus taught the disciples that they would not be alone after His resurrection but have the Holy Spirit with them. This week, spend time in prayer asking for greater awareness of the Holy Spirit’s work in and around you. Practice “waking by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:16, 25) this week by daily being mindful and submissive to his promptings, warnings, empowering and assuring.