

Drawing Closer to Him

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The strongest feature of true faith is a desire to draw closer to God, and Jesus' death provides us with the opportunity to live in beautiful, close fellowship with the Father every day.

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that the essence of true, saving faith is the desire to draw closer to God, highlighting that Jesus suffered and died to restore our intimate fellowship with the Father. He explains that sin separates us from God, just as it did with Adam, and that God's hatred for sin stems from its ability to rob us of this fellowship. The power of justification through Christ allows us to overcome feelings of unworthiness and access God's presence, as we are made righteous in Him. Wilkerson reminds us that Jesus' sacrifice was not merely for our salvation but for daily communion with God, inviting us to live in close relationship with Him.

Transcript

The strongest feature of true, saving faith is a desire to draw closer to Him. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

Why did Jesus suffer and die? Why did He provide justification for us? Why is His perfect righteousness accounted to us? It was that He might bring us to God. It's all about intimate fellowship with the Father.

When Adam sinned, he lost the most precious thing any man or woman could possess: intimacy with God. Sin drove Adam away from closeness with the Father and he actually hid from His presence. Ever since, whenever man sins, he has a tendency to run and hide just as his forefather Adam did.

The reason God so hates sin is because it robs us of His fellowship. He created us for intimacy with Him and He so yearned for our fellowship that He sent His own Son to die on a cross, to justify us and tear down the walls that blocked that intimacy from taking place.

The power of justification is that it made a way back to God's original purpose in creating man -- for fellowship with the Father.

This present world is full of evil, slander, satanic lies, seductions, guilt, fear, condemnation -- all of it designed by Satan to keep us feeling unworthy to come into God's presence. The devil would have us

hide as Adam did -- to keep us from intimacy with God.

We have been delivered from all that. We have a right to God's presence -- an invitation to His throne -- because we stand with a perfect righteousness before Him. God invites us to the throne of grace because He accepts us as being holy in Christ. Our sin is under the blood, forgiven, and now we have a right into His holiness.

Beloved, Jesus did not die just to take you to paradise. He died so that every day you could live in beautiful, close fellowship with the Father.

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