



DGM Message Summary: Beyond Forgiveness Pt. 5

Key Points:

- Ephesians 2:5
 - Death is simply a transition for a believer
 - You don't stop existing; you just move to another place
 - To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord in Heaven
- James 2:26
 - When the spirit leaves the body, we die
- Ephesians 2:5
 - The first emotion that came from being unplugged to God is fear
 - God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind
 - Even when we were dead in our sins and trespasses, God still loved us
- Ephesians 2:10
 - Once we give our lives to Jesus, he immediately refashions us from the inside out
 - In creation, nothing imperfect was created (God has not made an imperfect creation yet, but we make decisions that make us imperfect)
 - Our environment was not the problem; Adam and Eve had the perfect environment and still made poor choices
 - The work God does in us is always to produce good stuff so we have to conclude the bad stuff we do in our lives is the work of the devil
- I John 3:9
 - Whoever has been born of God does not sin
- I John 3:6
 - Flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit; the new birth happens in our spirit
 - God's likeness is in us when he recreates us
 - The new birth is not optional; it is mandatory to enter into God's kingdom
- I John 3:8
 - You see the effect of the wind so you don't see the wind itself
 - The same rule applies to the new birth; you can't see someone being born again but you can see the effect of it
- Many of us try to change our lives before we give our lives to God, but we can't ever get it right on our own
 - You can't ever get right enough to come to him, so you must come just as you are and let him change you and do the impossible in your life

- Psalm 87:5
 - We enter Mount Zion through new birth
 - If God's involved, it's perfect, righteous, just
- I John 3:9
 - If you can understand seeds, you can understand why you don't sin
 - A righteous seed only produces righteous fruit
 - If we are born of God, we CANNOT sin
 - The part of us that sin is not our spirit; it's problems with our soul and body
- Ephesians 2:10
 - Sin will not come out of a reborn spirit; it's impossible!
- Romans 8
 - For those who live according to the flesh set their minds...
- Romans 12:2
 - Holy spirit advises us not to be conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of our mind
 - Our spirit can be changed, but can our mind be renewed? If not, our lives will be like everyone else in the world.
 - In order for us to live spiritual lives, our minds must get on board
- Lust is unprincipled desire, love is principled desire
- Majority rules on three parts: if soul and spirit is on one accord, body will follow suit
- Romans 8:5-6
 - The only way you can get in touch with your spiritual nature is by being informed and knowledgeable of the truth, which is the word of God
 - Though we are saved, we could still be meatheads
 - The problem is where the focus is
 - Being a meathead causes separation in our lives
 - We must learn to get the fruit of the spirit in our minds
 - Spirituality is not only based on what happens in your mind, but what goes on around you; we need to let the word of God impact our thought life
 - The things we tend to dwell on is where our mind/thoughts go
- II Corinthians 5:21
 - Jesus paid our debt on calvary so that we might become the righteousness of God in him
 - When we believe we're beautiful on the inside and starting living out that nature, we will do beautiful things
 - A spiritual mind operates on what it believes! It takes faith!
- Galatians 6:15
 - Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything
 - What does is a new creation
 - What matters is what's new on the inside
 - Jesus died to forgive of us our sins so we can have new life and live out that new nature in our lives
 - Sometimes, God doesn't change a situation in our lives because he's trying to change our heart

- God has changed the first step, our spirit, but now it's time to take the next step, and that's in our mind
- Once the spirit and soul get into agreement, our mind will change