

Your Unrighteousness

vs.

Your Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in BOWFC,

Not surface Christianity.

Not church attendance alone.

Not religion without transformation.

REALLY happens when you come to Jesus Christ.

Because salvation is not Jesus making the OLD man comfortable.

Salvation is Jesus creating a NEW man.

OH GLORY.

The problem in many churches today is people want Christ...

...but do not want to die to self.

They want heaven...
without surrender.

Peace...
without repentance.

Blessing...
without transformation.

But Jesus never called us to simply improve the flesh.

Jesus called us to CRUCIFY the flesh.

LET THE WORDS OF JESUS SHOCK YOU!

Luke 14:26–27 (KJV)

“If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.”

LET JESUS TAKE CARE OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE AND EVERYTHING IN IT

Jesus was not teaching hatred in the sinful sense.

Jesus was saying:

Your love for Me must be so great...
that your old life no longer controls you.

Your old desires...
your old identity...
your old sinful nature...
must DIE.

THIS IS WHAT BOWFC WORKS FOR TOGETHER MAKING JESUS HAPPEN EVERY DAY. The Christian walk is not:

“Add Jesus to your old life.”

It is:

“Die to the old life and become new in Christ.”

YOU LOOKING IN THE MIRROR ASK QUESTION

what fruit is hanging from your life?

Because fruit reveals the root.

You can say “I’m saved” all day long...

...but fruit reveals what spirit is truly ruling the heart.

Jesus said:

Matthew 7:20 (KJV)

“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

PART 1 — THE FRUITS OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Galatians 5:19–21 (KJV)

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like...”

PREACH IT HARD

Paul calls them “works of the flesh.”

Notice:

works.

The flesh constantly **WORKS** against God.

The flesh is never satisfied.

The flesh always wants more.

More lust.

More pride.

More anger.

More selfishness.

More rebellion.

The flesh destroys marriages.

The flesh destroys ministries.

The flesh destroys peace.

STORY — HOW ABOUT CAIN

Genesis 4:6–8 (KJV)

“And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door...

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and... Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”

Cain’s fruit exposed his heart.

Jealousy became hatred.

Hatred became murder.

Sin always grows if not crucified.

The flesh never stays small.

That secret bitterness...
becomes poison.

That hidden lust...
becomes bondage.

That pride...
becomes destruction.

WHAT IS YOUR APPLICATION TO THIS?

Some people sit in church while feeding the flesh every day.

Watching darkness.
Speaking death.
Living angry.
Living unforgiving.
Living divided.

Then wondering why peace is absent.

From your life, from your walk, from your fellowship, ministry...

you cannot feed hell all week
and expect heaven to rule your spirit, your ministry, your work in Christ.

PART 2 — DYING TO SELF

Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

PREACH IT DEEP

Paul said:

“not I.”

The old Paul had to die.

The proud Paul.

The angry Paul.

The religious Paul.

The violent Paul.

Had to DIE.

Let’s look at Paul’s transformation

Acts 9:1–6 (KJV)

“And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord...

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”

PREACH IT

Saul was religious...

but unrighteous.

He knew religion...

but did not know Christ.

But one encounter with Jesus changed EVERYTHING.

OH THANK YOU LORD.

The man spreading fear...
became the man preaching love.

The man destroying lives...
became the man building your ministry.

WHY?

Because the old man died.

ARE YOU A REAL BOWFC IN CHRIST?

Christianity is not behavior modification.

It is transformation.

The old spirit dies.

The new spirit rises.

PART 3 — THE FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Galatians 5:22–23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
Meekness, temperance...”

PREACH IT WITH POWER

Notice:

Fruit.

Fruit grows naturally when connected to the right source.

You do not force an apple tree to produce apples.

It produces because of what is INSIDE it.

And when Christ truly lives inside you...

love begins growing.

Peace begins growing.

Joy begins growing.

Forgiveness begins growing.

Mercy begins growing.

ONE MORE STORY (ZACCHAEUS)

Luke 19:8–9 (KJV)

“And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord;

Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor...

And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house...”

POWERFUL POINT

Before Jesus:

Zacchaeus stole.

After Jesus:

Zacchaeus gave.

That is fruit.

The heart changed.

DEEP APPLICATION

When Jesus changes you:

anger becomes compassion.

lust becomes purity.

hate becomes forgiveness.

selfishness becomes love.

darkness becomes light.

THE WAR INSIDE US

Brothers and sisters, every believer fights this battle.

The flesh against the Spirit.

Every day.

Romans 7:22–23

“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind...”

PREACH IT

The flesh says:

“Feed me.”

The Spirit says:

“Follow Christ.”

The flesh says:

“Stay bitter.”

The Spirit says:

“Forgive.”

The flesh says:

“Live for self.”

The Spirit says:

“Die to self.”

THE CROSS

Jesus did not die so we could stay bound.

He died so we could become NEW.

Romans 6:6

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed...”

CLOSING

Brothers and Sisters

What are you going to do with you being a BOFWC?

What are you going to do with yourself in your BOWFC?

What are you going to give up this week to gave the fruit god gave you in your BOWFC?

What fruit is growing from your life?

If people followed you for one week...

would they see Christ?

Would they feel love?

Peace?

Mercy?

Holiness?

Or would they see flesh ruling the heart?

TODAY Jesus is calling us deeper.

Deeper than CHRIST.

Deeper than appearances.

Deeper than church attendance.

He is calling for transformation.

FINAL ALTAR CALL

Ezekiel 36:26

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you...”

Today...

Jesus is still changing lives.

The old man can die.

The new creature can rise.

Chains can break.

Hearts can heal.

Lives can change.

Come to this altar tonight and say:

“Lord...
kill what should not live in me...
and grow what looks like You.”

Amen.