

Message Notes

"Pleasures of sin vs. real life, vigor, & comfort"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – "Peace in our time! . . . oops!"

Why should we bother with all this work about killing sin?

3 reasons:

1. Because we MUST!
2. Because we CAN!
3. Because we GET TO!

Doctrine - *If you are a follower of Christ, sin is not your source of joy, lasting pleasure or peace.*

1. "The life, vigor, and comfort of our spiritual life depend much on our mortification of sin."
2. However, it is not necessarily true that God "owes" you life, vigor and comfort. (Psalm 88)

(Job 1, 2)

(2 Timothy 3:12)
3. What we really, really want!
4. The choice we must make (Jeremiah 2:12-23)
5. An example of mortifying sin in the face of extreme pleasure (Hebrews 11:24-26)
6. Where life, vigor and peace come from (Isaiah 57:14-21)

Application – "No Jesus, no peace.
Know Jesus, Know Peace!"

Psalm 88:1-18

(use a pre Bible for this passage, please)

Job 1:6-12

⁶One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them. ⁷The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going to and fro in it." ⁸Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no-one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." ⁹"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." ¹²The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job 2:1-6

¹On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ²And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going to and fro in it." ³Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no-one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason." ⁴"Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face." ⁶The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."

2 Timothy 3:12

¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

Jeremiah 2:12, 13

¹²Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD. ¹³"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Hebrews 11:24-26

²⁴By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be ill-treated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Isaiah 57:14-21

¹⁴And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people." ¹⁵For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives for ever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. ¹⁶I will not accuse for ever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me—the breath of man that I have created. ¹⁷I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. ¹⁸I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, ¹⁹creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them." ²⁰But the wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. ²¹"There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."