

Unselfishness

Lev. 19:18

When we speak of SELF we are prone to think of the term as equal or identical with sin.

This has come about by people putting the sensual self in the center of their affections.

Jesus tried to correct men's thinking by saying, "If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

This does not mean that the "self" is in itself sinful - but the highest thing in our affection is our God and when "self" is elevated to point where we worship it then we have become idolaters. "He that loveth his life in that sense shall lose it"

Jesus never taught us to have not love for our selves but self unelevated to a place of worship in our lives is to be the measure for every man. The way you love your self is to be the thing that you measure your love for other men by - as Jesus said "Love your neighbor as thyself" Do you think this was the first time such doctrine had been taught? Look at Lev. 19:18.

Self is subject to desire — Humanity desires —

To be old	To be young
To be lean	To be fat
To be rich	To be famous
To be sinful	To be good

Some people have unholy thoughts about most every person or thing they see. Self turned into those channels is the self that is identical with sin.

Self should be divine in its outlook, and aim. God had no other way worked out for us to go — but remember the golden scene.

Self-Divine — became covered with sin — now all sin in the land is traced back to selfishness

1. Indifference to good.
2. Murder
3. Theft
4. worldliness

Many self deluded

Prov. 30:12 "There is a generation pure in their own eyes and yet are not washed from their own filthiness."

Luk 18:11 "The Pharisee stood up --- etc"

Mat. 6:3 — "For if a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing he deceiveth himself"

Self Examination:

P.S. 414 "Commune with thine own heart."

2 Cor. 13/5— "Examine your own selves & see whether ye be of the faith."

We are exhorted to self control.
"Bring my body under subjection."

The greatest use of self is to guide
it in service for Christ sake.

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None of self and all of thee

Oh, the bitter pain and sorrow
that a time could ever be
when I proudly said to Jesus
all of self and none of thee.

Yet He found me: I beheld Him
bleeding on the accursed tree;
And my wistful heart said
faintly, some of self and some
of thee.

Day by day, His tender mercy, healing help-
ing, full and free,
Brought me lower while I dis-
posed less of self and more of thee.

Higher than the highest
Heavens, deeper than the
deepest sea,
Lord Thy love at last has con-
quered; None of self, and
all of thee.

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Joseph D. Little

Christ is invisible but
His works are seen.

This should be the practice
of the preacher and if the
people follow they too then
are invisible as to their
interests but show forth the
works of Christ

He told the truth when
it hurt. People criticised
so to-day with the preacher.

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