

Message Notes

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Paradoxes of the Christian Life” Pt. 2 (Various Scripture)

Introduction:

Definition: A paradox...

If you are a “Sold Out” Christian, you:

① Were born on earth, yet you are a citizen of another place that you have never visited. You are Born on earth but a citizen of

_____.
“For our citizenship is in heaven.” Philippians 3:20 (NKJV)

“All these people...admitted that they were *aliens and strangers* on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own...they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God...”

Hebrews 11:13,16 (NIV)

“But ye are...a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a *peculiar* people...”

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV)

Think About It: If we are peculiar (meaning ‘special’ or ‘fascinating’) then people should be _____ to us instead of avoiding us!

② Are standing on earth, but you are _____ in heaven.

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...”
Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

③ _____ God and yet you are not afraid of God.

“There is none who seeks after God...There is none who does good, no, not one...Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness...destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:11ff (NKJV)

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”
Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

“All of us must appear in front of Christ’s judgment seat. Then all people will receive what they deserve for the good or evil they have done while living in their bodies. As people who know what it means to **fear the Lord**, we try to persuade others.” 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (GWT)

The Apostle Paul is saying three things:

Let me tell you who _____: A person who knows what it means to fear the Lord.

Let me tell you what _____: I try to persuade others to fear Him too.

Let me tell you _____ I do it: Because there will be very real consequences at Christ’s judgment seat

Think About It: The Christian culture of our day is so much like the world that personal _____ and personal ambitions have erased the fear of God from many Christians.

“No Fear Survivors Anonymous”

Personal Testimony: No Fear of God

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” Psalm 111:10 (NKJV)

④ Love someone you have never _____.

“Although you have never seen Christ, you love him. You don’t see him now, but you believe in him.” 1 Peter 1:8 (GWT)

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”
John 6:40 (NIV)

Closing:

