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3rd Wiki ya Pasaka

1 Yohana 3:1-11

Dhambi inaweza kuonekana kama tatizo la stickiest, ngumu zaidi kumwaga. Kusema tu, "hatutafanya tena dhambi" ni kichocheo cha Ukristo wa kufanya-wewe mwenyewe, na ni vigumu kuishi kama inaonekana. Zawadi ya ajabu ya Yesu ni ushindi wake juu ya dhambi. Sisi ni watoto wa Mungu na ushindi wa Yesu juu ya dhambi huhakikisha ushindi wetu juu ya dhambi kama tunavyoishi katika Kristo!

Ufuatiliaji wafuatayo kwa maneno unaweza kuwa na nguvu zaidi, lakini inaweza kutusaidia kukumbuka kazi ya "uzazi wa kiroho" ni kazi ya Mungu, si yetu.

ACCESS - Kumpa Bwana maisha yetu sana, na sio kuzuia kitu chochote kizuri au mbaya ni kama kupitishwa.

AXES - Tunakaribisha hatua ya makusudi ya Mungu ya kuondoa sehemu za mauti au maadili mabaya kutoka kwa maisha yetu.

AXIS - Yesu ni "Hub" yetu. Lengo kuu la mioyo yetu. John alipenda kusema "kaa". Ni neno lazuri la kutembea na Mungu kama Baba yetu. Tunapokaa katika Kristo, tunachukua sifa zake. Kwa kweli ni Axis yetu!

Kukaa ndani ya Yesu kuna maana ya tabia iliyobadilishwa. Yohana anayesema hapa ni njia ya kawaida ambayo tunayoishi. Tunapaswa kufanya kazi nzuri ili kuepuka aina zote za dhambi, wakati wote, ingawa tutaweza kushindwa; lakini kushindwa lazima kutokea ndani ya tabia ya maisha ambayo dhambi haiwezi kuweka tone. Tunacheza kipande cha muziki sasa, na hata kama vidole vyetu vimeingilia na wakati mwingine tunacheza maelezo ya nyimbo za zamani tulizocheza ... haimaanishi tunarudi tena kucheza muziki wa zamani tena (N.T. Wright, 2011).

Wiki ijayo: 1 Yohana 3:16-24

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1 John 3:1-11

Sin can seem like the stickiest, most difficult problem to shed. Simply saying, "we will no longer sin" is a recipe for do-it-yourself Christianity, and it's as impossible to live as it sounds. The magnificent gift of Jesus is His victory over sin. We are children of God and Jesus' victory over sin ensures our victory over sin as we live in Christ!

The following play on words may be oversimplified, but can help us remember the work of "spiritually parenting" is God's work, not ours.

ACCESS - Giving the Lord our very lives, and not withholding any good or bad thing is a lot like adoption.

AXES - We invite God's deliberate action to remove the dead parts or lethal practices from our lives.

AXIS - Jesus is our "Hub". The central focus of our hearts. John liked to say "abide". It's a good word for walking with God as our Father. As we abide in Christ, we take on His attributes. He truly is our Axis!

Abiding in Jesus means a transformed character. What John is talking about here is the regular mode in which we live. We should be doing our best to avoid all kinds of sin, all the time, though we shall surely fail; but the failures must take place within a settled habit of life in which sin is no longer setting the tone. We're playing a different piece of music now, and even if our fingers slip and we sometimes play the notes of old songs we used to play... it doesn't mean we're going back to play that old music once more (N.T. Wright, 2011).

Next week: 1 John 3:16-24

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MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 121 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Matendo 13: 44-52*

Jumanne: *Matendo 18:5-11*

Jumatano: *Warumi 8: 1-11*

Alhamisi: *Wagalatia 2: 11-20*

Ijumaa: *Mambo ya Walawi 26: 1-13*

Jumamosi: *Matendo 4: 23-37*

Mpendwa Bwana, umeahidi kukutana na wale ambao tafuta uso wako. Njoo sasa na ufunuo uwepo wako kwetu kama tunavyojitolea kwako.
Katika Jina la Yesu Kristo Bwana wetu, Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 121 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Acts 13:44-52*

Tuesday: *Acts 18:5-11*

Wednesday: *Romans 8:1-11*

Thursday: *Galatians 2:11-20*

Friday: *Leviticus 26:1-13*

Saturday: *Acts 4:23-37*

Dear LORD, You have promised to meet those who seek Your face. Come now and reveal Your presence to us as we make ourselves present to You.
In the Name of Jesus Christ our LORD, Amen.