Gospel Assurance & Warnings

Recovering the Gospel Series

Lesson #9: "Practicing Righteousness"

❑ Read Chapter **twelve** and answer the following questions from pages 115-125.

1 John 3:7 'Little children, let no one deceive you. He who <u>practices righteousness</u> is righteous, just as He is righteous.'

1 John 3:10 'In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother..'

1. How is true holiness validated?

2. What does the word 'righteousness' mean?

3. What is the difference between a believer's '<u>positional</u>' versus '<u>personal</u>' righteousness?

4. What is the meaning of the word 'practices' in **1 John 3:7**?

5. How is one's salvation proven?

6. What is the meaning of '<u>legalism</u>' and '<u>antinomianism</u>' in sanctification?

7. What modern philosophy has weakened the standard of God's Word in the church?

8. Why has much of the terminology of the Christian faith been redefined or removed?

9. What does Christianity need to do if it's going to regain its health and strength?

10. "… a person who _____ Christ may have assurance of salvation _____ to the
    _____ that he possesses a _____ for righteousness, actually _____ it, and
    is _____ over his shortcomings."

11. What pitfalls do we need to avoid when examining ourselves?

12. What are the differences between a believer and unbeliever in **1 John 3:7-10**?

13. "… true _____ never _____ to antinomianism or lawlessness, but _____,
    conformity to Christ, and _____ piety."

14. What does 'whoever has been born of God does not sin' in **1 John 3:9** teach and not teach?

Quote: "Since we no longer believe that what God has said can be specifically discerned and applied, we can now justify turning a deaf ear to the most accurate exposition of Scripture and denounce as a dangerous fanatic anyone who says, 'Thus saith the Lord!'"

Quote: "… a person's confession of faith can and should be tested; that assurance of salvation is not merely based upon what a person says or feels but upon the practical evidences of a changed and changing life."