

"2 Timothy 2:19—Part 2"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—In last week's article, I began talking about 2 Timothy 2:19.

2 Timothy 2:19—"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.' "

Quick reminder

The first discussion of this verse (in last week's article) was establishing the fact that only the Lord knows who are His.

The Lord knows, but people only guess.

Arrogant people think they know.

Instead of repeating the seven concepts that we discussed in last week's article, let me mention only the seventh concept.

The Bible warns us about the danger of attributing a lack of the Holy Spirit to other people (Matthew 12:31-32).

Do you really think it is wise to be giving your opinion about who has the Holy Spirit?

Depart from iniquity

While we should not be spending any time seeking to claim who has the Holy Spirit and who does not have the Holy Spirit, we should be spending our entire time departing from iniquity.

Please do not waste a minute's worth of time trying to do the Lord's job.

Please focus your entire attention and energy on departing from sin.

Grace does not encourage sin

Romans 6:1-2—"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"

Saved by grace

Ephesians 2:8-9—"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Titus 3:4-7—"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, [which] He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Notice how good works are the proper reaction to grace.

Created for good works

Ephesians 2:10—"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Titus 3:8—"This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men."

Good works to glorify God

- Matthew 5:14-16

- 1 Peter 2:11-12

Actions demonstrate faith

- James 2:14—What profit is there if we say we have faith, but we do not have actions?

- James 2:18—We show our faith by our actions.

3 definitions of sin

Notice three definitions of sin.

- 1 John 3:4—Sin is the transgression of the law.

- James 4:17—Sin is based upon what you know.

■ Romans 14:23—Whatever is not from faith is sin.

Search the Scriptures

- Acts 17:11

- 2 Timothy 2:15