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HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF?

Over the years there have been many sermons preached with fire and brimstone, condemning sin. This is a good thing, but there also must be the building up of the saints by the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. The purpose of equipping or building up the saints is that they can do the work of the ministry and come into unity in the body of Christ.

If all one hears from the pulpit is a thrashing of the sheep, then the sheep will not come away with any confidence in what God has called them to do. They might be Christians, but in many cases, they live defeated lives.

We must see ourselves the way that God sees us. The Father sees us in Christ. We are seated in Christ at the moment we are born again. This is the only way Father can look at us because of the sin that has been in our lives. When we confess our sin it is washed away by the blood of Jesus. We are justified (just as if I never sinned) through Jesus' blood. Father sees us "cleansed" by Jesus' blood.

To be a conqueror for the Lord we must believe that we are conquerors. We must believe that we can do ***"all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."*** (Philippians 4:13.) We learn from the scriptures that Abraham was counted righteous by seeing those things that were not as though they were. His body was dead, unable to produce seed, but God promised him that he would have a child that came from his own seed. He believed God and because of that was called righteous. (Romans 4:3; Romans 4:18, 21.)

We must see ourselves the way God does through the finished work of Jesus Christ. We must not let our past determine our future. Don't determine who you are by what you were. Determine who you are by seeing yourself in Christ, undefeated!