

SELAH-GRAM

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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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Cease From Sin!



1Cor 15:34 *Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.*

Do not sin! What an intimidating command, yet apparently the concept is possible. "Ceasing from sin" doesn't happen by merely trying harder, gritting your teeth or from a sharpened awareness of the law-and fear of its consequences. "Sinning not" is the product of awaking to righteousness, to uprightness, which is descriptive of the posture and focus of the heart.

Some years ago, to illustrate this point to a college group, I dropped several still smoking matches into an empty, clear plastic 2Lt. bottle. As the smoke quickly filled the container, I shook the bottle, spoke to it, even turned it upside down vigorously trying to "dump the smoke out," yelling at it as I did. Try as I might, the smoke remained.

The result however was strikingly different when instead of focusing my effort on the smoke, I simply started filling the bottle with water. I couldn't have scripted the result better. The water level rose to the top, beautifully displacing all the smoke which formed a perfect column above the bottle, bringing cheers from the audience.

I believe the best way to rid our lives of the effects of the carnal nature is to simply displace those effects by filling



Additionally...

What is the source of this righteousness, this uprightness? **Psa**

140:13 AMP *Surely the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall give thanks to Your name; **the upright shall dwell in Your presence** (before Your very face).*

Note also that as 1Cor 15:34 ends, Paul equates the sin-struggle with **not knowing God!** Selah.

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every crevice of this container with God's presence--awaking to right-standing. \o/

The name 'Jim' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below the letter 'i' is a detailed illustration of a feather with its quill pointing to the left.

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