

Sermon Notes

Reboot: Part 2

January 9th-10th, 2020

- **Reboot: Recap**
- This series is basically about our Vision Statement. Let's go over this and then do the hand motions!! (Why do we do hand motions??)
 - o Reach Up: A real relationship with the Living God is available to you.
 - o Rise Up: A real relationship with the Living God will change you.
 - o Reach Out: A real relationship with the Living God is a call to action.
- Last Week: First get the plank out of your own eye, then you will see clearly...(From Matt 7)
 - o 2020 had too much finger pointing. Let's do some introspection instead this year.
- **Reboot: Part 2 (Kind of a "Rise Up" Sermon)**
- 'Tis the season for New Year's Resolutions. I hope you haven't given up already!
 - o New Year's Resolutions usually involve what we do or say, things we want to change for the better.
 - o And that is good! But why do those things often fail?
 - Simple answer: because we want to change the outside without changing the inside.
 - Example: Bible reading mentality. Pointless obligation or expectant curiosity?
- As Christians, God expects us to do right.
 - o Examples: **Matthew 12:36-37, John 5:24-30**. It's complex, but hey: God expects us to do right.
 - o This topic can throw some people into a theological frenzy, but that doesn't change you.
 - Instead we need to change from the inside out. **Matthew 12:33-37**
- To do right, we need to have the right stuff on the inside.
 - o Another example: **Matthew 23:25-26**.
 - o But, how do we clean the inside of the cup and dish?
 - You may have tried: will power, denial, justifying, and simply giving up.
- God gives us the right stuff on the inside by filling us with His Holy Spirit!
 - o This right Spirit from God is there for the asking! **Luke 11:11-13**
 - o But this reads a lot easier than it does, if you know what I mean.
 - We can fall into things like James and John did in **Luke 9:51-56!**
 - They still didn't have the right stuff on the inside. Don't be satisfied with that.
- Being filled with the Holy Spirit involves a few things:
 - o Seeking and asking is definitely part of it!
 - o Then looking to see what is in your heart and comparing to **Galatians 5:16-26**.
 - o Then seek and ask again. Lather, rinse, repeat. This leads to maturity. **Hebrews 5:11-14**
 - There can be wonderful "moments" like being baptized in the Holy Spirit, but...
 - It's also a battle and a process. Embrace the spiritual growth process.
- When you clean the inside of the cup and dish, then you will naturally do and say the right things, and you can keep your resolutions!!
 - o Don't forget that the inside keeps getting dirty, so it needs to keep being cleaned!
- This is our "Rise Up" sermon. A real relationship with the Living God will change you.
 - o That change doesn't happen on your own. Reach Up go God for help.
 - o Let's finish with something King David said in **Psalms 51:10-12**.
 - This was written by King David after Nathan called him on his affair with Bathsheba.
 - Maybe you have some things in your life that you are ashamed of.
 - It's time to get forgiveness from God, make it right with others as best you can, and clean the inside so you can be changed and not do that anymore.
 - o If you don't know the joy of God's salvation, now is your time.
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