

CONCLUSION: Truth is truth wherever you find it...

1. The Apostles teach something else:

2. Herein lies the **balance** of our Gospel faith:

3. Don't rob yourself of the _____, _____
_____ of sanctification by being _____
by grace. Step out in _____, _____, and
_____ – again and again – and you will grow in the
_____ and _____ of Jesus Christ...

Sermon Notes

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“Paralyzed by Grace”
2 Peter 1:8-9

INTRODUCTION: The greatest challenge in life is the challenge of balance...

1. Sinners are, by nature, imbalanced people. Sin skews us one way or the other.

2. People are prone to _____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____.

3. The point is:

4. The apostles faced these same issues and so they wrote letters to the churches, attempting to bring balance to the pendulum of experiential Christianity –

5. Peter's solution to imbalance is called _____.

6. One historic aspect of *Gnosticism* is _____.

I. THE BALANCE OF SANCTIFICATION (2 Peter 1:8)

1. Peter reminds these early Christians that they have a moral and spiritual responsibility to grow in holiness.
2. Peter is saying the same thing the other Apostles did: _____
_____.
3. Why do we struggle with and resist this clear, logical, Biblical truth?
4. **Dallas Willard** has written 4 well-known books
 - A. *The Spirit of the Disciplines: Understanding How God Changes Lives* (1988)
 - B. *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* (the Sermon on the Mount; 1998)
 - C. *The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus' Essential Teachings on Discipleship* (2006)
 - D. *Knowing Christ Today: Why We Can Trust Spiritual Knowledge* (2009)
5. In fact, holiness is the only _____ that you, in truth, are justified...

II. THE BALANCE OF JUSTIFICATION (2 Peter 1:9)

1. Peter reminds us that those who lack this spiritual transformation, and the **Golden Chain of Virtue**, are people who have forgotten that Jesus died in order to cleanse them from all sin and to make them godly.
2. Peter's doctrine of salvation (*Soteriology*) is impeccable, simple and true: *Jesus died to do three things for us, (1)* _____
(2) _____; *and (3)* _____.
3. God credits/transfers Christ's righteousness to us and as a result...
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
4. **This is Peter's main point in this chapter:**