

## I die daily ......

Darkness, evil, wickedness, are realities. In man's eyes "wickedness" is fluid. You might be asking yourself... what is this man talking about? Well, in one man might say having multiple wives is ok, and yet another views it as wrong. We live in a country that seems to be split down the middle on many issues. If you look to one side and you ask about abortion, a conversation about the reasons it's ok would be started, and at the same time you go to the other side, and just as strongly you will get the views as to why it's not.

How do we decide? What is wickedness? See one would call abortion wicked, and then another would say it's righteous behavior. Who

decides? As long as we leave man with the balances, there is no way to decide. The balances aren't in our hands. As much as we might think that "our ideas" about things matter. They really don't in the grand scheme of things. God holds the balances. My views on abortion are not the deciding factor. It's my creators views that matter. Sin will distort our views. I talk with people every day, whose views are distorted due to sin. Their own views are elevated above God's in their own eyes. They may claim to be "open" minded, or "free thinkers". That all sounds good ......well .... is it really? We were created in the image of God ...and sin has distorted that. We can be walking in open sin and completely ignorant of our distance from God, from our destitution. We can live lives that will be applauded by a crowd, and yet are deemed wicked or evil by the one that created us. We can live lives that conform to society, rather than to our God.

Humility. We live in a world that doesn't applaud that. To humble ourselves to the Creator, all the while loving people that appose us even as God loves them....well it's what we are called to do. Standing in the ways of God will put you in opposition to the ways of the world. And you aren't looking to society to make the decisions about right and wrong, you are looking to the one that made you.

The blood of God's spotless Lamb was shed to not only cleanse us, but renew us. Marvel not ..... you must be born again. That blood that was shed, gave us the opportunity to be recreated, to be brought back to the place that we were intended to be. There has to be a course correction in our ways, in our thinking. As long as we lift up our thinking, our ways, society's ways above our own ....we will be in opposition to the one that made us. You may differ from me and my thoughts, but if those ideas and thoughts are not my own by the creators ... it's not be you really differ with. It requires humility, to see and realize that we are not what we were made to be. It requires humility to lay down our ideas in order to pick up His. The blood was shed ... for us.

Who's ideas are you standing for? God's? Your own? Societies? You and I, nor society will be what we face at judgment..... so none of those

ideas will matter. It will be your creator that you face, that I face, that all of society will face.

God help us today to humble ourselves. Help us bring into subjection our thoughts and our ways, that we can receive what you have for us. Help us to know you, and to know your ways. Forgive us Father for our arrogance. Forgive us for leaning to our own understanding. Lead us Lord, guide us in the light of your word, that we ourselves would be centered in your will, and can as well help those around us be centered as well. In the name of the precious Lamb, JESUS --- AMEN

## May 29

The life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Lev. 17:11

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. <u>John</u> 1:29

The blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:14

The precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. <u>I Pet. 1:19</u>

Without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9:22

The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. <u>I John 1:7</u>

By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. <u>Heb. 9:12</u>

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. <u>Heb. 10:19</u>, <u>20</u>, <u>22</u>

Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. <u>I Cor. 6:20</u>