

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

"I No Ded"

It has been in the news everywhere - the Coronavirus. From what I read and hear, this is one of the most deadly viruses that I have ever seen in my lifetime. One that we should take very seriously. So, I decided that maybe it would be good to buy some surgical masks to have on hand just in case. I went to Walgreens and found that the space for surgical masks was empty. Guess a few others had the same idea. So, thinking that other stores would reveal the same results – empty shelves – I decided to search on Amazon (you know, they have everything).

Upon searching, I found over a dozen different brands. Not wanting to buy something that might not work well, I searched for 4 and 5-star brands. Not a single one. So I looked at all ratings and found that most had a single star rating and 2 had 2-stars. I read the reviews for the 2-star rating. For one brand, I found two reviews. One was very negative and the other said "I no ded". I got a chuckle out of that one. Guess the writer was saying that since he/she was still alive that the masks worked. Not exactly a glowing recommendation. I decided to temporarily suspend my search for now.

After my chuckle, I thought of a spiritual connection to that review. While the writer was saying that he wasn't dead, there are some who are actually glad that they have "died". Paul writes in Romans 6:1-2 ***"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"***

Most assuredly, as a Christian, we have experienced a death to sin, meaning that we have put away the sin in our life that separates us from Christ. Knowing that we are not perfect, yet we strive to live a life free of sin. But what if we do sin after we are ***"baptized into his death?"*** John writes in 1 John 1:7, ***"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*** So, perfection is not expected; yet we must be ***"walking in the light"*** constantly. We must strive to live a Christ-centered life every day.

Let's make that our goal!

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland