

Living the Gospel:

Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life

Resistance is Futile

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I. Since the beginning mankind has been in rebellion against God.

Psalm 78:56-64

Isaiah 63:7-10

II. Resistance to the gospel is futile.

A. The gospel has God's power behind it.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."
(1 Corinthians 1:18-19)*

B. It is pointless to fight against that kind of power.

III. Surrender is the best option.

A. Surrender when the odds are against you.

B. Surrender when you realize you are wrong.

C. Surrendering to God is not a sign of weakness; it is a sign of resolve — an act of worship.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

IV. The victory is already won!

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

Philippians 2:5-11

V. This has implications for us!

A. Are you living in rebellion against God?

B. Are you resisting the prompting of His Spirit?

C. Is your futile attempt to fight against God holding you back? It is holding this church back?

D. Do you need to surrender some part of your life today?