

God's Plan A, Our Plan B

Part 4 – Unnatural Adaptation

Intro/Review

Our culture: we decide what is “good” for ourselves.

Now armed with self-determination, we tend to relate to God through RULES.

Spirit doesn't come through law

You will not be perfected/grow by flesh/works
(Galatians 3:2-3)

We are transformed by replacing our judgement-our tendency & will to make our own determinations – to decide for ourselves

I will not “ACT” like Jesus.

I will BE like Jesus-changed, transformed

It's a struggle. Are we doomed to struggle?

Unnatural Adaptation

1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 42-49

21-22 2 Adams, 2 Plans: one results in death and one in life

Could Adam have been Plan A?

42-49 We have a body adapted (by the fall) to earthly (flesh) existence. (43-44)

We will be given a new body adapted to God's plan (48-49)

Romans 6:8-23

Resurrection – Jesus now, us to come.
live to God (His Plan A)

So consider yourself like you're already there.

v. 12 don't let the old body rule w/it's desires (lusts)
don't give your body parts to that

v. 14 New master: GRACE not LAW!!

v.16 you will obey something – God has given you a new option

not yourself, desires, urges

v.17 comes from heart, inside-out

v.19 this body (flesh) is weak

Why make the choice? What reason does God give?

Same as in the garden: v. 21-23

Sin (our way) leads to death

God gives life (as a gift)

Application

It's a struggle-but the day is coming when I'll get a better body

For now I treat this one like it already died to its desires.

My body no longer gets to decide my actions

Dying in this way will bring me great life by God, starting now and fully realized later with a whole new body