

Fueling Station 1: Key to the “Coin” Analogy



*The edge of the coin is the key to the kingdom life!!!

Perception 1 “Tail of the coin” -since we have already been saved and going to heaven by the work of Christ, there is nothing left for me to do.

Perception 2 “head of the coin” - Those who believe you have to be good enough or work hard enough in order for God to accept you into heaven.

Perception 3 - “Edge of the Coin” -The work of Jesus secured our Justification but now we are racing to finish our Sanctification in order to receive our Glorification. We do this by participating with the Holy Spirit.

“Head side of coin” -are represented by the Pharisee who prided themselves on washing the outside of the cup and not the heart. The keepers of the ceremonial rituals of the Mosaic law were opposed to putting their faith in Jesus and living according to His teachings. Outward expressions of sacrifice, circumcision, baptism, feast days, and sabbath days were a shadow of the good things to come, namely Jesus!

*practically in the 21st century the church lives on the “head” side with gloom and doom preachers that insist on church attendance and giving to be justified and have confidence in salvation.

“Tail side of coin” -represents the “lukewarm” church that thinks its rich and in need of nothing. The church teaching that creates no fear of God and respect for His commands. They have a tendency to abuse the verses that pertain to love, grace, and forgiveness and neglect to ones that deal with fear, holiness, and accountability. Jesus said they were really pitiable, poor, blind and naked.

“Narrow edge of coin” -this represents the difficult path of a disciple that Jesus talked about after choosing to follow Him and being justified by His blood. This church understands the balance between love and fear, grace and holiness, forgiveness and accountability. It also understands the rewards and losses associated with the judgment seat of Christ.

Questions to ponder:

1. The coin analogy can be used to see understand the extremes and balance of many topics of life. How could you use it to view a scenario at work? Home? Social life?
2. Most of us may not realize it but we have tendencies toward a certain side of the coin. Where is yours? How can you help balance back out?
3. The key to the coin analogy is the understand the scriptures so that we follow accurately the teachings of our Lord and Savior. The “edge” of the coin should always represent the heart of God and His intention behind every command or law. Would you say having the heart of Jesus is easy or difficult? Explain.

*Remember be a good Berean and be diligent in studying the scriptures to show yourself approved and encourage others to do the same!