

## Lessons through a windshield Part III

### Construction Zone



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### Colossians 3:1-14

Intro: One sure sign of spring and summer is this sign ( Construction Zone ). This sign is also very appropriate when it comes to dealing with lives. Maybe you are here and your life is full of potholes, broken pavement, eroded ditches, messed up bridges etc.

Like me, you may be feeling like the theme song of your life is He's still working on me.

While you may be feeling like you are being bulldozed, scrapped, hammered, or run over by a dump truck lets look at this sign and notice some things that might encourage you while you are in this construction zone.

This sign in life as well as along the road indicates several things, first

A. There is a need for correction and restoration from the old way of Galatians 5:19-21 to the new way of Galatians 5:22,23

There is a plan in place. Engineers have a plan in place before the construction crew starts work and so does God before he starts on us.

1. He lays out in the plan, the junk that needs to be removed Colossians 3:8,9

2. He lays out in the plan, what the empty spot needs to be replaced with Colossians 3:12-14

3. Think of this section as Eugene Peterson paraphrases it for us in the Message

*So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.*

B. The sign indicates progress towards a finished product

1. Notice the progress in our lives as God works on us Romans 5:3-5

C. Then it indicates delays possible just as they are in our lives as God fixes, uproots, replaces, and reconstructs us. James 1:3,4

**Thought:** A lot of the road to heaven must be taken at 3 MPH. But lest you get discouraged remember, patience is power: with time a mulberry leaf becomes silk.

D. Then the sign indicates tools are being used.

Our main one is the Bible. II Timothy 3:16

**Thought:** Other books were given for our information-the Bible was given for our transformation.

E. Finally, this sign indicates hope for the future.

1. Right now you may be feeling torn apart, uprooted, run over, discouraged etc. but this sign offers hope. Remember Philippians 1:6 is still in the book

Is the song, (He's Still Working On Me) one that you sing often and enthusiastically? This sign offers hope, it offers encouragement, and it may help us understand a little better why we are going through what we are in our lives.

Next time you see one of these signs think for a moment about what God is doing in your life as he fits you for heaven. Think on these words from Scripture Romans 8:24,25; Jude 24,25

**In closing**, we have been thinking about being under construction, a work that God uses to prepare us for heaven. If per chance you have never met the great construction manager of the universe I would simply ask if you would read the following and follow the directions. In the end you will be eternally glad you did.

Realize you are a sinner Romans 3:23

Understand that the payday for sin is death or eternal conscious separation from God.  
Romans 6:23a

Know that there is a way of escape for you. Romans 6:23b and John 1:12

Desire to escape and pray this or a similar prayer.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I am truly sorry for my sins, and I confess them all to You [name them]. Lord Jesus, forgive all my sins and come into my heart as my Saviour and Lord. I receive You right now. Help me from this time forward to live for You. Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen."

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ I became a Christian by inviting Jesus Christ into my life to forgive my sin.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have further questions or have chosen to do this, be sure to let us know so we can help you, pray for you and encourage you in your new life.

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