

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Tarry Ye

Luke 24: 46 - 49

Luke 24: 49,....behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high....

What did Christ want his disciples to understand when he spoke these words unto them right before he ascended into heaven, and what does he want us as believers to understand as we study these words of truth today. We know that God gave the spiritual command for us to gather, to wait, expectantly and patiently, in unity, through prayer, and in his presence. And at the time of Christ return to the Father, the disciples were to wait for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be given. Today, as believers, we have that divine power dwelling within us, but, yet we must still tarry, tarry until we be endued with power, which means to be provided with, or strengthened, or given the ability to act upon, or to be taught, all before engaging in, or attempting to effectively share the gospel, or face the spiritual battles in our life, or to carry the weight of our spiritual responsibilities in Christ. God wants to give unto us the assurance, that our life in Christ is not just a position, but it is a service, that is sanctified by his divine empowerment.

So, let back up a few verses and see the importance of tarrying.

Luke 24: 46 – 48,....he said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day....and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem....and ye are witnesses of these things....

The cross, that is the crucifixion and the resurrection, those things that we just finished celebrating, these were not accidents, but they were a necessity. It was necessary for Christ to suffer so that he might achieve salvation for us and satisfy Gods divine justice for sin.

Isaiah 53: 3 – 5,....he is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and....grief....he was despised....surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows....stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted....he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace wad upon him, and with his stripes we are healed....

Now, salvation was planned by God, and his focus was to redeem humanity through the sacrifice of his Son, and then commission those, who by faith believing accepted his saving grace, into witnesses that he would use to spread his message of the gospel throughout the world. The Old Testament not only points directly to Christ, but it teaches us the significance of the crucifixion and the resurrection, so that Christ might send us, who are his followers, out into the world as witnesses, supported by the promise of the Holy Spirit. So, we tarry, laying all else aside, seeking Gods power, so that we can move, and proceed in our life in Christ through the direction of the empowering presence of his spirit.

Philippians 3: 7 – 10,....what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ....I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord....not having mine own righteousness....but that which is through the faith of Christ....that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection....

Mark 10: 28 – 29,....then Peter began to say....lo, we have left all, and have followed thee....Jesus answered and said, verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left (all)....for my sake, and the gospels....

So, let ne say this, but it will not make any of this easier to accept, but no sacrifice that we make for the gospel is a loss, but it is a spiritual investment. Therefore, total surrender is required to follow Christ, even though it is rarely achieved. So, let me explain this, here is what this means: first of all, it means putting our complete faith and trust in the Lord over everything else in our life. We must understand that sacrifice and surrender go way beyond our own self, it means sacrificing and surrendering anything and everything in our life unto him, those things that we are affectionate and passionate about, giving unto him complete control, to care for and to protect, for the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Now, God is not speaking of abandonment, but he is teaching us to prioritize our life, so that we might trust in him to take care of those things that Satan can use against us, to bring about separation in our relationship with him.

Matthew 6: 33,....seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you,....

Trusting God to take care of those things that we worry about will bring unto us inner peace and align us spiritually with his will, for the salvation of others is of a greater value than anything else. Seeking salvation, and living in obedience to him, and sharing with others is a description of how God works within those who tarry with him. So, what outcome might we expect when we earnestly tarry for the Lord and allow ourselves to be strengthened by his power.

Acts 2: 38 – 39, 42 – 47,....Peter said....repent, and be ye baptized....in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the Holy Ghost....for the promise is unto you....to your children....to all....as many as the Lord our God shall call....they continued steadfastly....in doctrine and fellowship....in breaking of bread....in prayer....many signs and wonders were done....all that believed were together....they continuing daily with one accord....praising God....and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved....

The promise to those who tarry is a divine gift that extends even beyond the obedient listener, it extends to their families and loved ones, and to all others as well. So, you see that our willingness to tarry has a lasting effect, for it is initiated according to Gods purpose. It is a call to take action, and it encourages us as believers to fervently seek after the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, as promised unto us by God.

Therefore, we must understand that it is God, not human effort that saves and adds people to the church, the body of Christ. For this growth is a divine action and has nothing to do with clever strategies, gimmicks, or planned activities. A church that focuses on sharing the gospel truthfully, will allow the Holy Spirit to influence those actions needed for divine spiritual growth and unity, which encourages others to become a part of the family of God. This all happens when we position ourselves in God, and we keep ourselves positioned in him through earnest our expectation, and by the spiritual empowerment of spirit, so that we might be given the ability to advance the message of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the world, which will begin in lives of those around us and closet to us.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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