

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

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Have You Been to Jesus?

The question is: Have you been to Jesus? There is an old hymn that speaks volumes, "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?" Many "churches" today feed the emotions. Christ's Holy Church feeds the soul and speaks plainly that we are sinners standing in need of the only Begotten Son of God who died on the Cross of Calvary for my sins, for your sins; and He rose victoriously over sin, hell, and the grave that we might live forever, eternally with Him in glory, in heaven. The Word of the Lord Jesus Christ, when read and preached, goes forth in power to bring conviction in our lives.

Mentors and mentorees go for the feeding of the emotions, the "feel good stuff" as that is what the "church(es)" offer. But Christ's Holy Church is discipling the followers of Jesus Christ who want *More of Jesus*.

The song: Are You Washed in the Blood?

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power;
Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour;
Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side;
Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified;
Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?

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Matthew 6.33 teaches that we are to seek first the kingdom of God AND His righteousness. This is what the life is for the disciple of Jesus Christ. One cannot put one foot in the world and one for Jesus. If you give half your heart to Satan (or the world) and half to Jesus, how much have you given Jesus? Half? No. I remind you that if a heart is divided – it dies. Satan wins all.

It is time we all awaken and realize **time is of the essence**. Have you been to Jesus? Is He your all in all? Are you daily walking with Him? No, God in Christ Jesus did not send His only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary that you may pick and choose what you do each day and walk with the world, with Satan, and worship whom you will. There are no choices for the one who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is HIS way or no way. It is Jesus Christ only (Isa 30.21)!

Have you been to Jesus – today? We are called to walk with Him now and through all eternity. You cannot walk with Him through eternity if you are not walking

We hear those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum, "church-goers," etc. say, "I've been talking to them for years." What we have come to realize is they visit, talk about the weather – and "oh, by the way, come to church when you can," or "you need to be in church."

The discussion of weather, church . . . is not bringing people to Jesus Christ. If we miss an opportunity to lead someone to Jesus Christ in the moment the Lord gives us, this is against us! (Eze 3.17-27 and 33).

A prayer for any who have not asked Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord.

Father, thank You for sending Your only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the Cross of Calvary for my sins. Jesus, I ask You to forgive me of my sins, and come into my heart and life to be my Savior and Lord.

Thank You, Jesus, for loving me and for coming into my heart and life to be my Lord and Savior. Guide me day to day to live for You, to trust You with my life as I desire to walk in obedience to Your will.

Amen.

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Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

with Him now. If you are not worshipping Jesus Christ now in your daily life, how could you think, for one moment, you would want to worship Him around the throne through all eternity (Rev 7.9-17)?

Some believe that death is the great equalizer of all things, that you can walk with Satan and his world now, then when death occurs – you'll just turn into a different person and go to heaven and ... This is not what the Word of the Lord teaches (Mt 7.13-14).

Have you been to Jesus Christ for the cleansing power? Do you want your life changed for His glory and for your good? Whatever your needs may be this day, your greatest need is Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Yes, He is our Redeemer, Savior, Healer, Lover of our souls, Provider, Sustainer, Creator, the Risen Lord... He is *the Way*, the Truth and the Life. He is Living Water, He is the Anointed One, the Messiah.

Matthew 24.37-39 says, "As in the days of Noah..." We are there in many ways: the vile lifestyles today, the time of the wrath of God in Christ Jesus for the sin that does run so rampant and the blasphemous ways of the "churches" and "christians" who blatantly walk and teach godlessness in the name of "church" or whatever it is they use; we are there with those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum (stage) who have not the call of the Lord upon their lives and have discarded the Blood of the Lamb, the Cross of Calvary, who tell people they are so-o-o good and do not preach Jesus Christ and bring people to know all are sinners standing in need of Jesus Christ, Jesus Who loves you so much that He gave His life for you on Calvary.

"As in the days of Noah..." (Lk 17.26), time is running out. Many are not listening today and are walking on with their heads in the sand and with blinders, believing all is well (sounds like Hananiah in Jeremiah): Peace, peace – when there is no peace (Jer 23.17).

Many are doing to those who speak forth the Word of the Lord today what they did to Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos and all the great prophets and disciples of Jesus Christ: torturing them because of their stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Those of you who say you know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior – is your family ready for the coming of Jesus? Please read Ezekiel 3.17-27. Luke 14.16-27 says, "... compel them to come in ..."

There is the mark of the beast of which we have all read and heard for many years. But, know that the people of the Lord Jesus Christ are also marked. Ezekiel 9.4 and Revelation 9.4 make it clear. If we are to be marked as the children of the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we must be in the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ daily. I am not talking about the newer translations that say what the world and worldly churches want to hear to feel good and those who use scripture out of context. We must love Jesus, fall in love with Him and His Word which was written with the **Blood** of the Lamb on the Cross of Calvary. We must desire Him at all costs at all times.

We cannot know the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ if we are not in His Word. If the Word of the Lord Jesus is not in us now, it will not be there when the time comes that we are called to give our all for Him Who gave His all for us. The Lord Jesus Christ has no grandchildren. You cannot know someone long distance. You cannot

say that you "got saved" a long time ago and all is well if you are not walking with Him and in His Word daily. Death is not the great equalizer.

John 15 teaches that we must abide in Jesus and He in us. It is a way of life when we lie down, when we rise, when we are at home, and when we are away from home (Dt 6.4-9). When my late husband and I said our wedding vows, we did not then depart from each other saying, "I'll see you 'In the Sweet By and By.'" We walked and talked and listened together as one because we loved each other. How much more are we to be with Jesus Christ – to abide in Him – and He in us.

This nation is under the rule of Satan and the world is applauding. The Word of the Lord says in Luke 13.3, 5: "I tell you Nay, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." People of God, we who know Jesus Christ must repent, fall on our faces, and weep for **our** sins. Have you been to Jesus?

Have You Been to Jesus? The invitation is to you this day to come to know Him as Savior and Lord Who will meet your every need as you walk in His way and His will. Read Isaiah 55.1-3.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for *[that which is]* not bread? and your labour for *[that which]* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *[that which is]* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *[even]* the sure mercies of David

I lift you to the Lord this day and during this season that you shall rejoice in the God of your salvation, Jesus Christ – come what may (Hab 3.17-19). Amen.

As we each have witnessed for the Lord Jesus Christ almost all our lives, though we did not know each other until six years ago, we have each, in our own way, asked these three questions of those whom the Lord places in our lives as we travel the United States.

1) Is there a time in your life when you have repented of your sins and asked Jesus Christ to be your Savior **and** Lord? *If the response is Yes, we then ask the second question.*

2) Are you living for Jesus every day? *If the response is Yes, we then ask the last question.*

3) Are you reading the Bible daily? *If the response is, No, or well – sort of – or I read a devotional book, our response is:* Get a N.T. with Psalms and Proverbs in it, and read at least one verse from the Psalms daily. Read that one verse several times; then ask the Lord Jesus what it is He wants from you or is putting in your heart from the scripture.

If the response to question one is No. We will ask, Is there a reason? Would you like to do this today? If the response is Yes, we lead them in the prayer that is on the back of this *Message* or a similar prayer – in a store, parking lot... We have had people say, I have been waiting for someone to show me *the Way*.