

The Plumbline

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

We are in a time in which we need to encourage one another in the Lord. We need to be in the Word of God in Christ Jesus, the Holy Bible, to know the Lord Jesus Christ in a greater measure and to receive strength from Him through the reading of The Holy Bible. We need to come together as did the Primitive Church in Acts 2.42-47 that we might know the joy of walking in a greater measure of faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ in these days and be strengthened to live for Him today and in what lies before us.

We may be called upon to endure some very hard things for the glory of Jesus Christ:

Death: II Cor 4.11

Hatred: Mt 10.22

Loss of Life: Mt 10.39

Loss of Reputation: Mt 5.11, 12

Persecution: Mt 5.10, 11

Renunciation of Worldly Treasures: Mt 19.29

Suffering: Ac 9.16

Plumbline: Luke 9.23

And he said to [them] all, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We have experienced the Advent season, a time of looking for the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; it was also a time of doing some soul searching and returning to the Lord, returning to our First Love (Rev 2.4). We need to seek the Lord Jesus Christ concerning His call upon our lives (Dec 2016 Message "Saved to Serve").

Jesus gave His life a ransom for us out of a Servant's heart – as He walked in obedience to the Father who sent Him to come and dwell among us (Jn 1.14). People were healed and . . . People came to know Him and realized He is the only Begotten Son of God, the Father; they came to know that He is the Light of the world (Jn 3.16; 8.12; 12.46; I P 2.9).

Jesus laid down His life for us as He was crucified upon the Cross of Calvary for our sins. He shed His precious Blood that we might be sanctified through the offering of His body once for all (Jn 3.16, 17; Heb 10.10). Jesus came and dwelt among us and laid down His life for us that we might have eternal life, life with Him **now** and forevermore.

The times in which we live are revealing more and more how true the Holy Word of the only living God is. Oh, how we have followed after Israel in the Old Testament, inviting those with idols to come teach their ways that cause many to go astray, to walk in disobedience to the Lord God, to walk in sin!

The Lord God does not allow for "what if's," nor does He allow for exceptions to His commands, nor does He allow for compromise with His ways, His teachings – regardless who it is or who they think they are. If we are walking in sin, walking in our own willful way, the Lord God will not turn His head to look the other way.

I have to look long and hard at myself and ask,

"Do I really want a servant's heart?"

"Will I gladly bear the markings of one held captive, yet free?"

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.