

Monthly Memory Verse December 2012



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Part II

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How do we hear this truth

What good is it, if I write these things to you and they're only music to the ear, as a melody rightly defined for the hearing? What good is it, if I write these things to you and there only a cluster of words to amuse your intellects? There's no change, no turning a side, no repentance towards God. If it be true, it's the same continuance day in and day out, which is a bold face lie before God, who is so very good! So very good to you!

Do you not understand; "man shall not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God!" We are not to pick and choose to live life in the vanities of our minds! But rather, we are to humble ourselves before God ("1st Peter 5:6-7") acknowledging our complete ignorance and our dependency on His [God's] great mercy and guidance through His [God's] Holy Word!

Expanding our conversation

Let's push out the borders of our conversation and look at the realm of our emotions and intellects; understanding the whole man is accused before God as a sinner. "There is none righteous, no not one!" Oh they say, "I've heard His word proclaimed that most glorious truth! I've heard His music and sang the praises of the Most High God and I am moved in my spirit and soul" but there's no change to do good. There's no change to advert transgression by living a life which proclaims the gospel to the glory of Jesus Christ! I'm speaking of our daily response to Him [our Lord] to publish the good things God has done for us through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ! They secretly lie in conscience and heart and the truth is suppressed within them! Yes, the truth is suppressed within them before God for their life does not shout out Jesus Christ is alive in me! Therefore, the witness God has given in them regarding His son is mute!

Having a form of godliness

The walls are clean and washed, and the building is fragrancd and organized, and all things are put into its place until needed. Things are pressed, hung into a closet which is full and things thrown into a box which is used to express holiness, purity, and cleanliness before God ("2Ti 3:5 *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*").

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Isa 1:4-6 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment...

Isa 1:9-10 *Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.*

Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Get a grip on life

Understanding the depths of sin is not our business, although the bible teaches us of sin! We know enough of the ruin and destruction of sin. God has taught for the wages of sin is death! He [God] calls you out from a life of sinful mediocrity (of poorness, of weakness, of complacency) into a life of strength, power and of love and soundness. He [God] calls us to a life of love through His son Jesus Christ!

Have you not heard this?

Gal 6:7 *Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*

Conclusion

Do good and serve the Lord with gladness and be careful before the Holy One, who has called you for he is watching over you. Take your refuge in Him [our Lord] and serve him [our Savior] the way he serves you, that is, in love and truth. Share with him that does not know our savior and with him that says he does! Leave nothing to guess but full force, earnestly working from the heart and looking for the coming of our great God and savior our Lord Jesus Christ!

Lay aside every weight of sin and run to Jesus, looking to him the author and finisher of our faith. For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and love and sound mind!

Preach the gospel and tell your world about Jesus!

Prayer

You alone O' Lord are God. Have mercy on me a sinner and grant me the grace and courage to proclaim your marvelous truth. For I know you haven't given me a spirit of fear but have given your Holy Spirit of power and of love and sound mind. Be with me as I walk with you today. Amen