

i really don't know what i might share with everyone this morning. perhaps there are many others out there like me. i feel like i am a late-comer worker in His vineyard. i may have mentioned before that i thank God He let me live long enough to recognize the errors of my way and what i was missing out of. matthew 20 talks about how the master of the vineyard paid the late-comers the same as those who had labored all day. "is it not lawful for Me to do what I wish with my own things? or is your eye evil because I am good?" matt 20:15

indeed our God is good. good beyond anything humankind can imagine. even Jesus said, "no one is good but One, that is God." matt 19:17 we strive to do our best and serve God but it's just that His ways are higher than our ways. so what are we to do? the question is asked, "what shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" the answer from our Lord was, "this is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." john 6:29

so our work is simple - believe in Jesus. but one must endure to the end. do you remember the big Jesus movement in the late 60's and early 70's? i have heard it said that only forty percent of those which confessed belief, still believe. what a sad testimony. they didn't endure because they had no solid foundation. "if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" psalm 11:3 perhaps this was because the leaders did not provide much follow-up or perhaps the commitments confessed were just to "follow the crowd".

friends, just following the crowd can lead to disaster. does anyone remember the times their mother may have asked them, "if someone did this, would you do it too?"; speaking of something unthinkable, like jumping off a building. no, we are not to follow the crowd but to lead the crowd. lead them out of the dark into the light. that is if they are willing to suffer exposure. "for everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." john 3:20 if you knew you would have to go to jail for what you were saying, would you say it anyway? what if the penalty was death? it is, even now, in many places.

we all must have our sins expunged if they are to be expunged. consider the meaning of expunged: to blot out, to obliterate, to strike out wholly, to wipe out or destroy, to annihilate. that is what the blood of Jesus does with the sin we bring to Him. what does the prophet isaiah say "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." isa 1:18 that is clean. that is forgiveness. sin is a burden too heavy for us to carry. though at first it may appear light, it will eventually weigh us down to hell. let Jesus carry that burden for you. let Him submit your payment.

how do we then get our sins expunged? it is a matter of heart. are you truly sorry for your sins or just sorry you got caught? i have often heard it said (of even christians) that they only want to remove the hurt and not the cause. "create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." psa 51:10 may we

get passed the need for "renewing" and walk in Him continually. "who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret fault. keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall i be upright and i shall be innocent from the great transgression. let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." psa 19:12-14

i think i have told you all before that i really believe we are living in the end of the end times. one just has to look around and see how man's dna is being manipulated like it was in the time of noah; something man was not able to do to man before now. israel has returned to their land after a two thousand year dispersion. i hear tomorrow night, into friday morning will be an almost complete eclipse of the moon. it will also be the longest lunar eclipse in centuries. we do not yet know what this signifies but we know the sun and moon are not just for seasons, but for signs.

i speak again to those who will listen; to those who will receive. "for the hearts of this people have grown dull. their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed." matt 13:15 let your heart remain tender before the Lord. i plead with you, please discern the signs of the time. we are in a two thousand year relay race and the final baton has been passed to us. will you stumble and fall before you reach the finish line? i pray not!

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