

Jesus is all that matters

what is the first and greatest commandment? "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." deut 6:5

centuries before Jesus repeated that as the first and greatest commandment, it was written into the law of God, meant to be chiseled into our hearts of stone, making them flesh again. for without God there would be no goodness, no mercy, no truth. how true that, "we all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." isa 53:6 but God... but God in His infinite love and mercy chose to wash those scarlet sins whiter than snow with the costliest possession He had ... a piece of Himself.

i have often wonder what God might have me say if this was the last message i would ever relay to others. inevitably, for everyone, there comes a last time for everyone. a last hug to give a loved one; a last goodbye to a trusted friend, a last word or message to be spoken, a last prayer to be prayed.

in the law of evidence, a dying declaration is testimony that would normally be barred as hearsay but may in common law nonetheless be admitted as evidence in criminal law trials because it constituted the last words of a dying person.

how well i remember the last words uttered by my mentor. fortunately they were recorded as her dying testimony. in it she said, "i love the Lord my God with all my heart and i love my neighbor as myself."

she had lived the two greatest commandments - a fulfillment of the law of grace and truth.

all over the world people are now issuing that same testimony, often at the very cost of their lives. and they are at peace even knowing that. "but I will show you whom you should fear: fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. yes, I tell you, fear him." luke 12:5

my heart aches when i see people glibly going along in life, never searching out the meaning of life or the consequences of it. this life, precious as it is, is just a split second of time, while it's effects are forever.

i remember one time in my younger days i was going through a difficult time. strange that i cannot even remember what it was now. anyway, i was not walking with the Lord, and even in my ignorance i remember saying, "all that really matters is God and the people you love." of course, being a sinful human, i was not privy to the fact you must love everyone, pleasant or not. even sinners love their own. "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." 1 john 4:16

if this were to be my last message ever, i would tell you that i love you. and more than... so much more than that, - God loves you. He's seeking for you harder than you're seeking for Him, but He's already done all that's needed. the rest is up to you. just a heartfelt repentance will bring forgiveness for all your offenses; will bring a yes to pleasures forever

more; yes to everlasting life.

but our God is a jealous God. He wants all of you. not just a part. not just a thought now and then. "he who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." matt 10:37 give it all to Jesus and you will be amazed at what He gives back to you. as father abraham laid his most beloved on the altar, so must we. if we want God's best, we must give our best. yes, less may get you to heaven, but it won't make you His best, His bride.

at least all this is my opinion and what i would say if this were my last message ever. and if the opportunity for my last testimony to be recorded, know that it is recorded here and now. "i love the Lord my God with all my heart and i love my neighbor as myself." know that means each and every one of you. it is the amazing love of God that drives me on to a tomorrow.

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what would I live for
if i don't have You in my Life
what would i gain
if You take the Holy Ghost
what would have become of me
if i didn't see Your light
What would have been said of me
if You didn't hold my hands
now i've come to realize
that You are all i have
and indeed ALL i need

