

In Christ

Wednesday Night Bible Study (11-09-22)

I. Luke Warm

A. Rev. 3:14-22

1. Our blessing can distract us, and cause us to forget how badly we need God.
 - a) We live in the U.S. aka - the land of opportunity.
 - (1) Mindset that we can do whatever we want, and think that we can achieve what ever we want. That we can be successful on our own. - Self has become the ultimate authority (god).
 - (2) We are all capable of a deep trust and faith in God, but usually have to be forced into it by our circumstances.
 - b) Without God we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.
 - (1) If I don't understand that a vehicle needs Gasoline in order to work, then I will never take it to the gas station and will be frustrated when it doesn't work.
 - (a) If we never recognize our need for God then we won't see the need to pursue Him, and will be frustrated when our life is empty and meaningless.
 - (2) A healthy dose of humility is good, just not very fun.

B. His correction is an act of love

1. Love does not support every action and desire!
 - a) Love is patient and kind but it is also does not seek her own, does not rejoice in iniquity, and rejoices in the truth!
 - (1) It has restrictions and boundaries like a road has rules and guard rails
2. He is asking us to invest in things that are far more valuable than what this world can offer.

II. Life of Sacrifice

A. Matt. 10:38-39

B. Romans 12:1-2

C. Col. 3:3

1. 2 Cor. 5:14-15

D. Noah's Ark

1. Before the flood Noah looked foolish. Wasting his time, energy, resources, etc.
 - a) This was the only thing that would save them, and it was prompted by God. It was their only option for life.
2. To the world it's foolish to willingly lose your life, but the reality is that it's the only way to true life
 - a) "self" cannot be the ultimate authority.

E. Matt. 11:28-30

1. There IS a yoke, and a burden.

III. The Reward

A. The Christian walk isn't ALL bad

1. Romans 6:3-14

- a) There is death and sacrifice involved but it is for an end result that is worth it!
(1) It's Worth the fight!
- b) Yes, we are indeed buried with Him into death, but on the flip side we then can walk in newness of life.
(1) planted in the likeness of His death, and will also be in the likeness of His resurrection!

2. Galatians 2:20

B. In Christ

1. 2 Corin. 5:17 - a new creation
2. Romans 8:1 - no more condemnation
3. Eph. 2:10 - created in Christ for good works
4. Eph. 2:6 - Raised with Him and seated with Him
5. Eph. 1:7 - In Him we have redemption
6. 1 Corin. 1:30 - Wisdom, righteousness and sanctification, and redemption
7. John 15 - In Him we bear fruit. We are in Him and He is in us

Eph. 1:11-14 - Down payment!