

3rd John # 3 “Christian Responsibility” 3rd John 5-8

As we grow up spiritually and begin to really understand God’s grace expressed toward us, it’s natural that we desire to serve our Savior, fulfilling our responsibility as His children.

Divine faithfulness is the grace expression of God’s perfect character to man, made possible by the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross which removed any compromise of God’s character when relating to man.

God’s faithfulness is the consistency of His character to do the same thing every time because of Who/what Jesus Christ is.

And our faithfulness is the consistency to think the mind of Christ and do the work of Christ on a regular basis as we depend on the filling of the Holy Spirit and processed biblical truth to sustain and empower us.

We are responsible to not only welcome but also provide monetary support for missionaries that we deem doctrinally sound in their training; those who’ve dedicated their lives to the communication of God’s Word and are fiscally prudent.

So, we ought to be faithful in not just hearing the Word but doing it, especially when it comes to our brothers and sisters in the faith, whether we know them personally or not.

This is emphatically demonstrated in our attitude of unconditional impersonal love toward those who’ve dedicated their lives to spreading the Gospel.

And to honor God for the sake of Jesus Christ, we send them out prepared financially after showing them hospitality in order that we may work together for the truth.

One source of Christian values is eschatology; the study of future events from biblical prophecy and from this knowledge, we can understand and appreciate that the source of our hope and happiness is our guaranteed future with the Lord Jesus Christ.

There’s a tremendous restlessness in our country today and everyone wants change but change of human environment will not help.

Only that which is stable and rooted in biblical truth can offer comfort and happiness and only the Word of God keeps people from becoming tumbleweeds in the desert.

When we see people who’ve placed their hope in the promises of a man, it’s heartbreaking to realize these people have so much; so many opportunities and yet they’re so far from the truth of God which is so readily available in our land.

All of the most sincere emotion and all of the honest desire for a better life in the world cannot solve the problems of this nation.

There’s no substitute for the perfect environment of peace and contentment, which can only exist in the soul of the born-again believer.

Scripture teaches us to apply the mind of Christ to our experience, providing the only perfect

environment available until the Second Advent and Millennial reign of Jesus Christ.

Where do you place your hope?

Hope in the Bible is confidence, so where is your confidence? In man?

We have just seen in Jeremiah 17:5 that confidence in man results in “being cursed.”

So, shall we vote Tuesday? Yes, of course but realize God is in control and He promotes whomever He wants; a gracious benevolent leader with integrity and mercy for the nation with salt and light or a satanically motivated leader for the nation steeped in darkness and the nation generally finds itself somewhere in between.

Political change will not improve anything because this change just means a different group of imperfect people come in with the same old incompetence and the same old lust for power.

If you're depending on people, you're in the process of being cursed but if you're depending on God, you're in the process of being blessed.

The powerful influence of salt and light believers with values established through learning and applying the plan of God for their lives, changes history.

“Man begins his existence in bondage and rises from bondage through spiritual faith, from spiritual faith to courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness, from selfishness to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependency, from dependency back into bondage.”

This is the cycle of civilization and the only hope of breaking this cycle is a believer in Jesus Christ giving his undivided attention to the Word of God.