

John 234 “Ask Whatever You Wish” John 15:6-7

The Lord Jesus is about to die and what’s on His mind? Three things not for Himself but for His own: 1. Their peace, 2. Their love and 3. Their joy!

And for us, success begins with knowledge of the Lord Jesus so we can love Him and thereby keep His commands for our guaranteed victory.

May we all learn quickly to love what Jesus commands as much as we desire what He promises.

John 14:20 On that day you will realize that I am in My Father and you are in Me and I am in you.

Luke 10:23-24 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Someone who personally knows and loves the Lord Jesus has a personal, intimate love relationship with the Son of God.

It’s not that we become a son or daughter of God by obedience, however it is visible as to who we are in Christ because of our obedience to Him.

We are going to see that obedient branches which are classified by Jesus as His friends can expect to love each other and be loved by each other, know God’s truth extremely well, realize that they have been chosen out of this world to produce much fruit and along the way, have an unhindered prayer life.

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

The greatest loss a believer in Jesus Christ can experience in this life is not his salvation or his home in Heaven which are impossibilities and not his ability to serve or minister nor is it even his rewards in Heaven, it’s his moment by moment restful fellowship with his Savior and His Father; if we have that, we have everything!

Remaining or abiding in Christ is so much more than simply avoiding sin.

Romans 7:4 So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.

Colossians 1:9-10 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. There can be an internal transformation with no external evidence (faith without works).**
- 2. There can be external conformity with no reality of an internal transformation (religious legalism).**

Fruit production is NOT based on external function but certain external functions may result in fruit production.

It is vitally important that we abide or remain in experiential fellowship with our Lord through the filling of the Holy Spirit and it's equally important that His words continue to abide or remain in us.

9 Reasons why prayers are not answered:

- 1. We're not filled with the Holy Spirit Eph 6:18**
- 2. A breakdown of faith-rest Matt 21:22**
- 3. Mental attitude sins Ps 68:18-20**
- 4. Selfish lust Jas 4:2-4**
- 5. Lack of obedience 1Jn 3:21-24**
- 6. Lack of compliance with the will of God 1Jn 5:14-15**
- 7. Self-righteous pride Job 35:12-13**
- 8. Lack of compassion Prov 21:13**
- 9. Lack of marital harmony 1Pet 3:7**

God only gives on the basis of His character and never on the basis of who we are or what we do.

If we ever hope to fully enjoy our lives, we must make the intake of biblical truth our number one priority.

As a matter of fact, to reject or refuse to partake in legitimate pleasure provided by God is to insult Him