

John 283 “Building A Truth Tower” John 17:17-19

There’s something extraordinary about an ordinary life which is faithful in learning biblical truth and orienting to God’s grace.

This is actually the most unusual life of all and the one that requires the most dedication.

Under operation grace within the experiential plan of God, there’s no such thing as an ordinary life; even though every life is filled with countless tedious details.

Under the principle of grace, everything in the Christian life depends on Who and what God is, never who and what the believer is.

Unbelievers don’t need us, they need the Gospel of Jesus Christ; therefore, we need to communicate the Gospel to them.

And believers don’t need us either, they need the mind of Christ in them and when life is related to the mind of Christ, it has fantastic impact.

We do not have to completely immerse ourselves in an unbeliever’s philosophy or viewpoint to win him; we just have to know the Gospel.

If faith in Jesus Christ is founded on logic, it can be refuted by logic.

The objective of witnessing for Christ is not to win a debate, not even to present a logical subject to debate but to present an absolute subject; the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit does the rest.

The greatest gift to mankind is truth and truth comes in a three-volume set.

Volume I. The Bible, a book we can trust; John 17:17

Volume II. The Son of God, a Person we can love; John 14:6

Volume III. The Spirit of truth, an Enabler we can rely on; John 14:17

We are not sanctified or set apart to God by legalistic religious practices or anything else that we do; we are only experientially set apart to Him through the mind of His Son; the Way, the Truth and the Life, in us.

If you are a believer, you are just as much a part of the plan of God as our Lord in His humanity was during His First Advent.

God’s purpose for our lives cannot be fulfilled until our very own soul structure has been completed.

The Lord Jesus Christ built a towering soul structure and in so doing, He shows us that it can be done by us also.

Are you learning the Word of God daily to prepare for your ministry?

The filling of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God sustained the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross when no one or nothing else did.

When we build a soul structure, the results are permanent; in other words, it’s built to last!

Developing a soul inventory as building materials for our soul structure is not a one-second or one-shot deal; it’s a series of thousands of positive decisions regarding God and His Word.

Emotion will not carry us even in the short term, so it certainly cannot sustain us over the long haul.

We can only serve God as we come to know Him through His Word and are obedient to it.

As the message concerning Jesus was heard, understood and believed; the disciples’ hearts and minds were captured so that they would seek to do His will and not fulfill Satan’s desires for them.

In the spiritual sense, this is where biblical truth, God’s building or construction material comes into the soul and when this happens, we begin to build a structure on the Word of God, a structure that is framed with grace-orientation, inner happiness, a relaxed mental attitude,

capacity to love God first and all others second and a mastery over all the details of life. So, in context, God the Holy Spirit is the builder and biblical truth is the construction material, especially residual or stored truth in the soul.

The churches were strengthened, edified or built up and walking in authority-orientation to the Lord and for that reason, their faith-rest lifestyle catapulted them into such a state of occupation with Jesus Christ that they quickly experienced the priceless comfort which only the Holy Spirit can provide.

This means they had divine power to work with in the production of divine good and all these things added up to a large church expansion based upon the growth of individual believers with very healthy souls.

In other words, we actually have an ideal church here where virtually everyone is relaxed because inside of each of their souls was a carefully constructed super structure.

The Holy Spirit's building material of biblical truth is equivalent to oxygen and so, we must inhale God's Word as we are filled with the Holy Spirit so we can exhale confident faith in Him mixed with our personal love for Him and we can love others as Jesus loves us with unconditional impersonal love for them and we can even properly appreciate all the details of this life.

Our soul building is the bridge to spiritual maturity and rapid construction of this establishment comes from application of the mind of Christ while under maximum pressure.

**WE HAVE SOME BIBLICAL SYNONYMS FOR THE SOUL STRUCTURE:**

Christ at home in your hearts, Ephesians 3:17.

Christ formed in you, Galatians 4:19.

Put on the new man or new self, Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10.

The finished work of perseverance, James 1:4.

Christ in you, the hope of glory, Colossians 1:27.