

“What God Can Do With A Night Of Failure” John 21 The Epilogue John 21:1-6

Learning, understanding, believing and applying biblical truth is the only way to come to know and love Jesus Christ; we cannot love the Lord apart from a daily intake of His mind as this is the only way we truly get to know Him.

We don't start the Christian life loving God; we have to get to know Him to love Him and there is no such thing as true love at first sight when it comes to God.

‘Fixing our eyes on Jesus’ is the highest spiritual function we have in this life.

Knowledge is always the key; we cannot love Jesus Christ unless we know Him and we cannot know Him apart from His mind consisting of biblical truth in our hearts.

Mankind's sense of accomplishment by way of his human ability and effort can never be compared with the daily function of learning, understanding, believing, meditating on and applying biblical truth to one's experience producing within him a Greater-grace status.

How much capacity we have to love Jesus Christ is dependent upon our knowledge of His Word which is our only source of divine viewpoint.

Without biblical truth in our souls, Satan's world system would fully corrupt our minds.

The devil is the ruler of this world only because this world is where man was placed in charge and this world is where man by way of one rebellious decision, lost his God-given authority to rule for himself.

Sin and its inevitable result of spiritual death are the basis of Satan's rule over this world.

World control by Satan will only continue until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ when the devil's domination will end but amazingly great news is that we as believers will continue forever, long after satanic rule ceases.

1<sup>st</sup> John 2:17 The world and its desires pass away but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

So, we all must be diligent in our walk with the Lord because the Bible teaches that rebellion against God is characterized by friendship with the world.

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

In Cana, the problem was no wine and at Galilee, it was no fish.

In Cana, the command was “Fill the waterpots” and at Galilee, it was “Cast the net.”

In Cana, the result was that the pots were filled to the brim and at Galilee, it was a net overflowing with large fish!

In chapter 21, we'll see the difference between fleshly motivated self-effort and grace motivated spiritual effort.

For the first time in over three years, the eleven disciples will have to get their own food, pay their own bills and plan their own schedules!

Self-effort inevitably leads to disobedience which leads to experiential failure and loss of intimacy or abiding fellowship with the Lord Jesus.

The Christian life is so much more than avoiding bad behavior and opting for good behavior; it's complete spiritual dependence on God alone.

The apostle John used Roman names and Roman time.

In most instances, due to His grace, God does not quickly remove authority.

Interestingly, all of the believing disciples were from the north and only Judas was from the

south in Kerioth, Judea.

John outlived all the other disciples.

Wealthy influential people can make great Christians as indicated by John who displayed the greatest longevity of spirituality among the disciples.

The trouble with many believers today is that they want to get into the action before they know what the plan of action is all about.

There is not one part of the plan of God that calls for Human Good.

No fish caught demonstrates God's attitude toward Human Good efforts.

The Lord Jesus did not go out to meet them.