I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD - Psalm 122:1

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

 Bible Study
 9:30 am

 Worship Service
 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

Remember in your prayers:

The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick - James 5:15



"What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You..."

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside Church of Christ

Sorrowful At the Word of God George Parsley

The gospels record for us an account of when a young, religious ruler had asked Jesus about eternal life (Lk. 18:18-30).

Initially Jesus told him to keep the commandments, in which the young man had done from his youth (Lk. 18:20-21). But then Jesus told him, "Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me" (Lk. 18:22). Now Marks account said that Jesus had a love or compassion for him (Mk. 10:21). So what Jesus told him was out of love for him to have eternal life, not to justify his good moral life.

There were two major things this man was going to have to do. First of all he had to let go of his possessions and then follow Jesus. Secondly he was going to have to leave his position of authority as a ruler and follow Jesus. This man had power, money and was morally upright but those things did not save him.

Now notice this man's reaction to Jesus' words, "And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich" (Lk. 18:23). The Bible said he was "very sorrowful". This is not a simple matter of disappointment, but this word means "overcome with sorrow so much as to cause one's death" (Thayer). He was tore up at the words of Jesus. Since he was very sorrowful indicates that he believed that Jesus was telling him the truth and he was unwilling to comply with the truth.

The same is true today, for when people see and understand the teaching of Jesus is contrary to that which they have been raised in they also can be "overcome with sorrow so much as to cause one's death". But even though Jesus loved this man and His words caused this young man to be hurt deeply,

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Jesus did not change the requirements for this man's salvation. "And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" (Lk. 18:24)

You see, Jesus was more concerned with this man's eternal life than his feelings. Jesus did not change His requirements because they caused this man some discomfort and sacrifice.

The words of Jesus concerning salvation are the same today as they were in the 1st century, they haven't changed. Jesus still says belief and baptism saves (Mk. 16:16). The words of Peter that repentance and baptism is for remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Saul was still told to be baptized to wash away his sins (Acts 22:16). Peter also said that baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:21). An immoral life still does not have an inheritance (Eph. 5:5). Repentance is still required when in the wrong (Lk. 13:3,5).

When the truth of these hits home and causes us pain they will still be the truth. But what will we do with the truth? Will we be like the man in our text and go away very sorrowful? Or will we be like Peter when he said, "Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee" (Lk. 18:28).

If we want eternal life we will have to conform to the teachings of Jesus regardless of how painful they may be for us to do.

On Listening to Sermons Robert Hines

How about a suggestion on how better to deal with sermons? As a veteran fidgety pew wiggler myself I have some experience in these matters. Immense help and immense focus come when we always follow along in the Scriptures and take notes on the sermon. The importance of these two cannot be overstated. You will be surprised how much more involved you will become. You will listen better. You will follow along better. You will pay attention better. Put down a title, main points, passages used, and any observations (even things like, "Is he right about that?"). When I do this I am putting something into the lesson in order to get more out of it. It does not matter if I have heard the topic before, or if it is the simplest of lessons, or what the topic is. It helps me to pay attention, and admittedly, yes, maybe helps the time move along better when paying attention is difficult.

Sunday Morning Lesson

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