

SERVING JESUS - WHAT DOES IT IMPLY?

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with you. 2 Corinthians . 13:14

I am going to talk about what it means to lose your life in Jesus and what it means to hate your life and be a servant of God.

I know that the bible clearly states that Jesus Christ did not come to be served but to serve. So Jesus Christ has come to be the Servant of mankind but clearly in the bible there are some verses that say that we serve God. Paul was a servant of God.

So how does that work? If Jesus did not come to be served and yet there are people, like Paul, saying, "I am a servant of God."

Now Jesus said, clearly, how we should serve Him and He clearly explains that service. I am going to get into that. Let's go to John 12:24... "*Verily, verily I say unto to, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit.*"

That talks about Jesus Christ that He would die for us and bring forth fruit that looked exactly like the seed that died. So Jesus Christ came. He was the Son of God and also the Son of man, and He died and brings forth much fruit. **The command was toward Jesus to go and bear fruit. And He found Himself a wife and He is bearing much fruit... and that is in us! We are the fruit of His labor.**

It says, "*Unless a corn of wheat dies....*", and then He goes on to say, "... and he who loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life, in this world, shall keep it unto life eternal." So if you hate your life in this world, you will keep your life forever. In other words, you will be a possessor of **eternal life**.

So it talks about a certain death and then a fruit that will come from that, the death of Jesus. It also talks about our lives, **if we die to self**. What does that mean? It means to die to **self effort, to be righteous before God**. That's what it is!

Then it goes on and it says, "If you hate your life **under the LAW**, you hate the life in this world. Remember, Jesus said clearly that God says that Jesus came into the world. He came unto His own, He came unto the world, but they did not receive Him, but, as many as received Him, He gave the right to become the sons of God.

So, Jesus came into the world... who was the world? **THE WORLD WAS THE LAW SYSTEM. MAN'S WAY TO BE RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD IS CALLED WORLDLINESS.**

Paul said, "Why are you worldly by submitting yourselves to rules and regulations?"

So here he comes and he says, "He who loves his life, will lose it." So if you love your life in this world, you will lose life. The more you love rules and regulations, the more you love of what you must do to be righteous before God, the more you love, "5 steps to this", and "10 steps to that", the more you are losing your freedom. You are losing the life that was born from God. You are not experiencing victory! You are experiencing bondage, death, corruption. You are experiencing worldliness, the fruit of the flesh and all the things that come with it because you love worldliness ---which is not drinking, smoking, and all those kinds of things.

Worldliness is defined by the Bible as putting yourselves under rules and regulations, serving God through world worship. That is, loving the life of the world. You love your life! It's talking to people who are under the Law. If you love your life, the life while you are under the Law, you are going to lose your life!

But then it says, "*If you hate....*" Look at the strong word here! God said that we should not hate but here it says, "*If you hate, (detest, despise) the life that comes by works' righteousness...*" If you say, "I don't want anything to do with that, then you will keep your life unto life everlasting. In other words, your life will be preserved unto everlasting life. Isn't that awesome! If we can simply hate the **Law System** and **love what Christ has done!**

Listen to this: "*If any man serves Me...*"... in other words, when we hate the righteousness by works, the **Law System**, then we are serving Jesus.

This is what it says: "*If any man serve Me, let him follow Me...*" Now, where is He leading you? That's the whole thing. It says, "If you want to serve God, you must follow Jesus." How do you follow Jesus? We follow Jesus by going where He is leading us. And the Bible says, "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He will lead me into green pastures to the waters of rest.*" That's where He leads me. Where I can go to the water, where it is calm, and I can see my reflection in the water of His Word. I can see my reflection in the Finished Work of Jesus Christ. I can see my reflection in the water of the Spirit seeing who I am in Christ. **God is leading me to rest.**

So if you are really serving God, if you are serving Jesus, if you want to be a servant of Jesus, **hate** works' righteousness and **love** Jesus by allowing Him to lead you into rest. Follow Jesus to the place of rest, which is to love righteousness, by faith. To love the fact that He is your representative and that His life is your life. He's more than just a representative. The bible says, clearly, in John, that the ability to judge has been given unto Him for He is the Son of man.

Judge means to make a decision on behalf of somebody else. God gave Jesus the ability to make decisions on behalf of mankind or to decide for man. The word, judge, also means to separate. He has the ability to separate us unto Himself because He is the Son of man. What that means is He speaks for mankind. He can speak over you. That is the judgement of God--- that God can speak on behalf of mankind. Isn't that awesome!

So let's enjoy the judgement of God! Let us follow Jesus. **Let us serve Jesus by allowing Him to lead us into rest.**

So serving Jesus is going into the rest that He has provided for you. Amen!

Serving Jesus, like Paul says, "*I serve Jesus by the grace of God.*"

So you cannot serve Jesus outside of resting. RESTING IN WHAT HE PROVIDES IS SERVING JESUS!!! Isn't that awesome!

Resting... if you want to serve Jesus and be well-pleasing before Him, by how you serve Him, then sit back and:

Allow Him to wash your feet.

Allow Him to make you righteous or declare His righteousness over you.

Allow Him to declare you innocent.

Allow the Holy Spirit to remind you of what you freely received in Christ.

Allow God to tell you how no curse can ever rest upon you.

Allow God, allow Jesus, to tell you how you qualify eternally for immortality.

Allow God to tell you how you are seated with Him in heavenly places.

Allow God tell you, by the Holy Spirit and the Finished Work of Jesus, how the Name of Jesus is above any other name, any other thing, that can ever speak to you.

Allow Him to explain to you, make it clear to you, how the name of Jesus is above the name of your spouse, the name of your children, the name of your boss, the name of the institution or the place that you work for. His name is above all that!

Allow Jesus to tell you, by His name and His authority that is above all other authorities, allow Him to serve you, by telling you that you are what He says about your life. Amen! **THAT IS SERVING GOD!**

If you want to serve Him, the Bible says, "Follow Him and where He is you will be also. Glory to God! Enter into the rest. "*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*" Amen! The Bible says, "*My sheep hear My voice*", and He leads the sheep out to pasture. He leads them out of bondage! Amen!

If you want to serve Him, **allow** Him to lead you out of the bondage that works' righteousness brings, out of the bondage of sin, by simply receiving and making use of the reality and the truth about your life.

The Gospel of Jesus is not about what you must do for God! It's not about how holy you must live. It's not about how much fruit you must bear. It's all about what God has done for you, what God has done in you, what God has done on behalf of you, what God has done as you in Jesus Christ, and that bearing its fruit in you by God placing His seed in you and Him bearing that fruit in you! Alleluia! Glory to God!