

The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

3-27-2017 God's Family Ties

Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, 'Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.' But He answered and said to them, 'My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it' (**Luke 8:19-21**).

Family ties are strong, but spiritual ties are stronger. Jesus showed by this statement that no one in our family should have a stronger influence or appeal than "the word of God!" Hearing the word of God without doing it will keep us outside of God's spiritual family. Jesus also said,

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (**Luke 11:27-28**).

Jesus left His home to save us, surely we can leave our home to be saved!

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3-28-2017 Hatred Without a Cause

[Jesus said,] "He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause'" (**John 15:23-25**).

Since "hatred without a cause" is from Moses' Law, but only occurs in **Psalm 35:19 and Psalm 69:4**, then Jesus considered the Book of Psalms a part of "their law!" David wrote the wicked and deceitful:

... Have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause" (**Psalm 109:1-3**).

Religious rage, road rage, phone rage, sexual rage are hate without a cause! Only the wicked will do it!

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3-29-2017 Christ's Cost

Paul wrote:

Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma (**Ephesians 5:1-2**).

His love for us caused Jesus to give Himself as our "offering," to express thanksgiving; our "sacrifice," or blood-offering to atone for our sins; "a sweet-smelling aroma" shows how acceptable to God our atonement is! Jesus said He came "to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (**Matthew 20:28**). "Ransom" is the price for a slave who is then set free. His part, as He said on His cross, "is finished" (**John 19:30**). We must renounce our slavery to sin by repentance, and be baptized "in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (**Acts 2:38**). His sacrifice saves, not all, but the "many" who obey.

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3-30-2017 Kingdom's Worth

[Jesus said:] "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it" (**Matthew 13:45-46**).

The "kingdom of heaven" is that "one pearl of great price. Jesus shows that, if we sought "the kingdom of heaven" like "a merchant seeking beautiful pearls," when we found that precious "kingdom," it would be worth "all that" we have. Jesus said,

"My kingdom is not of this world " (**John 18:36**).

So Paul wrote,

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (**Romans 12:2**).

But when the Samaritans:

... Believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized (**Acts 8:12**).

What's this worth to you?

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3-31-2017 Your Salvation's Cost

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, 'Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (**Mark 8:34-37**).

This is the human side of salvation. People sing, "Jesus Paid It All," and claim to be saved like a thief on the cross, before and without ever surrendering to the cross of Jesus Christ! To follow Jesus, we must deny our claims to be saved, and our self-justifying attitude, with repentance and baptism for remission of sins.

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