

Did You Know?

Did you know, that Jesus loves you? Yeah yeah, we all know that! No we don't!! If we did we would also know that he loves everyone, as an individual, and that he gave his life for all, that if you were the only person on earth he still would have done it for you. Some times I think we take our walk with God for granted. There is a lot of preaching about different types of faith, healing, prosperity, victory, and all those good things that we all know are true. But we have left out the main thing, we have forgotten something... We need to stop and ask a question of ourselves.... Why did Jesus die on the cross really? What was the main thing he had in his mind, was it so we could live a healthy life....yes..... Was it so we could live a prosperous life..... yes..... was it so we could live in victory over the devil? Yes!

So why don't we? Honestly, can any one of you say that since you have been saved, you have never been sick, never gone without, never struggled in your life, that it really has been a bed of roses and fine and dandy? Ok, so there must be something else then, did Jesus achieve anything in particular by dying for us? Yes, He achieved one thing, the only thing that he went to the cross for - Salvation - read **John 3v16**. really, go and read it, a couple of times, think about it, if you were to die today would you be saved? If your answer is yes, well that is the only thing he has achieved in totality by going to the cross, he defeated death and the grave by rising again, for what reason? God so loved us!

Now before you get your theological stones out to stone me, yes, he did achieve the "Possibility" of health, victory and prosperity for us (which by the way is not only financial but to prosper in your soul first read **3 John 1v2**) What does the Bible call Jesus in **1Cor 15v5**? Why would the word of God call him that? Something I have always thought about, I don't know if it was a teaching I had heard or what, I think it may have been that first church I went to that Full Gospel church which was so full of the love of God it was ridiculous.

Jesus was called the second, or if you like the last Adam, (well there was a first anyway) so he must have fixed something that the first one broke? What was that?? If you read in **Genesis** you will see in **chapter 2v15 to 17** and then read **Chapter 3v6-11**. then put these scriptures together with **John 4v23**; **Exodus 20v2-4** along with **Matt 4v10**. What is the common thread we see here, it is to worship God, Worship the Lord, look after his garden, his creation.... we were created to fellowship with and have communion with the Lord God but unfortunately Adam and Eve stuffed up and ate of the fruit that God told them not to, they were banished from the Garden and no longer walked with God in the cool of the day. God was looking for them, he knew something was amiss, from then on, they lost fellowship with God like what they had prior to eating of the fruit.

OK, I can say here then, that Jesus came, died and rose again to give us back that intimacy with God again? If so, why is there so much emphasis on everything else but worship to God, fellowship with God? Would it be correct in stating that Satan who ripped us off is still ripping us off today by having us bicker about trivial matters, chase after things that we want, or we think is "of God". Do we really spend the amount of time with God just like Adam and Eve did or do we spend time still trying to obtain to what "we think" God would have us do? I question my walk with God every day, and I try to adjust my bad habits and learnt lifestyle to what God really wants - to fellowship with him! I rarely even use the words "I was praying" any more, instead I have a conviction of "I was talking with the Lord".

Lately I have found myself "talking to the Lord and asking, "God how do you want me to respond to this matter, do you want me in this conversation, do you appreciate what I am doing"? To say the least I have been tried over the last three months as well by having this chain of thought, I have had many things come at me from every side to try and distract me. I have been watching quite a few preachers lately on the internet preaching on this very subject and they have also shared they too experienced major distractions. But they didn't give up, they haven't given up, they spend more time now talking with the Lord, and learning to listen to his voice than anything else in their lives. Now they are reaping the benefits of it years later having a very close and personal walk with God, hearing his voice, his direction for their lives, and only now are they starting to see all those other things come into play, the health, prosperity, victory, why?

I believe it is because of what Jesus said in **Matt 6v33**, “seek first the Kingdom of God.....” see **Lk 17v21** tells us a truth we need to get a hold of as well. What is the Kingdom of God? Read **Romans 14v17 and 1Cor 4v20** and have a think about it. Is it anything to do with what we do? Is it anything to do with where we go? Is it to do with who we are or what we have or what we have achieved? No, I doubt it very much. Recently, I have watched some particular people who have gotten so wrapped up in “their Ministry” that they have literally stopped preaching the gospel. I have watched it from the side lines and just tried to learn or see what was happening, I was shocked to say the least when they stopped preaching in a particular area, it was the last thing I would have expected! They proudly tell everyone of their new endeavours, but rarely does anyone hear the great preaching they once loved to do so much.

I learn a lot by watching people, not long ago, I had the opportunity to get all upset at some people who I thought were great in my eyes and they made a minor mistake, but it affected someones else's life drastically for a period of time. It was then that I realised God only wants us to worship him, not chase after things or try and become someone special in the worlds eyes or in our own eyes for that matter. The greatest thing I have noticed about these preachers talking about this subject of intimacy with God is their humility! They would have to be the most humble people I have ever met! There are two people in particular who I know who have helped me in this area, and every time we talk about this subject, tears and a quiver come to their voice, a desire beyond description emanates from them to get closer to God. They have had the opportunity to be ministers and didn't take it up, they have had many opportunities to be offended, but just sought after God in their lives, I don't see them as much as I would like, but when I do I always go away feeling encouraged, they accept me for who I am, and they are not Bikers.

These people take everything they have to God in prayer, they once made the comment “to bring someone before the feet of Jesus is all we can do. To show someone the love of God is the only thing we can be satisfied with”, and they have shown it to me in a many ways. They pray for me daily, they read this newsletter, they know my faults, my inconsistencies, my attitudes and my errors. They just pray for me and they have done so for about 10 years maybe. Why? Because they know the love of God, they know Jesus died for you, for me, for everyone and that Jesus loves us! I owe them a lot to say the least.

Think about it, God loves us, he wants us to fellowship with him, not be self seeking, not be right all the time, not be chasing “things”, yes he wants us to have good things, but would you believe it if I told you he wants to show you how he wants you to do it. He wants to be intimate with you, show you his love for mankind, there is a lot more to God than our theology or thoughts. Is he your Lord and Saviour, or is he just a Saviour to you? Seek him today!