

Three Actions that Jesus Wants From All

Jesus wants us to

1) Come

While on earth, Jesus said to those who heard Him “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28). Jesus extends an invitation for all to come. “Whoever desires to come let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Mk. 8:34). Few people are willing to deny themselves of any pleasure and fewer yet are willing to take up a cross and follow. Most want to lead, not follow. And yes, your cross is different from the one Jesus bore.

There are two parts to salvation, Jesus has done His part but coming to Him is our part. Unfortunately not everyone will come. They refuse to accept His blessings of pardon and heaven. How sad it makes Him to see this happen. Jesus also said, ““O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!” Matt. 23:37

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2) Go and Teach

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20)

1 Cor 13:13 Paul ends his letter on love with three points for the Christian, faith, hope and charity or love. Those who haven’t heard the gospel can not become obedient to something they’ve not heard. Additionally, they have no hope. The Greek definition for the word hope is assurance. They have no assurance of anything better.

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3) Wait

It has been said that patience is a virtue and indeed it is. It’s one thing to say patience, but it’s quite another thing to master patience. To say it another way, timing is of the utmost importance. (James 5:7-8) teaches us a lesson about timing, “Be patient, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits patiently for the fruit of the earth, waiting

until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient.” Those who have had a garden or raised children can understand the value of patience. Seed isn’t planted one day and you have a harvest the next. It takes time to produce the desired results.

The Lord has and does practice patience. Read what the prophet said Neh. 9:30 “Yet for many years You (the Lord) had patience with them (Israel), And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen”.

Not only is God patient with us but we are to be patient with others as seen in this passage, “But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, **patience**, gentleness”(1Tim. 6:11). This passage is also referred to as fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Conclusion:

From our study we have learned there are three things Jesus wants from all mankind.

First, He wants all men to come to Him. “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). There are always those who are searching for another way/some other way "I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” (John 10:1-3).

Some will never receive His blessings because they will not come to Him and seek His kingdom first in their life. (Matt. 6:33)

Next, He wants all disciples to go, to take the glad tidings to others and. to share with others their new found joy and peace.

Others will not receive His blessings because they will not share with those who are lost, the soul saving gospel

Finally, He teaches us to learn patience. This patience, and comfort, comes through the scriptures. “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” (Rom. 15:4)

Others will never enjoy the peace He offers in this life or in the life that is to come because they are impatient and turn to the allurements of the world to meet their needs. In which case they lose both now and forevermore...

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