

THE INVITATION TO ENTER & ENJOY THE FAITH-REST LIFE

(Matthew 11:28-30)

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Do you understand the 2 different "rests" that God is offering to you by His grace? (Matt. 11:28-30)

1. Invitation #1: Come by faith to Jesus Christ.

The rest of _____ is through one decision to place your faith in Jesus Christ _____ apart from religious works and traditions. This changes your eternal _____ and relationship with God forever. This results in possessing _____.

a. **Why is this needed for the unbeliever? "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and [#1] I will give you rest."**

1) **Because prior to salvation by God's grace, we 'labor' through religious _____ and rituals to seek to obtain Heaven as a _____ when it is a GIFT of God's _____.**

- Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 64:6; Titus 3:5; Genesis 15:6
- Romans 10:1-4; Galatians 2:16,21, 3:24-25

2) **Because prior to salvation by God's grace, we are 'HEAVY-LADEN' due to our _____ and in need of God's _____.**

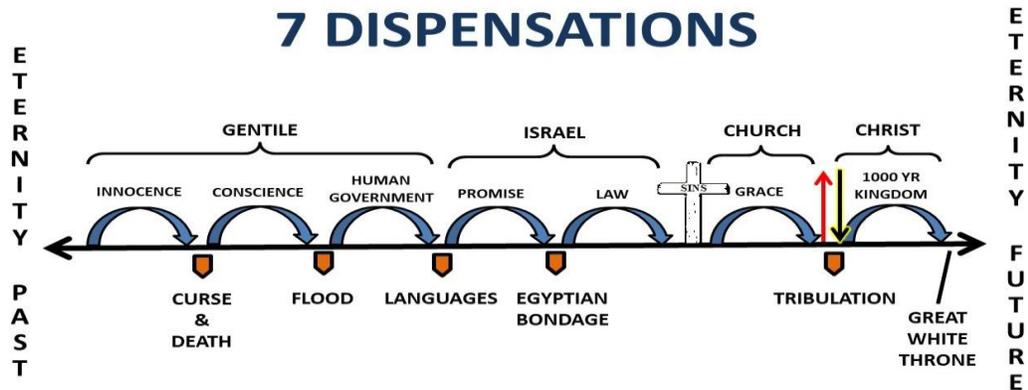
- Romans 3:23-25a; Matthew 28:6; John 3:17-18
- 2 Corinthians 5:8; John 5:39-40; Romans 5:1
- Luke 9:23; 14:26; John 6:35-40

b. **Why are people lacking 100% assurance of eternal salvation vs. John 10:28 & 1 John 5:13?**

2. **The rest of the _____ life is through repeated decisions to _____ the Lord and _____ to Him moment by moment in your daily issues and trials of life. This transforms you internally and affects your FELLOWSHIP with God in time. This results in enjoying the _____.**

- **Distinguishing the 2 invitations for "rest" by Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28-30).**
- **When a believer is practically "yoked" with Jesus Christ, what would this mean practically?**
- **"learn from Me" / Which tense or phase of "salvation" is this 2nd rest referring to?**

- When you rightly divide the Word of God, you will recognize not only the various DISPENSATIONS in the plan of God but that the faith-rest principle is a TRANS-DISPENSATIONAL or PERMANENT PRINCIPLE applicable in every dispensation but having several new elements in this CHURCH AGE and the present DISPENSATION OF GRACE.



- Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:6-7
- *“for I am gentle and lowly of heart” ... “and you will find rest for your souls.”*
- *“for My yoke is easy” – why? ... John 15:4-5 ... “My burden is light”*
- Why is this “rest” needed for the believer in Christ?
 - 1) Because you still have a _____ that can defeat him at any moment [though you now have a position in Christ & the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling you]. (Rom. 7)
 - 2) Because you can be _____ by sin or _____ by the world system ruled by Satan at any time [though you now have the Word of God to give you divine viewpoint and genuine hope]. (1 John 2:15-17)
 - 3)) Because if Satan can't stop you from coming by faith to Christ, he wants to _____ your fellowship, growth, and testimony for Christ. (2 Cor. 11:3-4)
 - 4) Because it's one thing to TRUST in Jesus Christ for your eternal salvation, it's quite another to _____ regarding the daily decisions, trials, direction, heartaches, etc. of LIFE. (1 Peter 1:6-7)
 - How does this apply to you?