

A Place to Heal

As you reflect over 2021, can you see the providence of God behind this year's vision plan? Despite the many challenges of the past 21 months, we have endured. We have grown together. We have reached out to God in trust. We have committed ourselves to being good stewards of his tremendous blessings. Today we'll look at Matthew 11.28-30 - to see what this place has become by becoming *a place to heal*:

I. Matthew 11.28 - A Place of Rest

- A. Let's look at the end of the verse: "I will give you rest."
 - 1. Rest means "to refresh or revive." Freedom from sin ... and all it brings.
- B. How we use the term in English:
 - 1. Cessation from labor and exertion.
 - 2. Freedom from whatever wearies or disturbs.
 - 3. Release from frustration and anxiety over life and our ultimate destiny.
 - a) Philippians 4.6: Don't worry about anything...
 - b) Philippians 4.7: And the peace of God, ... will guard your hearts and minds...
 - 4. To be settled or fixed. See Colossians 1.13; Ephesians 4.14-18

II. Matthew 11.28: A Place of Repentance

- A. What brings so many to Christ? Many are weary and burdened.
 - 1. "Weary" ...to work to the point of exhaustion.
 - 2. "Burdened" ...Someone or something else is adding more to your burden...
- B. 11.28 - Come to Me
 - 1. John 6.35: no one who comes to me will ever be hungry
 - 2. To be a place of repentance we must:
 - a) Encourage openness and authenticity.
 - b) Help others to follow our own vulnerability and trust in God's mercy and grace.
 - c) Set the example in what it means to turn around ...

III. 11.29-30 - A Place for Relationship

- A. "Take up My Yoke." An acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus
- B. "Learn from Me" Be my disciple. Be like me. (Luke 6.40)
- C. Why? 11.30 - My yoke is easy and my burden is light.
 - 1. I am lowly and humble in heart. There's no desire to oppress us. He is gentle. Tender.
- D. As the Cornerstone Church: We follow the admonition of Paul: Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ, Galatians 6.2.
 - 1. We don't do life separately or alone at Cornerstone ... we do it together.

IV. Conclusion

- A. God is offering you salvation. Are you ready to receive it?