Life Eternal

Jesus The Christ - (# 9) September 26, 2021 <u>TEXT</u>: Matthew 19:16-26 KEY VERSE: Matthew 19:16

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They will either spend eternity in Heaven or in Hell, and they will determine which place. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. (John 10:10)

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8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Faith causes us to turn to God in repentance of our sins and reliance upon His grace. In obedience to the Scriptures we are baptized in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins, and we receive the gift of Holy Ghost. One palm, two palms, or no palms.

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People who are searching have not made a commitment yet, no palms, but they can decide to follow Jesus with all of their heart and life.

1) The <u>Quest</u>.

2) The <u>Commandments</u>.

And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is,* God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (Matthew 19:17)

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Jesus did not say that keeping the rules was an option, He said, "... keep the commandments."

If ye love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15) To receive the salvation of Jesus Christ, we must experience His forgiveness through His shed blood, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

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And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (Hebrews 9:22)

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (John 5:39)

REFERENCES: Acts 10:27

Matthew 22:37-40

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We do not receive eternal life by following a list of rules; we receive eternal life by experiencing a loving and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

> Obedience is necessary to keep the relationship alive.

One palm, two palms, or no palms.

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Following the rules only, is like having one palm in, that's halfway, but works alone won't get someone into Heaven, a full commitment is necessary.

- 1) The <u>Quest</u>.
- 2) The <u>Commandments</u>.
- 3) The <u>Discipleship</u>.

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me. (Matthew 19:21)

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Discipleship of Jesus Christ is the key to staying on the road to eternal life. We receive salvation through faith and we stay saved by obeying God's Word and living as Jesus lived.

While walking as a disciple of Jesus Christ, a person learns how to deny his or her selfish will and motives. The fulfillment of selfish personal gains and goals will distract from living for Christ. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

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Two palms in.

It is still true today that Christ's disciples must sell-out for Christ, give up what's holding them back and follow Him. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:21)

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Matthew 16:25)

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Whenever our possessions possess us, we are not sold out for Christ.

In order to follow Christ, all the attachments to worldly things must be broken.

How many people want eternal life, but are not willing to sacrifice for it? But Jesus beheld *them,* and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)

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One palm, two palms, or no palms.

All or nothing. Two palms in, is a total and complete consecration. The Bible calls it "a living sacrifice." 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

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We must have the life-changing power of God to redeem us! Jesus Christ gave His life for our redemption.

We must give Him "our all" in return.

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We must obey His commandments by loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbor as we would love ourselves.

Love must be the motivation of our faith.

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE:

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. (Galatians 5:6) Whatever Jesus Christ requires of us, we should serve Him faithfully by our love for Him and our commitment to please Him.

May our lives exhibit a faith that works by love!

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WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

Are you standing with the crowd, trying to figure out what all the noise is about, simply watching as Jesus passes by?

No palms in!

WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

Are you trying to live a good life, being a good person, making sure you don't do the bad sins, you know, the ones you say are bad?

One palm in!

WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

Are you sold out for Christ. Do you love Him, do you serve Him, do you obey Him, and do you sacrifice for Him?

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WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

Not only, are both palms in, but you have taken off your coat and cast it in the path. With you, it is all or nothing!

Two palms in!

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- 1) The <u>Quest</u>.
- 2) The <u>Commandments</u>.

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3) The <u>Discipleship</u>.