

# ***The Mandate of Christ***

Matthew 11:28-30

Introduction:

*“He must ever have the preeminence for by Him all things consist. The Bible is important, but it is only God’s Word about Christ . . . Doctrine is important, but a doctrine is just a truth about Christ. Experience is important but an experience is just another step with Christ.”*

**- Vance Havner**

## **I. The mandate of Christ gives an invitation to find refuge. (V. 28)**

*“What Jesus does with you will depend on what you do with Him.”*

**- Adrian Rogers**

A. The restless is described as one whose life is a labor.

***Come unto me, all ye that labour . . . Matthew 11:28***

B. The restless is described as one whose life is laden.

***. . . and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28***

*“Those who are heavy laden endure something that is laid on them from an outside source, causing what we would today call “burnout.” Jesus form of rest is not absence of work but rejuvenation and refreshment.”*

**- David Jeremiah**

## **II. The mandate of Christ gives an invitation of rehabilitation. (V. 29)**

A. It is rehabilitation in the way we have knowledge of Him.

***Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; Matthew 11:29***

B. It is a rehabilitation in the way we know Him.

***. . . for I am meek and lowly in heart: Matthew 11:29***

*“The point in saying Jesus is lowly is that He is accessible. For all His resplendent glory and dazzling holiness, His supreme uniqueness and otherness, no one in human history has ever been more approachable than Jesus Christ.”*

**- Dane Oretlund**

## **III. The mandate of Christ gives an invitation to find rest. (V. 29c-30)**

A. It is a rest that is ascribed to a new thought pattern.

*... and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29*

*“The word ‘rest’ refers to an inward holiday—not a cessation of activity, but a whole new energy and motive. Many of us are more active on vacation than at work; what changes is our reason for activity.”*

**- John Maxwell**

B. It is a rest that is attached to a new thrust in power.

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:30*

*“His yoke is kind, and His burden is a non-burden. What helium does to a ballon, Jesus does to His followers. We are buoyed along in life by His endless gentleness and supremely accessible lowliness. He doesn’t simply meet us at our place of need; He lives in our place of need.”*

**- Dane Oretlund**