

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:4

“Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

“For God so loved the world that he sent His only begotten son so that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

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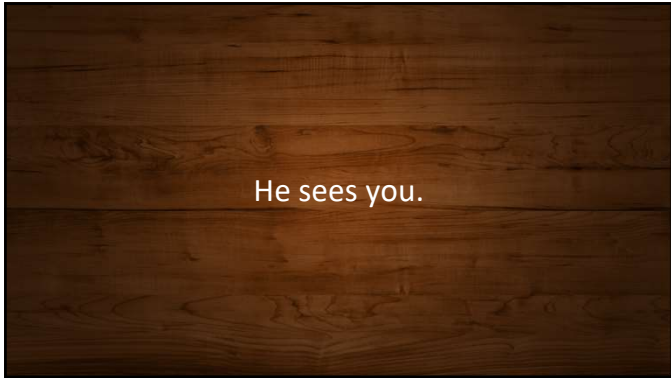


“He’s either a lunatic, a liar, or He’s the Lord. There is no other option...He has not left us with one.

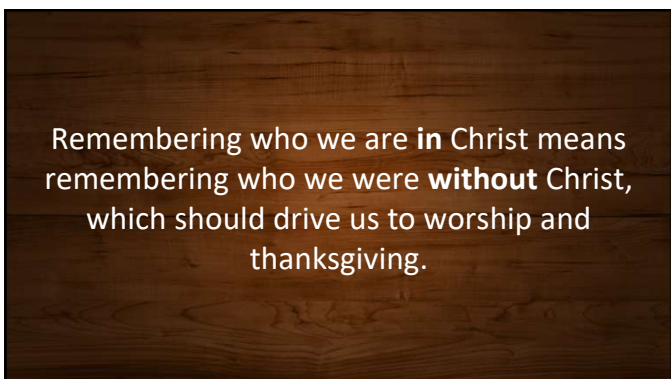
C.S. Lewis

“Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all and is in all.”

Colossians 3:11







“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.”
1 Corinthians 1:26

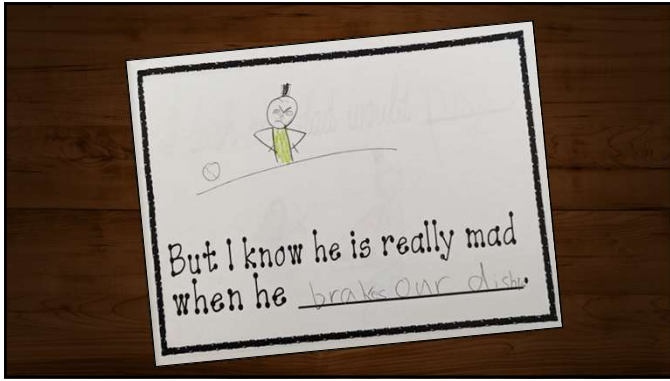
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"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"
Romans 8:1

The Beauty of God's Economy
Who says it has anything to do with what **you** did?

"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. but now he has reconciled You by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish, and free from accusation."

Colossians 1:21-22



"I have so much work to get done today, so much that requires my attention, I shall have to pray twice as long today."

Martin Luther



"Praying and provender hinder no man's journey. If we have to stop and pray, it is no more hindrance than when the rider has to stop at the farrier's to have his horse's shoe fastened; for if he went on without attending to that it may be that ere long he would come to a stop of a far more serious kind."

Charles Hadden Spurgeon

*“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, upholding all things by the word of His power. Who, when He had made purification of sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high”
Hebrews 1:3-4*

The Reality Which Must Be Lived Today


We are no less free today than we will be in Glory.

REMINDER # 3

REMEMBER WHO EVERYONE ELSE
IS TO CHRIST

*"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."
John 3:17*

*"...an open door so that he might declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison, that I might make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."
Colossians 4:3-4*



"It is not yet my time to go to you. I have more work to do for you. Please deliver me from this."

“The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

Acts 16:29-31

Staying on Mission

Paul doesn't wish away his circumstances, he prays **into** them

“Without Christ, and His Spirit, we can do nothing. Our dead notions and reason, though we see the truth, have not the power to overcome temptations, nor raise up man's soul to its original end, nor possess us with the love and joyful hopes of future blessedness.

It were better for us to have no souls, than to have our souls void of the Spirit of God.”

Richard Baxter – “Dying Thoughts”

What Kind of Faith Will We Have in 2024?

It's one kind of faith to say, "I trust Christ with my life and eternity," and another kind of faith to say, "I trust Him with yours."

The Main Thing

God loves to save sinners.

And He's not done saving yet.
