

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

How to Enter His Rest

Part 2

Clothed With Light

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Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

Verse:3 For we who have believed enter that rest, ...

verse:10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

Remember: Understanding the Law of Separation is key to entering His rest.

- In the beginning, after releasing His light into creation, the first act God did was to separate light from the darkness, Calling Light Good.

Here is another vital Key we must understand if we are to enter His rest:

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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- The Separation of Grace and Works
- Like light and darkness, these two cannot work together, it is one or it is the other...
- Light is good, grace is good
- Grace is: Rest at work within us.
- If grace is good, which it is, it cannot possibly be a license to sin.
- For sin is evil.
- The law of separation does not allow grace and sin to work together, any more than it allows light and darkness to work together

John 1:16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. **17** For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

- Through Jesus Christ, and only through Jesus Christ, do we realize Grace.

Realize: Deeply understand, grasp, and experience.

Here it is, let us bring this all together:

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when ***we were dead in our transgressions***, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**),

- We, like all the world, were spiritually dead
- Our souls, and our spirits, were dwelling in darkness separated from the light of God
- Separated from God by the dividing wall of sin

Ephesians 2:12 [remember] that you were at that time ***separate from Christ***, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, ***having no hope and without God in the world***. **13** But now ***in Christ Jesus*** you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For He Himself is our peace, ***who made both [groups into] one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall***,

Do You Really Understand the Awesome Reality of This?

- Union in, and with Christ, is a great privilege.
- It is a spiritual blessing, and the foundation of all others.
- The Father gathers together in one all things in Christ.
- Jesus is the antidote to the poison that separated us from God the Father
- Jesus is the way to making us one with the Father, and with heaven, **just as it was before the fall**.
- You must understand this if you are going to enter His rest!

In Jesus' Great Prayer in John 17 He prays:

John 17:22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, ***that they may be one, just as We are one***; **23** I in them and You in Me, ***that they may be perfected in unity***....

My friends, this has nothing to do with Presbyterians getting along with Pentecostals

And everything to do with reestablishing a connection between heaven and earth, and removing the separation between God and Man, just as it was before the Fall.

In Christ:

- Things in heaven and things on earth are gathered together in Jesus, just as it was before the fall.
- Peace is made, the connection reestablished between heaven and earth
- All this through Jesus. He is the Alpha and the Omega of all things belonging to God.

In Jesus the Oneness of God and His creation are reestablished through the redeemed:

Ephesians 4:4 [There is] ***one*** body and ***one*** Spirit, just as also you were called in ***one*** hope of your calling; **5** ***one*** Lord, ***one*** faith, ***one*** baptism, **6** ***one*** God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Are You Getting This?

- There is One body
- One Spirit
- One Hope
- One Faith

You cannot Possibly Enter His Rest if You Have Covenanted with a Denomination, or for that matter, even covenanted with a man, Because-

- There is One body

- One Spirit
- One Hope
- One Faith

We can only enter His rest when we become One with God.

If you become One with anything else, or anyone else, that will hinder you from entering His rest.

What happened to us, that we would be separated from God and need a Savior to make us one with God again?

- In order to enter His rest, we must first understand what separated us from it in the first place.
- And we must see what His rest looks like, and how it works.

In Order to do This, We Must go back to the Beginning:

Genesis 2:8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. **9** Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; *the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Genesis 2:16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; **17** but from the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil* you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

In the Garden there were Two Very Unique and Powerful Trees, each with their own relative meaning and purpose:

1. **The Tree of life:** The fruit of the connection between heaven and earth. The evidence that heaven and earth were one before the fall; here we see the same tree that is seen in heaven in the Book of Revelation, placed right here on earth in the Book of Genesis.
2. **The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil:** The very prison where darkness, that had been separated from the light dwells. Where all manner of death, darkness and fallen spirits dwelt, imprisoned and incapable of operating in God's perfect creation of light.

➤ **Adam held two keys to this prison**

1. **Obedience:** the key that would keep it locked up unable to affect creation.
2. **Disobedience:** the key that would unlock the darkness and release it into creation.

- **Everything in God's perfect creation was clothed in light and life**
- **God warned Adam that if he ate from the Tree of the knowledge of Good & evil all that would change, and he would surely die.**

Just as darkness is the opposite of light, and evil is the opposite of good, death is the opposite of life.

In other words, if they ate from the tree, which they did, they would be separated from the life that they knew.

They, as well as all of creation, would now enter the darkness that God had separated them from.

They would lose the light that had been their covering, and which made up the very atmosphere in which they lived.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" **2** The woman said to the serpent, "From the

fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

- How is it Eve spoke so casually with satan?
- Because Adam and Eve were seeing through their spiritual eyes
- They were hearing through their spiritual ears. They would hear the sound of the Lord in the cool of the day.
- All this, because the spirit realm and the natural realm were in perfect harmony, and unity, acting as one...

That is why Jesus spoke in Parables: He was able to use natural laws to explain the spirit realm, because the natural realm and the spiritual realm move exactly the same way... only now they are separated where once they were one.

- If we are going to enter His rest, we must yield our flesh man to God's Spirit and flow in the Spirit again!

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make [one] wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked;*

- Once they partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil the natural realm and the spiritual realm were now separated
- And the glory in which they were clothed with also departed
- They were immediately separated from the spirit realm and now their natural eyesight took over

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Before the fall they were clothed in light

Matthew 17:1 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, *and His garments became as white as light.*

Psalm 104:1 ...O LORD my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, 2 *Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, ...*

- This is exactly what Adam and eve were clothed in before the Fall

Here, where once everything flowed in perfect harmony, heaven and earth flowing as one, and all things were clothed in His glorious light

- Now as a result of their disobedience the natural realm and the spiritual realm were now separated, harmony was replaced with discord, and the darkness and the light were no longer separated
- And all of creation was now corrupted

Romans 8:21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

If we are going to enter His rest, we must follow the light of His word:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path

- His word will show you the way to His rest
- We must, as the church of Jesus Christ get back to preaching the uncompromising word of God

His word says that we the church, must separate ourselves from this world of darkness, and become one with God again if we have any hope of entering His rest

- In the Beginning, God sent His word and separated the Light from the Darkness
- He has sent the same word out again, can you hear Him?

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? **15** Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ... **17** "*Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE,*" says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

We must not only separate ourselves from the world, we must unite ourselves with His Spirit

Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (in peace is Rest)