

"His Promise..."

And He cannot lie...

They Trusted

They Followed

They Learned

They Fished

When we trust Jesus, follow Jesus, and learn from Jesus — He promises to make us fishers of men.

Repentance — is saying to Jesus — REPURPOSE MY LIFE

Our lives must be repurposed and refocused by and for Jesus to get in on His promises.

Repentance is a plea, a cry of the individual who has completely reconsidered what's most important and calls on God to salvage what I am — for You, Your kingdom, Your glory, and whatever You need of me.

Recycle and repurpose my life — put new life and light in me and redirect and repurpose me for Your pleasure.

My life apart from YOU is destined for the dung heap, salvage it for holy and heavenly things.

Repentance — is saying to Jesus — REPURPOSE MY LIFE, RECREATE, RECYCLE, RENEW, RESTORE, REFRESH — my life for Your goodness and glory sake.

Let's look at an example of how this works and was applied in Thessalonians

"...how you turned TO God, from idols, TO serve the living and true God. And TO wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, namely Jesus, who delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

The Word of grace and truth took root and took over the lives of the believers. They turned in faith to the Father and turned from serving themselves and the useless things of this world to serve, by faith, and as a way of life, the living and true God, as they worked and waited for the promised return of Jesus. They became followers of the disciples and Jesus, and living examples for other believers. Complete and utter transformation of nature and living. They had been interrupted by

Jesus and invaded by His redeeming grace and they would never be the same. They were now living life in the light of the promised return of Jesus. Not perfectly, but purposely and with passion. The eternal grace of God had so transformed how they lived, loved, and looked at life and even more so the return of Jesus. They were living and looking for Jesus to come, as they served and preached the gospel to a lost and dying world (Titus 2:11-14).

Grace upon grace...

What was promised in the Older Testament?

More than we have time to deal with in this post but we can sum it up like this:

Paul tells us that the consensus of the promises made by the prophets and Moses is this:

What WOULD Happen?

What WOULD He do?

How WOULD He do it?

Who WOULD He do it through?

We need to know these answers and how they apply to us personally.

As Paul shared with King Agrippa — he spoke in harmony with the theme of all the scriptures.

The theme of the entire scriptures is the Christ and His conquest:

The person and personal work of Jesus Christ. As Peter would describe it: "Of this salvation... the truth pointed to the grace that would come to you... of the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

1 Peter 1:10-12

Paul says:

"Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come — that the Christ WOULD suffer, that He (Christ) WOULD be the first to rise from the dead, and [He, Christ] WOULD proclaim light to the Jewish people and the Gentiles." Acts 26:19-23

I love this revelation:

"...that Jesus WOULD suffer, that He Jesus WOULD be the first to rise from the dead, and Jesus WOULD proclaim light to the Jewish people and the Gentiles." Acts 26:19-23

If Jesus didn't live, we have nothing! If Jesus didn't suffer, we have nothing. If Jesus didn't rise, we have nothing! If Jesus doesn't live in us, we have nothing! If Jesus doesn't live His life through us, we have nothing! If Jesus doesn't preach by us, we have nothing! If Jesus doesn't proclaim His light through us today, we have nothing but darkness to proclaim!

Yes, glory, His life and cross speak, and may His will be done in, with, and through us, so that we speak His message in our day.

The cross speaks. It speaks volumes. It speaks of love and grace, mercy and wrath, reconciliation and redemption, judgment, and justice, righteousness, and forgiveness and so much more, that we'll spend an eternity learning the depths of its meaning.

May we trust Him, follow Him wherever He leads, and learn all we can from Him that we may catch men with Him.

I encourage you... from Luke 5:

You Launch out — Go with Him

You Let down — the net of the gospel wherever He leads.

You Lift up — the net expecting Him to use you and save as He promised.

You Let others — join and y'all support each other as y'all build His kingdom and expand His glory.

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