

Celebration and Worship

Sunday, March 11, 2007

For your benefit, as well as for those around you, we offer child-care for birth - three year old. An usher/greeter will assist you to the preschool area. Our Sunday morning service is broadcast weekly at 11:00 a.m. on WKXX, 102.9 FM.
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COMPASSIONATE LIVING: EVIDENCING REAL FAITH BEFORE THE JUDGE

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right, “Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me.”

Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?” And the King will answer them, “I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”

Then He will also say to those on the left, “Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you didn’t take Me in; I was naked and you didn’t clothe Me, sick and in prison and you didn’t take care of Me.”

*Then they too will answer, “Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or without clothes, or sick, or in prison, and not help You?” Then He will answer them, “I assure you: Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me either.” And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.
(Matthew 25:31-46 HCSB)*

For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9 HCSB)

GOD’S JUDGMENT IS NOT BASED ON MY _____, BUT ON MY FAITH OR UNFAITH

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. According to His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, uncorrupted, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by God’s power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5 HCSB)

Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit that is produced. “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but [only] the one who does the will of My Father in heaven. On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in Your name, drive out demons in Your name, and do many miracles in Your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you! Depart from Me, you lawbreakers!’” (Matthew 7:20 NLT; 21-23 HCSB)

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MINISTRIES OF COMPASSION ARE THE _____ (EVIDENCES) OF MY SALVATION

Jesus lists six focal points of compassion ministry.

1. Feeding the hungry
2. Refreshing the thirsty
3. Being hospitable to the stranger
4. Clothing the naked
5. Caring for the sick
6. Visiting those in prison

Suppose you see a brother or sister who needs food or clothing, and you say, “Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all—it is dead and useless. (James 2:15-17 NLT)

Pastor’s Suggested Daily Bible Reading...

Monday	March 12	Luke 7
Tuesday	March 13	Luke 8
Wednesday	March 14	Luke 9
Thursday	March 15	Luke 10
Friday	March 16	Luke 11
Saturday	March 17	Psalms 33
Sunday	March 18	Psalms 34