

THIS SATURDAY EVENING 'FALL BACK' YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR!

GROWING IN GRACE LETTERS! – Calling saints in Christ, (in our homes and with one another in Church), to walk in the Steps of Jesus! (1 Peter 2:15-25) Edited by James Bell, a servant of Jesus Christ!

10 28 25 V1n25 — THE CALL OF GOD FOR TRANSFORMATION!

Reformation Day is celebrated on October 31, the day on which Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517. **LUTHER:** "I simply taught and preached God's Word; otherwise, I did nothing. And then ... while I slept ... the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. **I did nothing. THE WORD DID IT ALL!"**

QUESTION: What will happen WHEN WE stop grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit and we start being filled with the Holy Spirit ... **THUS, having the Word of Christ, the Word of God DWELL IN US RICHLY?** (Eph 5:18; Col 3:16) **ANSWER:** **We will have lifestyles like the Christians of the New Testament!**

I. We will embrace Paul's confession:

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, **I am ready** to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For **I am not ashamed** of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto

salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:14-16)

II. When the gospel of God’s amazing, saving grace invades a life— THE FOLLOWING ARE NORMAL ‘Acts 2:36-47’ experiences, changes:

1. Acts 2:36-37— there will be CONVICTION of sin (Also see, John 16:8- 11) **and a** growing realization that it was not merely the Jews or the Romans who crucified Christ— **“No! O God, it was ALSO ME!”**

2. Acts 2: 38-41— there will be REPENTANCE and FAITH brought on by a supernatural work of the calling of God. (Paul summed up his gospel preaching: Acts 20:19-21— **“repentance toward God and faith toward our LORD JESUS CHRIST!”**) This ‘repentance and faith’ is expressed in a glad receiving of the convicting Word of God and a public identification with Christ in ‘death/burial/resurrection’ in the waters of baptism.

3. Acts 2:42-47— LIFESTYLE TRANSFORMATION by the gospel! Because the Holy Spirit now INDWELLS the newborn redeemed, many NEW THINGS become STANDARD for all those who are truly saved! Second Corinthians 5:17—

“Therefore, if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away.

Behold, the fresh and new has come!” (Amplified) Notice the FRUIT from being New Creations in Christ Jesus— all with no begging, bribing, or appeals to the flesh. **Just the miracle overflow of NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!**

Acts 2:42-47: **a.** A Continual devotion to the study of the Word of God. **b.** Learning the doctrines of the Word of God and having fellowship with other believers. **c.** Partaking of the LORD’S SUPPER. **d.** Prayer with other believers. **e.** Reverential fear of God. **f.** Sharing possessions with one another so that no one is left ‘out in the cold.’

g. Sharing meals with other saints in Christ with gladness and joy. **h.** Praising God. **i.** Having respect from neighbors who are, doubtless, impressed by the new supernatural lifestyle of the believers. **j.** Into such an environment, God adds more believers!

SAD REALITY: To the extent that true saints in Christ are not experiencing/living Acts 2:36-47 Christianity — we are grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit. Let us be broken and repent. Let us follow in the steps of the new born redeemed of Acts 2:36-47!

III. When the gospel of God’s amazing, saving grace invades a life there will be ‘CRUCIFIXION WITH CHRIST!’ (Galatians 2:20; 5:18-23; 6:14; Rom. 6:14-23)

THEREFORE: When a non-Christian or a Believer sees us out in daily life **and/or** when they walk into our Sunday School Classes **or** a Sunday Worship Service— **they will witness people who are** crucified to sin and self; **and a people who are** risen in Christ, living free from the ruling power of sin, self, satan, and/or society; **and a people** led in accordance with Galatians 2:20; 5:18-23; 6:14; Rom 6:14-23; and Rom. 8:7-16.

THEY WILL WITNESS a people who have and manifest love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control. **They will witness a people** of holiness, love and forgiveness! These are all divine grace transformations GIVEN to and INDWELLING every born again Christian! AND THEREFORE: To the extent that our world IS NOT witnessing the above NORMAL Christianity FLOWING FROM US — we must humble ourselves and repent!

IV. When the gospel of God's amazing grace invades OUR life — there will be OPEN, PUBLIC TESTIFYING OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR OUR SOULS!

1. Psalm 22:22, 25— "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: **in the midst of the congregation** will I praise Thee. My praise shall be of Thee **in the great congregation**: I will pay my vows **before them that fear him.**"

2. Psalm 35:18— "I will give Thee thanks **in the great congregation**: I will praise thee **among** much people."

3. Psalm 66:16— "Come and hear, all you who fear God, And **I will declare** what He has done for my soul."

4. Psalm 107— "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,** Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy!" **IN**

LIGHT OF THE ABOVE SCRIPTURES, CONSIDER THE POWERFUL IMPACT

THE FOLLOWING PRACTICES WILL MAKE:

1. **Before** Sunday School, **between** Sunday School and the Worship hour, **after** the worship hour and during lunch— while we may chat a little about the weather, work, family, or 'the game' ... **the highlight of our conversation will be:** "This week ... or today ... or from Daily Bible reading, or from the Sunday School lesson, or from the preached Word of God, etc!" ... **"God (Through His WORD, quickened by His Spirit) spoke to me today ... convicting ... encouraging ... instructing ... rebuking/correcting..."** OR: "GOD SPOKE TO ME TODAY and brought me from death to life ..." ... ALL through the powerful Word of God! **NOTE... AT WORK ON MONDAY, YOU TESTIFY SOMETHING LIKE, "Yesterday at Church services, I declare what God did for my soul!"**

2. THEREFORE, when we READ/STUDY the Word of God and/or when we participate in a group Bible Study and/or when we sit

under the sound of the preaching of the Word of God, we must be asking ourselves questions like —

Is there a sin to confess? Are there promises to claim? Are there commands of God to obey? Are there examples to follow? Is there error to avoid? Is there truth to believe? Is there PRAISE and THANKSGIVING to give to God?

3. MOREOVER, LET US TESTIFY in the midst of the Congregation: Psalm 35:18— I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Psalm 66:16 — Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.

V. WHEN A VISITOR WALKS INTO ONE OF OUR S.S. CLASSES AND/OR WORSHIP SERVICES... OR INTO OUR HOMES — They should witness A CONGREGATION or a family OF SERVANTS OF CHRIST WHO ARE ALL **'ADDICTED' TO TRUE CHURCH WORK! (1 Cor. 12:7- 13:8)** Practically, what does this 'Church work' look like? You may never sing in the Choir, preach a sermon, teach a S.S. lesson or be set before the congregation as a deacon —

But every Christian is equipped by the Holy Spirit and commissioned to actively carry out the following POWERFUL ministries:

1. "...Be at peace with each other" (Mark 9:50)
2. "...Wash one another's feet" (John 13:14)

3. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34-35; John 15:12, 17)
4. "Love one another"(Romans 13:8)
5. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
6. "Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10)
7. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
8. "...Stop passing judgment on one another" (Romans 14:13)
9. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..."
(Romans 15:7)
10. "...instruct one another" (Romans 15:4)
11. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16,
I Corinthians 16:20, II Corinthians 13:12; I Thessalonians 5:26)
12. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other" (I
Corinthians 11:33)
13. "...Have equal concern for each other" (I Corinthians 12:25)
14. "...Serve one another in love" (II Corinthians 13:12)
15. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
16. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be
destroyed by each other" (Galatians 5:15)
17. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each
other" (Galatians 5:26)

18. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2)
19. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)
20. "...forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4:32)
21. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19)
22. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21)
23. "...in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3)
24. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
25. "Bear with each 10 other..." (Colossians 3:13)
26. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another" (Colossians 3:13)
27. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
28. "...admonish one another" (Colossians 3:16)
29. "...make your love increase and overflow for each other" (I Thessalonians 3:12)
30. "Encourage one another" (I Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11; Hebrews 10:25)

31. "...Build each other up..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
32. "Encourage one another daily..." (Hebrews 3:13)
33. "Spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)
34. "...Do not slander one another" (James 4:11)
35. "Don't grumble against each other" (James 5:9)
36. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
37. "...Pray for each other" (James 5:16)
38. "Love one another deeply, from the heart" (I Peter 1:22, 4:8)
39. "... Live in harmony with one another..." (I Peter 3:8)
40. "Greet one another with a kiss of love" (I Peter 5:14)
41. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling" (I Peter 4:9)
42. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10)
43. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (I Peter 5:15)
44. "Love one another" (I John 3:11, 23; 4:7,11,12; II John 5)

The above '44 commands' are God's assignment for all saints in Christ. And Jesus is saying: "If a man [woman, youth, child] love Me, he will keep My words: and my Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with 11 him. **He that**

loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.” (John 14:23-24)

ON 'REFORMATION DAY' 2025, THE GREAT NEED IS THAT WE EMBRACE AND HEED THE WORD OF GOD! GOD IS CALLING US TO A NEW AND FRESH OBEDIENCE as an expression of loving Him because He first loved us!

Grace! Peace! Love in Christ! To All Saints! James Bell
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Services, NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sunday School @ 9:30am; classes all ages
WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:45am

SPECIAL MEETINGS: 11/2- Covered Dish, Fellowship Meal, after Morning Worship 11/9- JOSEPH HUBBARD, Creation Research, 5:00pm 11/16- LORD'S SUPPER, after Morning Worship // HOME GROUPS

11/23- FOURTH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP- 5:00pm

EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am— Men's Bible Study (Doors open by 7:30am— Enjoy Coffee / Juice / Donuts / Hardee's Biscuits!) STUDY starts @ 8:00am— ROMANS 2

NEXT Ladies Bible Study— November 11 @ 11:00am
 (LESSONS from JOB) – (Downstairs, BIG Bible Study room)

EVERY TUESDAY @ 10:00am – 10:30am LADIES PRAYER MEETING (Back door, first room on right)

TUESDAY EVENING, Teens, Young Adults— Bible Study, 'EXODUS!' ... 7:15pm @ Jaden & Rhi's home

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm— (Come in back double doors; **ADULT MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**)

YOUNG FAMILIES— Study & Prayer Service

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