

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Romans 8:14

Store In My Heart

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

The first of the four books that tell the story of Jesus ends with this assurance and the instruction to tell the world.

Though found first in our Bibles, Matthew probably wrote his gospel about 20 or 30 years after the death of the Savior with a focus on showing his Jewish brethren that Jesus is the Messiah spoken of by the prophets of old. From the genealogy in the first chapter through this statement of authority at the close, Matthew speaks regularly of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders as he shows the fulfillment of prophecy in the life and ministry of Jesus.

We would do well to spend time considering these proofs for our own faith even today. Truly Jesus is the Messiah!



Blessings Beyond Measure

Johnny Ramsey

It was not easy being a Christian in the first century. But, through the Savior Jesus Christ, victory could ultimately be won. *"We are always led in triumph in Christ"* (**2Corinthians 2:14**). C.A. Miles wrote a brilliant stanza for us to sing that brings out the real challenge of Christianity.

It may be in the valley, Where countless dangers hide;
It may be in the sunshine That I, in peace, abide;
But this one thing I know - If it be dark or fair,
If Jesus goes with me, I'll go anywhere.

Contentment does not come from what we have, but from the One to whom we belong. Paul says it cogently, *"If God be for us, who can be against us?"* (**Romans 8:31**). The prophet of old brilliantly reminds us that there are, *"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision"* (**Joel 3:14**). To halt between whether we serve God or the world is a deadly mistake (**1Kings 18:21**). We are either for the Lord, or we are against Him (**Matthew 12:30**).

There can be no fence-straddlers in covenant relationship with the Savior (**Matthew 6:24**). There are only two destinations - heaven and hell -- and we choose, by our actions, where we will spend eternity (**Matthew 25:31-46; 7:13-14**). The easy road is the wrong path. It takes determined effort and spiritual commitment to wind up in glory. That is why the majority will be lost, because it takes no backbone at all to be lost! Wise men realize the truth of this

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For Our Information

TIME CHANGE MARCH 13TH

JoBeth Henderson will see her ankle doctor Monday.

Dottie Henderson is doing well and may go home near the end of the week.

Dwight Rickard, Dan's cousin passed away late Friday evening. He had been in the hospital with pneumonia.

Tonight we start in 2Samuel 18:1.

Wednesday we will start Colossians 3:18.

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

maxim: "Being one jump ahead is not any good unless we are headed in the right direction."

Someone has properly explained that our success will be measured by what we do with the circumstances of life, rather than by the circumstances themselves. If a man were stranded on an isolated island and then were to read an up-to-date newspaper of our current society, he might choose not to be "rescued." For, at least, in his lonely existence, there is no war, strife or foolish argumentation. The Master comforted the disciples, while in their midst, *"Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid...My peace I give unto you; let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (Mark 6:50; John 14:27).

As Christ prepared to go back to the Father, a promise was given regarding another Comforter -- the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit came, it was for the major, epochal purpose of guiding the apostles *"into all truth"* (John 16:13). This is a tremendous verse with everlasting repercussions. During the balance of the first century -- from the time the Holy Spirit came to guide the apostles until the death of the apostles by the end of that century -- some 65 years in all, the Holy Spirit revealed the message of the New Testament. That testament is called, *"The everlasting testament"* (Hebrews 13:20), because it will endure forever. Therefore, there would never be a need or purpose for a latter-day revelation. Since we are *"complete in Him"* (Colossians 2:10), we do not need another prophet, nor priest, nor king. We need not discuss whether Joseph Smith is better than Ellen G. White or if Charles Russell is superior to Mary Baker Eddy, nor Mohammed better than the pope, because all such writings and claims are superfluous and false.

Let us be content with living for Christ, in His church and according to His Holy Scriptures. These are the blessings beyond measure!

(The article above goes well with our lesson today. We have great blessings in Christ. When we keep our focus on Him it is also easier to see the physical blessings we enjoy instead of being distracted by the difficulties and troubles of life. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!