Following Jesus At Any Cost 04: Trust

Conversation with the Word - Part II

Discover the joy and peace of entrusting your life and your future to Jesus. Here are 5 steps for you to trust your present and eternal life in Him:

1 – Be certain of God's unconditional love for you The Bible says in Romans 5:7,8;

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

What do we learn from Romans 8:38,39?

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(We only trust those who love us, that is scientific. We can only trust unconditionally who loves us unconditionally!)

2 – What Paul is talking about in these two texts?: <u>Romans 6:23</u>: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

And Romans 3:23

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

What those verses mean for you. What God wants you to know? (We all need Jesus as our Saviour. Without Him, all your efforts are in vain.)

3 - Learn that our situation is not hopeless: John 3:16 says to us:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

And Paul, in <u>Ephesians 2:8-9</u> complements:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."

God wants you to be sure that Christ gives you Eternal life as a gift to you when you give yourself to Him and follow Him.

4 – As the book of Ezekiel says many times, we need a new heart (e.g., Ezekiel 18:31; 36:26)! But how? 1 John 1:9:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(Come to Jesus and He gives you a new heart).

5 –Finally, we have to know that it is Christ who, since Eden, makes every effort to be with us and to rescue us. You just need to give yourself. From Genesis to Revelation the message of the Bible is the same: Jesus never gives up in you and me. Let's look at what Rev 3:20 says:

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

(Give your life to Him. Invite Him into your heart today! Invite him to walk with you and in you).

Friend, I want you to know that trusting Christ is a process. It is a continuous process that will only end when we receive from Him the Eternal Life He promised.

I want you to know that I have not always been at peace about my salvation. I was worried that I was good enough. I focused more on what I was doing than what Christ was doing for me.

Only years after my conversion, a friend cared about me enough to show me what Jesus truly did and does for me and started teaching me to trust Him. And he showed me some of the same verses that I shared with you today. When I read 1 John 5:13, I was so happy because I discovered that, in Jesus, I could

have eternal life.

Really understanding that Jesus gave me the free gift of salvation filled me with love for Him. And because of what He did for me, I want to serve and obey Him. He gave me much more than I could ever dream or imagine, and most of all, more than I could ever give Him.

My friends, my brothers and sisters, thank Jesus for loving you the way you are! Nothing can separate you from His unconditional love and He will help you become everything you can be. You can trust Him and rest on Him, even on the middle of the biggest storm on life.

Thank Jesus for dying in your place, as a penalty for your sins. Once you are alone with Him, tell Him that you believe that everything He has done for you is a gift from His Grace that He has given you and that you accept it.

Ask Jesus to forgive your sins and He will!! Ask him to give you faith and to deal with your unbelief. He will give you a new heart and a new beginning.

So, invite Jesus now to be in your life and to be your life.!