

Theme for 2021

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT; WE ARE ONE IN THE LORD!

‘They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love.’

“I have commissioned them to represent me just as you commissioned me to represent you. And now I dedicate myself to them as a holy sacrifice so that they will live as fully dedicated to God and be made holy by your truth.” “And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them so that they will be joined together as one and experience the same unity that we enjoy. You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and the world will be convinced that you have sent me, for they will see that you love each one of them with the same passionate love that you have for me.”

John 17:18-23 The Passion Translation (TPT)



This Week’s Thought – January 24, 2021

“Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].” 1 Corinthians 15:58 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” I imagine there are days in all of our lives when we wonder if the works we do really matter. We wonder if God notices the small things, the sacrificial things, and the ways that we serve Him that are difficult. Well, here is some great news: **God is paying attention and He is taking note!** No, not to count your good works unto salvation, because good works can in no way save anyone, but He is paying attention, taking note and will not forget to thank and reward you when you see Him in Heaven.

Hebrews 6:10 says: *“For God, the Faithful One, is not unfair. How can he forget the beautiful work you have done for Him? He remembers the love you demonstrate as you continually serve his beloved ones for the glory of his name.”*

Everything you and I do for Christ is recorded and He doesn’t cast a blind eye to it. He will reward you for it.

This is such great news, because this means we aren’t taking a meaningless trip around the sun. We aren’t filling up space and time and days until we finally get home. What we do here, right now, affects what happens there. The reality of our earthly lives is undeniably and irrevocably connected to the heartbeat of heaven.

When it’s a struggle to serve, love, and care, He notices.

When you stay up all night with a sick child, sick friend, sick spouse or sick mate, He notices.

When you wrestle in prayer and anguish over the lost souls in your family, He notices.

When you give out of empty pockets, He notices.

When you support those who are leading the way to make a difference in our world, He notices.

He notices, and He will reward you. Your efforts are not in vain and they delight the Lord’s heart.

“Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.” (1 Samuel 12:24)

Application: Consider how you can serve God today and delight His heart, because He notices.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear LORD, I need help believing that You are delighted with me. Please fill me with Your wisdom and defend me against condemning thoughts about myself. I know I am lovingly, wonderfully made by You. I know that You know every breathe I take, and I know that You are acquainted with all my thoughts, the passions of my heart, my longings and trials. Nothing about me is lost to You, and all You know about me, both the good and bad, never changes Your love for me. I know when You look at me You see something ‘very good.’ Help me know these things. Help me live confidently and at peace because of Your delight in me. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King