

“Undeniable Truth from The Savior’s Resume” Matthew 9:14-38

Religion is the worst thing in the world because it’s the greatest opposition to God’s truth; it’s ritual without reality behind it while Christianity is the best thing in the world because it’s reality without arrogance behind it.

Nothing Satan ever devised has been so successful as religion in blinding man’s eyes to the truth. Religious legalism is Satan’s answer to spiritual growth; his counterfeit for the greater-grace life of blessing and reward offered by God.

Christianity is a relationship with God through regeneration while religious legalism is a relationship with Satan through rebellion against God and so, it’s entirely possible for a born-again believer to be religiously rebellious.

God doesn’t give points for simply going without food but there is a bona fide fasting which involves the spiritual principle of spending time we would normally use for eating and other legitimate functions and dedicating it to the study of the Word of God and prayer.

Legalism always seeks to place believers in direct opposition to Jesus Christ because legalism hates grace, so it causes believers to imitate unbelievers by being linked with them.

The type of fast that we have at the Communion Table is a legitimate fast because it’s a time of forgetting about ourselves, our needs and our relationships with other people; it’s a time to remember everything we know about the Lord Jesus Christ!

The new wine refers to the Church Age believer’s way of life and the old wine skin is legalism and we just cannot take the Christian way of life and pour it into a system of legalistic religion; we have to put it in a new wine skin and the new wine skin is living the life of God’s amazing GRACE!

As far as life for the believer in Jesus Christ is concerned, there is no suffering too great for the plan of God!

It’s impossible for anyone to suffer like Jesus Christ did on the Cross and every blessing we will ever have in time or eternity comes out of His suffering!

Some of the worst criticizers in the world are Christians because the worst people in the world as far as the sins of the tongue are concerned, are born-again believing self-appointed judges of others.

Jesus didn’t heal people to improve their health so they could feel better; He performed acts of healing and other miracles to focus attention on Himself because the important thing is the eternal life that He alone provides, not how we feel in this temporary life!

Confidence in God is what we all have to have and when we live in faith-rest, we have an abundance of confidence because our problems are in the Lord’s Hands and NOT ours!

When we place a problem in the Lord’s Hands, it’s only logical to think that He’s going to handle it for us.

The principle is obvious: If these two blind men could realize that Jesus is Messiah, the son of David, any resident with eyesight; especially the highly trained religious leaders, should be able to make the same identification and determination.

The prepositional phrase ‘according to’ kata in the Greek is used for a norm, standard or criterion and in Matthew 9:29, the normal standard for this activity is operation Faith-Rest which gives all the credit and glory to God; since He does the work, He gets all the credit!

The man who was mute was only saved for five or ten minutes and he can go out and tell others about it; so, it isn’t how long you’ve been in the Christian life that counts because some people can witness fairly well from day one and make the issue of the Gospel clear.

Note what's first here, it's teaching; in other words, when we're sharing the Gospel, we have to convey accurate information and teaching is the skillful communication of correct biblical information.

We're never going to be successful as soul winners until we have a reasonable sympathy for the lost based on biblical truth.

All prayer is directed to the Father and under the principle of prayer when we're praying for a harvest, we pray that God the Holy Spirit will use us, our brains, our biblical truth and our processed wisdom to deal with people in the right way.

If we're willing to pray, we'll be willing to go; so, this prayer in Matthew 9:38 means we're available for Christian service and Jesus is not going to use people who are not willing to do it His way and prayer is used here as a test of our willingness to be available.