

TITLE: THE LIFE GOD INTENDS FOR US – is through shared fellowship w/Christ

TEXT: 2 PET.3:1-14

GOSPEL: God teaches us that all things will come to an end and if we're ready He has prepared for us a new world filled with God's righteousness

Q: What does this new world look like – this life of God's righteousness?

TEXT: ROM. 12:14-16

- Bless others - those who persecute you; pray that God will bless them
- **Be happy w/those who are happy & weep w/ those who weep**
- Live in harmony [unity, peace] w/each other
- Enjoy the company of ordinary people – slow down, listen, look for something in common
- Learn something from each other

ECC.3:1-8 FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON...a time for every activity

A time to be born – a time to die; a time to plant – a time to harvest; to tear-down – to build-up; a time to cry – a time to laugh

Q: WHAT THINGS IN THIS LIFE OUGHT TO BE IMPORTANT TO US?

- **1 COR.13:13**, THREE THINGS WILL LAST FOREVER - FAITH; HOPE; & LOVE – AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
- **LOVE** – MAKES ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL [1COR.13:4-7]
- **FAITH** – MAKES ALL THINGS POSSIBLE [MAT.19:26] - W/GOD...
- **HOPE** – MAKES ALL THINGS WORK [ROM.8:28]

Q: WHO HAS GOD PUT IN YOUR LIFE THAT NEEDS SOME EXTRA-LOVE?

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- **GAL.5:22-23**, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THIS KIND OF FRUIT IN OUR LIVES: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL...
- **GAL.5:24-25**, THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE NAILED THE PASSIONS AND DESIRES OF THEIR SINFUL NATURE TO HIS CROSS AND CRUCIFIED THEM THERE. SINCE WE ARE LIVING BY THE SPIRIT, LET US FOLLOW THE SPIRIT'S LEADING IN EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES.
- **GAL.6:2**, SHARE EACH OTHER'S BURDENS, AND IN THIS WAY OBEY THE LAW OF CHRIST.

READ LUKE 17:11-20-21

WE SEE THAT GOD IS RULING IN THE HEARTS OF SOME; KING JESUS WAS STANDING AMONG THEM - HIS PRESENCE GAVE THEM A TASTE OF THE KINGDOM

- **JOHN 18:36**, CHRIST'S KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD
- **ISA.35:4-10**, ONE DAY THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE MANIFEST ON EARTH
- **LET US WORK TO ELIMINATE SORROW**
- **LET US WORK TO BRING JOY AND GLADNESS**

If we were to hear God's voice today, He would invite us to learn from the life of Joshua...

READ JOSHUA 18:1-3

VS.3 HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT BEFORE TAKING POSSESSION

JOSHUA 19:49-50 – JOSHUA REBUILT THE TOWN AND LIVED THERE.

- SINCE GOD INTENDS FOR US TO ESTABLISH AND LIVE IN HIS KINGDOM, HE IS ASKING THAT WE DO NOT DELAY IN BRINGING ABOUT THE KINGDOM BY REBUILDING LIVES WITHIN THESE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE LIVE.
- BE PATIENT, KIND, SELF-LESS, FORGIVING, MERCIFUL, HOPEFUL, BE CONSTANT/ PRESENT IN THE LIVES OF THOSE ALL AROUND YOU.

Q: HAS GOD SHOWN YOU SOMEONE WHO IS SAD/ IN NEED OF LOVE – GO!

Q: HAS GOD SHOWN YOU SOMEONE WHO IS HAPPY – GO! JOIN THEM & REJOICE IN THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LOVE