



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Father I ask that each person that Your Word comes alive to them. Mentor and teach each one and give them wisdom, knowledge, intelligence and understanding. Give each one peace and I ask that You supply all their needs, bless and keep them, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant to your servants, that with all boldness they may speak your word, 30 By stretching forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of your holy child Jesus. Mark 16:17; 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. Acts 16:26;

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 2:44; 1Pet 3:8; 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was on them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made to every man according as he had need. Isa 58:7;

Acts 4 : 29-35

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Do you ever feel inadequate sharing with other people about God because you have not received any Christian education or training? The best and highest training is by the Holy Spirit. It is through Him and God's grace that we have and obtain the knowledge. Ask Him to teach you through the Word, as you spend time in prayer, and as you rely on His grace. We learn through the Word of God and the knowledge He gives us and wisdom and our experiences in life (trials, day to day living). Experience itself is a good teacher as long as we see God is in it. God's Spirit leads us through many situations and will teach us as we go through them if we are open to learning. The school of the Holy Spirit is an education that can exceed anything you can learn in a classroom. When we are taught in a classroom we must be careful and make sure what we are taught lines up with the written Word. Even in a classroom we must test the spirits. Sometimes the teachers and professors may be taught in a different faith and that religions traditions and sometimes legalism are filtered in. Even in my 20 years back with the Lord, people tell me in their church they attend, some have said that they are only allowed to read the Word (that is the highest authority), and than only articles written by members of their church....the Word is written by God and is the highest authority in learning...other authors are secondary....if it does not line up with the Word, it is false teaching. No man or woman heals or converts only God can and His Son....God draws us to Him, He offers the invitation, we don't....only He can forgive sins....not mankind. Any healings that happen come from God not people.....any miracles come from God not people....people are used yes, but it is in fact God not them.....Prayers answered are not people, it is God. If we think it is people, or if people charge for it, than a false God, is created....God will not be mocked. Many people write about their life testimony again it has to line up with the Word of God...if it does not, it is not God....Angels are not to be worshipped they are not God. If a person gives a prophecy and they say they are a prophet, it will never go against God's Word, and if it does not come to pass, they are false prophets...Today many churches are not teaching the Word of God but tickling people's ears and telling them and agreeing with people what they want to hear.....test the spirits, and read the Word, so that when they teach incorrectly you know it.....

Though the Pharisees were the instigators of Christ's death, the Sadducees were the persecutors of the early Church. The Sadducees were materialists and didn't believe in spirits or resurrection, and the church was preaching, resurrection through Christ. The rulers who had crucified Jesus are now alarmed at the spreading reports of His resurrection from the dead and the growing popularity of His name. They arrest Peter and John and order them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus. Note the boldness of Peter (vv. 9-12; 19-20) the same Peter who a few weeks earlier, in the same place and before the same people, had cowed at the sneer of a girl and denied his Master (Matthew 26: 69-75). In utter fearlessness, he defies his Master's murderers. The Holy Spirit gave Peter the courage to speak boldly to the religious council. The laws of God always supersede the laws of man. After one night in prison (v. 5, 21), Peter and John are released, and God shows His approval of their boldness by the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage all of this happened when they had prayed.. (vv. 29, 31). The Christians prayed for boldness to continue witnessing rather than for an end to the threats.

The threat from the rulers made little impression on the church. "One soul" refers to the Christians being of one mind. They had all things in common (" in fellowship"). The church continues in its spirit of brotherly love and it keeps on growing by leaps and bounds.

6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, said the LORD of hosts. 7 Who are you, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace to it.

Zech. 4 : 6-7

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. Heb 9:8; John 1:17; John 1:4; John 11:25; John 10:9 John 14: 6

2 You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not. 3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it on your lusts. Matt 20:22; Rom 8:26; James 4 : 2-3

(do you see it??.....they prayed and asked, even when things were going wrong, they did not ask to consume it on lusts, to me they did not ask their enemies to be cursed (a form of killing), they did not ask to be delivered but to go forth. They knew it was not them; not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.....and than they also knew that Jesus is the only way, truth and life and that no man comes to the Father, but by Me. They prayed as a first resort, not a last ditch effort. There hearts were in the right place, they were doing it in love for the right reason...as a result every person in the room they were assembled in they all were filled with the Holy Spirit, they continued to speak the Word of God with; freedom, boldness and courage....) (a light bulb minute to me anyway, and we are learning, studying together...digging into the Word...I love to take things a part and study them...8) ...)

Also a pondering point.....I have seen many churches/ ministries grow by leaps and bounds that were doing as Jesus said to do: the widows (divorced), the orphans (foster kids), the ill, the elderly, the hungry, the poor, the imprisoned (there are all kinds of cells, not just jail cells...also includes abuse which causes a prison), your neighbor...etc.....not for a persons gain, but in love to do as we have been instructed by God in the Bible. It has to be done in love for the right purpose...and of course what God leads you to do. We are not saved by works.....it will not get you to heaven...we are saved by grace....and grace without works is dead.....in other words.....He teaches, He guides, we go forth.....He calls us, He takes us, He breaks us, He anoints us, He blesses us , He passes us out to go forth as His hands and feet....

Three thousand on the first day (2:41), then five thousand men (4:4), then " more and more men and women" (5: 14). The number of disciples kept increasing rapidly, including many priests (6: 7).

The believers were one in heart and mind (v. 32). The perfect unity of the early church is directly associated with the great power the apostles had in performing miracles and teaching unbelievers with the message of the Gospel. (v. 34-37) The communal living is not the same as the atheistic communism of today. The Christians chose to give up their personal possessions and to share among themselves. The choice perhaps wasn't inspired by the Holy Spirit, because serious financial difficulties resulted for the church in Jerusalem. (New Testament Study Guide; Chuck Smith; 2005; page 57)

Barnabas—was a Levite from Cyprus, a cousin of John Mark (Colossians 4: 10), whose mother's home was a meeting place for Christians (Acts 12: 12). He must have been a man of commanding appearance, as implied in (14:12). He was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit (11 : 24). He persuaded the disciples in Jerusalem to receive Paul (9 : 27) and was sent to receive the Gentiles at Antioch (11 : 19-24). Barnabas brought Paul from Tarsus to Antioch (11 : 25-26) and accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; historical facts, notes and commentaries; pages 727 -729)

(AKJV Bible— translation, based on KJV, a simple word by word..update; The Word, web based Bible, 2010)

(Amplified Bible; 2005; JMM; notes and commentaries, scripture)

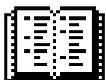
(New Testament Study Guide; Chuck Smith; 2005; notes and commentaries)

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corin. 13:13

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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Psalm 37

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be you envious against the workers of iniquity. Prov 23:17; Prov 24:1;
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and truly you shall be fed.
- 4 Delight yourself also in the LORD: and he shall give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Ps 22:8; Ps 55:22; Prov 16:3; Matt 6:25; Luke 12:22; 1Pet 5:7;
- 6 And he shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not yourself in any wise to do evil.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yes, you shall diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Matt 5:5;
- 12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes on him with his teeth.
- 13 The LORD shall laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.
- 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.
- 16 A little that a righteous man has is better than the riches of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.
- 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
- 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.
- 21 The wicked borrows, and pays not again: but the righteous shows mercy, and gives.
- 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delights in his way.
- 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholds him with his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.
- 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; and his seed is blessed.
- 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for ever more.
- 28 For the LORD loves judgment, and forsakes not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of judgment.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. Ps 40:8; Isa 51:7;
- 32 The wicked watches the righteous, and seeks to slay him.
- 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.
- 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.
- 36 Yet he passed away, and, see, he was not: yes, I sought him, but he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.
- 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.
- 40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.