

Here's One Reunion You Don't Want to Miss

Class reunions are so much fun. Not. "Wow, you didn't change a bit," I heard a friend say.

But how can one not change during decades? Of course, we change.

But we still state the "politically correct" thing. After all, we're reuniting with friends from our youth. Those friends that joined us in the silly antics. They shared the insecurities that we try so hard to hide. Those friends who, long ago, sparked envy, and others brought comfort.

Reuniting with them is, can we say, "interesting."

Don't Miss This Reunion

But there is one reunion no one should want to miss. The reunion that holds the glorious life after we take our last breath. The reunion that opens the door to the place where no more tears are shed. No more pain. No more sorrow or fear.

That reunion with Jesus makes life on earth bearable, doable and possible.

But really? You might be like a friend who voiced her doubt to me recently. She said, "There are many ways to heaven. I'm a good person, I never hurt anyone intentionally, and I do my best to live right."

Hmmm ... How good is good enough? And living right is right enough?

Did you ever ask that question? What is the level of "goodness" in a person that opens the door to heaven for eternity?

Here's the Answer

God so longs to reunite with us. That's a fact. But one day, He shook His head as He observed our feeble attempts to get it "right." (My personal paraphrase.)

As you can guess, He saw that, on our own, we never could obtain that "good enough" level to gain entry to heaven. So, He did the most amazing thing. He said again that He loves us so much that He sent a Savior to save us from eternal death. He said His name would be Jesus.

There you have Him. Jesus, the Savior, the one in whom we put out hope for life eternal. For a future secure after we close our eyes for the last time. The one who resurrected and is alive. And the one, the only one who promised that when we open our eyes again, we'll be by His side, walking on the streets of gold. Forever whole and complete, overflowing with joy.

What Do You Think?

Is it time to celebrate? Resurrection Sunday holds that promise: death has no power over us. Gloom has no significance. And fear has no grip.

Let's hold on to this truth because the expectation of that reunion with Jesus should keep us dancing in celebration.

That's precisely God's will. And when we do His will, we find comfort in this admonishment:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonderful works in Your name?'" (Matt. 7:21-22).

My Prayer for You

I pray that you, friend, haven't gotten lost in the busyness of life. And distracted, you've been lured by other stuff that you forgot about "that day."

Instead, I hope that you've chosen to open your heart to Jesus and invited Him in. Then you can be certain that as you go through life on earth, you'll be secure. And in the next life, the sweet reunion with Jesus happens.

Until that day, store this promise in your heart:

Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also (John 14:1-3).

The guest list to enter that house contains specific names. Is yours included?

Let's Pray

Father, I don't know the number of my days; show me how to do your will and to know you through your Word. Grant me wisdom and diligence to fill my heart with truth from Scripture and fill my days with your instructions. I ask for the freedom to live a life rich with the security that heaven is guaranteed for me. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- What has kept you from knowing Jesus in a personal way?
- Where will your courage come from to choose to follow Jesus as He instructs?
- What security do you have that heaven awaits you? {eoa}

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