

General Topics :: A Hard saying,...

A Hard saying,... - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/17 9:58

4/17/2019

Revelation:

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(to the flesh,.. self)

That want a religion of their own making,.. but NOT Gods.

Something to fill that void that we have,...

BUT IS IT A DECEPTION ?

Are we deceiving ourselves?.. are we being deceived?

Is a true death, the only "Way" to true Life?

Jn.12:25-26,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Just early morning thoughts.... should I have shared them?

How serious is this?

This is a hard saying.!

I believe it to be truth.

Elizabeth

elizabeth

Re: A Hard saying,... - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/17 10:34

A Song for us:

ABBA FATHER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mDhpQSzEfM&feature=share>

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/19 8:07

continuing thoughts-

I once heard Art Katz say, "when we are called to come, we are called to, come and die"

But how are we called,.. but by His Grace,.. His Devine effluence upon our hearts to go in the "Way" of Life.

I do not believe that we have the strength against the flesh to die, to self,.. the flesh.

We need The Lord's supernatural help, from Grace to Grace,.. it is the enabling power of God.

So.... Grace, more Grace O Lord.

I also remember Art saying that he believed that Grace was "God,Himself"

It is His Devine effluence upon our hearts (Grace) to die, and to have His will, .. His Life, lived out in us.

Is our every obedience to Him, ... His leading by His Spirit (Grace), a death to our way,which is death,.. unto His Way, which is Life?

.....Resurrection ,...â€™™The resurrected Lord , in us
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elizabeth

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2019/4/19 9:02

Some sobering thoughts, especially as we enter this weekend of Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, these are matters to meditate on and pray about.

There were those who followed after seeing the miracles and hearing the good moral teaching of the Sermon on the Mount. There were those who followed after the feeding of five thousand and thought that Jesus would make a great king; but when Jesus spoke about the Cross for Himself and for them and how they must follow Him, well that was a "hard saying."

I think Art Katz is right when he says that flesh cannot die to self. It is a physical impossibility to crucify yourself. We reckon on the fact that God placed us in Christ on the Cross.

In Christ,

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/19 22:18

Bro. Ron,

I, so appreciate your response and communion on this subject.

To me, it seems to be really a key subject....because how can there be a Life, except there be a death ?

*Your quote:

â€™™It is a physical impossibility to crucify yourself.â€™™

I believe that is ever so true !

It was also impossible for me to even forgive at one time,... I had to recognize, and come to the realization that Godâ€™™ Word was right, and I was wrong, ..then I cried out to Him to help me to forgive and to fill my heart w/ love for that person,..(to â€™™saveâ€™™ me from myself) and He did,.... He is a Faithful and a good Father.

*But then you said,

â€™™We reckon on the fact that God placed us in Christ on the Cross.â€™™

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elizabeth

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2019/4/20 0:23

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Sister Elizabeth,

I believe that Scripture teaches both. As I was thinking on death to self my thoughts went to Romans 6 and Paul's exhortation to reckon ourselves dead to sin and alive unto God. I know that when we consecrate ourselves to Jesus God counts

s it as all accomplished and we can reckon on it but I also know that there is no fooling here; we may count it done but step by step we must go through it and it must be written on the record of our hearts and lives.

In Christ,

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/21 9:57

Ron, I appreciate you, and your precipitating, thank you.

Yes, it is a step by step, ... a walked out relationship w/ The Lord, as He leads/guides.....

* Resurrection Day:

Today, many are celebrating Resurrection Day, ... It brings to my thoughts on our death, (baptism), ... but we don't stay dead, ..we resurrect to a new Way, a new Life, ... no longer to live our life (old, flesh way).

Jesus is to Resurrect in us, to Live His Life in / through us, ... (No longer our own, ... submission to Him, ... His rule, Way in us.

* the kingdom of God is the Resurrection of The Lord in us.

His Grace to / upon us is giving His direction, and the enabling power to carry out His will. ... walking in The Spirit. ... He gives us Resurrection Life, ... His Life.

(I could give Scripture to this, .. maybe later.

Blessed Resurrection Day,

Elizabeth

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/25 20:32

A Letter From Smiths Wigglesworth 001

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6Yx4cuiyco&feature=share>*

There is some good and encouraging things to glean from this letter that Smiths Wigglesworth wrote to a man, concerning our dying to our self.

I do hope it encourages you.

Elizabeth

Note:

You may have to move to the beginning of this U Tube letter, .. it seems be advanced-

Re: A Hard saying, ... - posted by twayneb (), on: 2019/4/26 8:29

Elizabeth: I don't know if this is a hard saying or simply the truth of following Christ. There can be no rebirth without death. There can be no glory without participating in His death. I cannot be self willed and have His will come to pass in my life. (His will being to conform me to His image so that I walk in His glory and have His life living through me.) Just last night I was studying our role in participating in His suffering. It is to participate in His death. If I do that, I will share in His glory.

I appreciate the post.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/4/26 8:52

While it is true that there is no resurrection without our death. It is also true that when we die we will also be raised with Him! It is not our responsibility to raise ourself. God will raise us up in Christlikeness. Our job is to just die to flesh when ever we see the pull of flesh. Our part is easy, God's part is difficult.

Re: A Hard saying,... - posted by EAGLEFLYING (), on: 2019/4/26 13:40

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Elizabeth,,

This is HIS truth.. Not hard.. His truth.. If we are truly living as Christ wants we will no longer be conformed to the world. Rom 12:1,2 That can only come by HIS presence, His word and wanting to be more like HIM.. Without dying to us and living to HIM.. we will be religious.. Religion not only kills us it kills others in the name of JESUS.. I see that JESUS had more problems with religious people than anyone else.. He I believe alled them clean on the outside but inside they were like white washed tombs.. their hearts were not for him but for themselves.. Matt 23:27

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

We I believe should be living according to

Gal 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Just some thoughts

In Christ

Sister Frannie

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/4/26 22:33

Travis,

I cannot say it better than you have,.. I am blessed by your response.

Paul says itâ€™s a dying daily.â€™ die daily â€™

,.. but who will count the cost,?....you mean , there is a cost?...

but what is the cost?

It is free, and yet it will cost us.... there are â€™willsâ€™ involved.... will it cost us our will,.. a dying ?

Must we sit down and consider the cost before the house is built ?

The Lord is the Master Builder.

Thanks Travis,

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elizabeth

Re: Die daily - posted by cup (), on: 2019/4/27 8:25

Jesus did not crucify Himself.

When Paul said, "I die daily," he was not speaking of a way of dying, but a way of living.

When Jesus said, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it remains alone," He was not speaking of a way of dying, but a way of living.

Think. If a seed died after it was put into the ground, no farmer would ever plant it and everyone would starve to death. The seed does not die, it takes on the appearance of death. But that appearance of death fools no one (except those who are being tempted by the serpent). It is not long, just a few hours if there is rain, after the seed is planted in the ground, before new life is springing forth from it.

Grace is NOT God doing something for us; grace is God sharing Himself with us every second of every day. That is, sharing with us all the glory of Jesus every step of the way in which we walk. He is doing that NOW!!!

Christ is our NEW AND LIVING WAY. We are continuously being saved by HIS LIFE within us!

Re: - posted by twayneb (), on: 2019/4/27 8:33

Tyler:

Great question to bring up. I can give a few scriptures that come to mind about this. Romans 6 (pretty much the entire chapter), 1 Peter 4 (a good part of the chapter), Romans 8:17, Hebrews 2:5-10, Matt. 16:24, Luke 9:23.

In the church we have made salvation about a feeling of remorse, a prayer of admitting and asking for repentance, and an eternal reward. But scripture does not teach this anywhere. Instead Jesus said that if any man would come after me He must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. He gave us baptism as the sign of our own death, burial, and resurrection with Him. He taught us about a seed having to die before it can spring forth into new life and bear fruit.

Dying with Him means putting our old life to death and being resurrected with His life in us. It is a heart thing, but the outward fruit of it is that I no longer fight for my own will, my own way, my own opinion, my own anything. Through communion with Him I find the life of Christ growing less and less and the life of Christ in me growing more and more. It is staring into His face with my own face unveiled and being transfigured from glory to glory into His image. It is about having the most intimate communion with His sufferings in counting all of my own life loss for His kingdom.

It is about no longer finding my identity in anything other than Him. Let me give a somewhat practical example. A lady and her husband attended our fellowship for a while. She had been singing in church all of her life, but there was no place in our fellowship for her to sing. She began to learn about intimacy with the Father, surrender of her life to Him, and dying to self. She began to hear us preach about having a revelation of His love that had transformed our lives. It perplexed her. She had always found her identity in WHAT she did (singing). She stood before me one day crying and saying that it seemed I had found some sort of a gift from God that she could not get in the revelation I had had of His love for me and my dying to self. I tried to explain it to her, but she could not get past finding her identity in what she did instead of who she was. She eventually left our fellowship because there was no place for her talents to be used. She missed the whole point. Her identity was so tied up in her natural talents, and she was unwilling to die to those things so that God could form Himself in her and resurrect her in a way that her talents could be used by Him in a healthy way. That is just an example of dying to self.

Re: a testimony - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/1 17:47

I thought this testimony of Annie Herring, was most appropriate for our subject, ...
A blessing, ..

Annie , has songs I have listened to on u tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwY24lY1pN4&feature=share>

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