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Seeking Christ - posted by Philip, on: 2003/10/31 12:45

I don't know if I speak for everyone, or just for myself. I spend a lot of time on this site that I really need to be spending in the word. This site is great, but I believe that we each need to get alone with God and do what Ravenhill and all the other teachers on this site challenge us to do. Sometimes we can be everlearning, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. Truth is a person, and if all we ever do is learn about him, I question if we will ever know him. I pray to God that he uses this site, but I am reminded that the men of God who went before learned of Christ in the wilderness and they had a fire burning in them that wouldn't quit. This is what I want,

Philip

Mal 3:16

Re: Seeking Christ - posted by crsschk (), on: 2003/11/1 13:29

Hi Philip,

Been thinking over your comments and I agree in whole, but also in part. My thoughts are better well summed up in this post: (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id531&post_id3490&order1&viewmodeflat&pid0&forum40#3490) A Prayer to be prayed... It is a rather long text by David Wilkerson entitled "The Ministry of Beholding His Face".

A couple of quotes that stood out:

Quote: -----I thank God for everyone who feeds his mind and soul with spiritual things -----

It is why I am here much, listen to Christian talk radio (Preaching/sermons/teaching) and fill in the spaces with sermons from here as well as an audio bible (Max McLean), books, scouring the web for more resources..... Why? Because I get to! I have to, to keep filling my mind with these things, feeding my soul. In this day and age we are living in, which is just a dressed up Sodom and Gomorrah it is all that I can do to keep nourished. Besides, I have finally found an outlet and others who have a passion for the truth, who long to know Him more.

Quote: ----- Fill your storehouse with resources, by getting alone with Jesus and fixing your gaze on him. Then you'll be ready for anything. That is our ministry in these last days. -----

This one I think sums it up best. It is both and...

Getting alone, being still, time spent in His Presence, prayer, and God's word, there is no substitute. But when I can't be alone with Him (though we are never without Him)He is still beside me, behind me, in front of me, above me, below me and inside of me. How could I not be aware of that? It is all encompassing and I have to trust that by The Holy Spirit's leading, the truths of God's word are getting down deep into the bone and marrow by whatever means are used.

I will shut up and go read my Bible now... :-P

Re: - posted by Philip, on: 2003/11/2 18:51

Yes, I have seen that video! It is excellent. What I want to point out is the early church had no such speakers to listen to on a daily basis and they didn't have any books to speak of or any tapes, cds or the like and they turned the world upside down. We have it all, yet are still powerless. There is more to it than we allow. We limit the Holy one of Israel. Let us consider this verse and take note:

Quote:
-----Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. 31And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. 32And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not."
Ezekiel 33:30-32

May this not be me. Search my heart God!

Philip

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/11/8 0:03

Quote:
-----Truth is a person, and if all we ever do is learn about him, I question if we will ever know him.

God has really been working in my heart about this issue of *knowing Him (Jesus)*. I want to share some posts on this to pic and what the Lord has been speaking to me. Here are a few verses and a quote on the subject:

Luke 24:31 (kjv) - And their eyes were opened, and they knew him...

Acts 4:13 (kjv) - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

"It is very possible to have Jesus Himself with you and not know it. It is very possible to listen to all the truth about Jesus, and even to preach about it, and yet not know Him. This fact has made a deep impression on me." - Andrew Murray