



HE CAME TO WORK

John 4:1-6, 27-33

Matthew 1:18-25; Philippians 2:5-11

Were We Good and Faithful Stewards of 2021

- Did we “press forward” unto the goals of 2021?
- Are we significantly more mature today?

Pressing Forward and Upward into 2022

- The race continues! It does not end on 31 December.
(Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
- The way will still be difficult. (Matthew 7:13-14)
- Those who persevere to the end will be saved. (Matthew 10:22; 24:13; Mark 13:13)
- Goals for 2022:
 - ① Deeper Relationship with God. (2 Peter 3:17-18)
 - ② Doing Everything for His Glory. (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31)
 - ③ Piety - pursuing holy living. (Hebrews 12:14)
- Focus for 2022: What is the Gospel according to God?

Growing As Disciples as a Church - A Body

- Disciples grow in a Body according to God. (Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
- Catechism Question #1: What is the chief end of man?
- Memory Work: Psalm 73:25-26; 1 Corinthians 10:31

1 John 2:6; 1 Corinthians 11:1

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- (Matthew 1:21) He came to **save** HIS people from their sins!
 - ☆ He saved us from the **PENALTY** of sin. (Hebrews 9:12; Matthew 20:28; Gal 3:13; Matt 26:28; Romans 3:24-26; 1 John 4:10)

- ☆ He saved us from the **PLEASURE** of sin. (Hebrews 11:25; Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163)
- ☆ He saved us from **POWER** of sin. (Romans 6:14; 8:2; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 John 3:4-10; John 8:36)
- ☆ He saved us from the **PRESENCE** of sin. (Revelation 21:4; 22:3; Hebrews 11:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:42-48)

A Divine Appointment (John 4:1-6)

- (Matthew 1:22) Christ came to fulfill over 300 prophecies!!
 - ★ MEDITATE on this. Remember God's is eternal!
- (John 4:4) "He **must** go through Samaria."
 - δέῃ dei {die} literally means:
"An absolute necessity"
"The will of God"
- Jesus **is** a divine appointment from the Father. (Ephesians 3:11; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; Romans 3:25-26; 1 Peter 3:18)
- Jesus Christ came to **fulfill** the Father's wish, will, counsel, desire, plan. (Psalm 40:7-8; Hebrews 10:7, 9; John 5:30; 6:38-40; Matthew 26:39; Romans 15:3; Isaiah 53:6; Philippians 2:5-8; John 10:18; John 12:27-28; 13:1)
- Jesus knew that "the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." (Jeremiah 10:23)
- He also knew that "a man's steps are of the LORD; how then can a man understand his own way?" (Proverbs 20:24)
- He also knew that His next breath, life, and destiny were in God's hand and not His. (Acts 17:25, 28; Job 12:10; Dan 5:23; Psa 31:15; Jam 4:13-16)

Christ's Food (John 4:27-33)

- The disciples return from buying food in the city (v. 8).
- Upon their return they did not find their Master weary and faint **but** refreshed!
- (v. 34) Jesus says, "My food (my nourishment, where I get my energy, that which satisfies Me) is **doing** the **will** of Him that sent Me **and to finish HIS work!**"
- "meat" or "food" is figurative for that which satisfies.
 - Service to the LORD is "meat."
 - Peace and joy are the rewards for doing the will of God.
- (v. 33) The disciples' minds are on the material while Christ's mind is on the spiritual. **HOW ABOUT US?**

Christ's Food: Doing the Will of God (v. 34)

- Christ **came** to **do** and **finish** the will of God. (John 5:30; Matt 26:39)
- Christ's delight was to **do** the will of His Father. (Psalm 40:7-8)
- **What is the will of the Father for Christ?** (John 6:35-40)
 - ① All that the Father gave Him He was to lose **none**. John 10:26-29; 17:2)
 - ② All that the Father gave Him He made sure that He was able to raise **all** of them up on the last day! (Rom 8:29-30; Eph 2:6)
- **CHRIST DID NOT COME TO MAKE SOMETHING POSSIBLE. HE CAME TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK OF SALVATION FOR ALL THAT THE FATHER GAVE HIM!** (1 John 4:10)
- Christ came to **FINISH** (not set into motion) His work. (John 4:34; 5:36; 17:4; 19:30)
- **THE WORK OF SALVATION:**
 - **FATHER:** Appointment, election, choosing, predestining, justifying, glorifying. (1 Thess 5:9; 2 Thess 2:13; Eph 1:3-4; Rom 8:28-30)
 - **SON:** Actual work of saving those appointed unto salvation by the Father by coming in the likeness of sinful flesh, living a **perfect life for them**, and **paying the penalty for their sins**.
 - **HOLY SPIRIT:** Applying Christ's work to those appointed unto salvation and saved by the life and work of Christ (John 3:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11) **and keeping them saved**. (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 5:5)

God's Business and Ours (Deuteronomy 29:29)

- God's business: Election, predestination, calling, justifying, glorifying.
 - Just like Christ's life was predestined ("in the volume of the book it is written of Me" - Hebrews 10:7,9) there is a book written of our life! (Psalm 139:16)
- Many people ask, "What is the will of God for my life?" As if, God's will for them is hidden and one needs some secret code to find this will out.
- God's WORD is GOD's will for your life. (Remember Matt 7:21)
- Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us that **there is** a "secret" will of God and that is **none of our business – it is God's business**.
 - The FUTURE is part of that "secret" will of God. The future is none of our business!
 - **EVERYTHING** that happens in the universe happens at the command and will of God. (Lam 3:37-38; James 4:13-16)

- **BUT** Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us also that **all** that is **revealed** belongs to us and to our children **forever** that we may **do all** of God's Words.
- The will of God for **every** human being **living** today is that we **live** our daily lives on **every** word that God has revealed and preserved in His **written** Word. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)
- God's will for our lives is that we **do** His Word! See James 1:22; Matthew 7:20-21, 24-27; 12:50; Luke 8:21; 11:27-28; John 15:14; 14:15, 21-24; Mark 3:35.
- God has already revealed what His will is for your life.
- God has **given** you **TODAY** – NO – God has **given** you **THIS MOMENT** and He holds you accountable for what you are doing **right** now.
- So, **TODAY**, right now - if you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit do not harden your heart - again. Surrender to **the** LORD. (Hebrews 3:7-8, 12-15; 4:7)
- We are **not** promised tomorrow (James 4:13-17) but we **are** alive right now. So, today, seek His righteousness and kingdom. (Matt 6:33)
- God's will for our lives is **REPENT, TRUST and OBEY!** (Mark 1:14-15; Hebrews 5:9; 1 Peter 4:17; Galatians 3:1; 5:7; 2 Thessalonians 1:8)
- (Philippians 2:5-8) The chief end of man is to glorify God and one glorifies God just as Christ glorified God - by:
 - ① Making yourself of no reputation - denying yourself. (Luke 9:23)
 - ② Serve the Lord as His *doulos* - bondservant. (Matthew 20:28)
 - ③ Humble yourself before God. (James 4:6, 10; 1 Peter 5:5-6; Luke 18:14)
 - ④ Obey Him. Obeying by doing HIS WILL by living your life on every word that proceeds from His mouth. (Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:17; Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)

Jesus Came to Save His People (Matthew 1:21)

- He came to save us from our self-wills.
- He came to save us from believing that we are free to do as we please.
- He came so that we might confess with our mouths **and** lives, "Jesus Christ is LORD." (Romans 10:9-10)
- And those who do this enjoy Him and live for Him! (Romans 6:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31; Luke 9:23)

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2:11)