

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

*"Unshakable Truth in a Shaky World"*

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Acts 1:1-3 says, "...I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive..."

We live in a country that has enjoyed the blessings of God. Many Christians and non-Christians alike have known prosperity, success, and security. All these are blessings from the Lord. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14) Christians and non-Christians alike have also suffered the consequences of living in disobedience to the written Word of God. There have been great depressions, wars and natural disasters. All these are promised by God to any nation that chooses not to obey the Word of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 28:15-68; Romans 8:1-32) It is also important to note that bad things are experienced in this world because we have an aggressive enemy, the devil (Job 1-2; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 5:8) who afflicts the apple of God's eye. (Zechariah 2:8)

In a shaky world prone to the afflictions of Satan and the chastisements of the Lord, the Holy Spirit wants you to grasp the "convincing proofs" of Christ getting victory over the grave, over death and over all the curses brought into this world since the fall of mankind. (Genesis 3) For Christians "convincing proofs" (τεκμήριον) as it is used in Acts 1:3 means to have a fixed sign, certain

or sure token that encourages believers to remain faithful to the "Great Commission."

In the dispensation of the post-resurrection ministry of Jesus Christ, the Word of God has ten recorded appearances of the Lord giving fixed signs for encouragement to walk in obedience and to direct Christians to the next dispensation, a time when they would be "clothed


with power from on high" for their part in the "Great Commission." (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 8) Just as the prophets and the true church in the Old Testament faced the afflictions and consequences of living in a sin cursed world, the New Testament saints would face the hardships of fulfilling God's call upon their lives. However, with a new promise fulfilled came the certainty of

indwelling of the Holy Spirit of Christ for enablement, comfort and guidance.

In this dispensation of the New Testament church, Christians are to look to the Word of God for fixed truths as they face the difficulties, afflictions and hardships that can come as they fulfill their part of the "Great Commission." Jesus faced the facts of living in this world. He said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) The Christ who overcame the effects of sin now indwells born again Christians. Fix your heart on this truth while living in a shaky world: "...See how the lilies of the field grow..." "If that is how God clothes the grass of the field" "...Will He not much more clothe you?..." "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' "... Your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow..." (Matthew 6:28-34)

The Biblically mature see afflictions, persecutions and hardships in this shaky world as opportunities to see God intercede for them. Can you say as the Apostle Paul said?, "But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead." (2 Corinthians 1:9)

### A New You



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Are you at peace with yourself? Have you looked within? If the answer is no, give God a chance in your life. Psalm 96:6 directs us... "Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary." Won't you worship this week? Let God create a new you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Colossians	Colossians	Colossians	Matthew	Matthew	Luke	Luke
2.6-23	3.1-17	4.2-18	2.1-12	2.13-23	3.1-22	4.16-30

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