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Life in the Promise Land

“Rest Through Seeing More of Jesus”

Base Scriptures: Hebrews 4: 1 – 3

Resting in HIS Rest

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Law of Realization: The reason why most Believers won't stay in Rest because it seems as though God is doing more than you are doing!

The Church has painted this picture to us that somehow WE are supposed to either be out working God or at best doing just as much as God!

This is why the vast majority of the Church is “works” driven; and “performance” driven!

This is mainly because we don't want to appear as being lazy or being “lukewarm” for Jesus!

But what sets Genuine Christianity apart from EVERY man-made religion in the world, is that it entirely centers on the WORK and Obedience of One man!

Hebrews 4: 10

Because it's HIS Rest and not OUR rest, then OUR works can have nothing to do with it!

Just like God had given Israel His land; the responsibility of the Land rested on God; not Israel!

Deuteronomy 11 10 – 12

The Rest that we have in Christ is solely based on His Works and His Obedience!

The world's rest is based on YOUR works and YOUR obedience!

The world says you can only rest AFTER you have done this, that and the other!

And like Israel who brought the mentality of Egypt into the Promise Land; the church has brought the mentality of the world into His rest!

John 19: 30

Jesus Finished the Work as man's representative; NOT for Himself! (Hebrews 7: 26 – 28)

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Law of Realization: Once we put Faith in Christ, His Finished Work has now become OUR Finished Work in Him!

Our Work to be Forgiven of Sin was Finished at the Cross!

All the judgment and punishment for your sins to be forgiven was FINISHED in the Body of Christ on the Cross ACCORDING to HIS knowledge of my sin!!

Hebrews 10: 11 – 13

Jesus Rested AFTER He had put away Sin

This means that Rest starts with us first realizing that all sin has been put away in the Body of Jesus at the Cross!

Our Work to be in Right Standing before God was Finished at the Cross!

All our work to be Right with God, to be Blessed by God, to have Favor with God was Finished at the Cross!

Romans 8: 3 – 4

And once we put Faith in Christ and what he did for us, He now FULFILLS the Righteous Requirements of the Law IN US!!

The righteous requirements of the Law are all the “works” necessary to be in Right Standing with God!

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John 5: 39 – 40

This is how Religion studies and interprets the Bible; they search the scripture looking for LIFE in them! (Life is healing, prosperity, deliverance, success)

Therefore, most of today’s preaching is about principles and guidelines to live by or steps to follow in order to get life out of the scripture!

But LIFE is not found in the scriptures; LIFE is found is seeing Christ in the scriptures!

God did not give us the Bible as the “Good Book” to live by; He gave us the Bible in order for us to see Jesus and His Finished Work!

Matthew 11: 28 – 30

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Law of Realization: Rest for your spirit is GIVEN at Salvation; but Rest for your soul is FOUND after Salvation!

And it is only found by seeing more of Christ in the scripture, and more of His Finished Work!

Rest for your souls does not come by pray or by fasting; it only comes by seeing Jesus and His Finished Work in the scriptures!

Luke 24: 25 – 26

These are the two greatest problems with the church today; we are either dull or sluggish in our minds to see Jesus in scripture; or we when Jesus is unveiled to us in the scriptures we are slow to believe it!

Luke 24: 27 – 32

The answer is not for a greater concentration on prayer and fasting or zeal; but for someone to open the scriptures and unveil Jesus to them! (Ephesians 1: 18 – 19)

The church's heart will begin to burn for Jesus only when He is unveiled in the scriptures!

Joshua 1: 1 – 3

Joshua is a type and shadow of Christ; not of us or the Pastor!

Notice that Joshua comes AFTER the death of Moses!

Only after the death of the Law, Jesus can now bring us into the Promise Land of Rest!

You will never enter into the Promise Land of Rest or stay in Rest under the leadership of the Law! Because Law can never enter into Rest!

Numbers 20: 7 – 12

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10 that the Rock is Christ!

Christ did not have to be smitten twice!

Exodus 17: 6

The Rock being smitten once is a picture of Christ and His Finished Work at Calvary!

To hit the Rock twice is to imply that His Work was not good enough for you or that His work was not Finished!

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Law of Realization: When we live our lives according to our obedience to the Law under Grace, we are in fact hitting the Rock twice!

There are many people not entering into His Rest because they are still operating under Grace with a Law Mentality!

You are still trying to treat people according to the Law; therefore, you are not finding rest in your relationships!

You believe that things will change for you if you can just do better or try harder; therefore, you are not finding rest in your everyday life!

You still disqualify yourself because of your sin or failures you struggle with!

This type of thinking is a Law Mentality that will hinder you from entering into His Rest!

Joshua 1: 8

Only when we see Jesus as the fulfillment of this verse, will we find all of our success IN Him!

Under Grace, we DO NOT meditate on the Law; we are to meditate on the ONE who has fulfilled the Law for us!

Luke 24: 35 – 36

Notice that Jesus came and stood in the midst of them WHILE THEY WERE TELLING THE OTHER DISCIPLES ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS!

Law of Realization: The more of Christ we see in the scriptures, the more PEACE He revealed to us in our Souls!

Luke 24: 44 – 45

The Bible is not written about us; it is written about Christ and His Finished Work FOR us!