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Feeble Footing

Feeble: lacking strength of character.

We will take this newsletter away from “Love letters to the terminally ill” because a few weeks back, here in the USA, we celebrated Memorial Day. This day is set aside to remember and honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and price, to ensure that each citizen would have the ability to live a life free from oppression, with the opportunity to fulfil their dreams in life.

Here we are now, a few weeks after that holiday, and few now maintain any sort of national pride to remember daily the sacrifices that those individuals made for that freedom that they have every day of the year. Have they really become so deaf and blind as to what it took, and still takes, to maintain this freedom they take for granted?

This year at about the same time, Christians have a day that they celebrate as Pentecost. It seems or appears that the religious people are not so much different than the carnal people who celebrated Memorial Day, because they too are quick to forget the freedom and liberty afforded them by and through Christ Jesus. For a day or two they will act all pious and holy, and then quickly fade into the background until their next “special” day.

**Romans 16:17-18** *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.* ***18*** *For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.* KJV

How quickly one’s freedoms and liberties can be snatched away from them, or a society, if they are unaware of what these liberties and freedoms are, and the price demanded for them. As Paul alludes to the above in Romans; that by good words and fair speeches they are able to deceive the hearts of the simple or unexpecting. If one does not know the truth, how will they be able to fend off any lies or deceptions? If you are not 100% sure of the doctrine that you have been taught and learned, how shaky or unstable will the ground beneath your feet be? {Ephesians 6:15}

In the gospels we are counseled, that our relationship with the Father should be by and through Christ Jesus, and that this relationship should be sought after and treasured as the pearl of great price. {Matthew 13:46} How the person discovered the worth and value of this obtained gift, gave his all to obtain and retain this great and precious gift.

**Mark 4:11-14** *And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:* ***12*** *That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.****13*** *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?* ***14*** *The Sower soweth the word.* KJV

What one needs to keep in mind here, is that the Word clearly tells us that if one does not understand this parable of the Sower, how will understand, and comprehend the rest of the parables?

Unto YOU, it is given to KNOW the mystery of the kingdom of God! Just as we discussed earlier, the freedom that we have here in the USA, that when it is taken for granted and no longer valued as the pearl of great price, how quickly can it be taken or snatched away? How quickly then can this freedom be lost or forfeited?

Note also in the above scripture concerning the Sower, that if YOU do NOT understand this parable, how can you know all of the other parables that He gave?

**Philippians 3:17-19** *Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.* ***18*** *(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:* ***19*** *Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.* KJV

One must Know where they are going. It is a strait and narrow path into His kingdom, and few be there that find it. If one is not attentive to His Word all of the time, how easily can one stray from this path?

**Luke 17:1-2** *Then said he unto the disciples, it is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!* ***2*** *It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.* KJV

By your words you are justified, or by your words you are condemned. Your words, do they speak the truth? Or do they present another version of the word? Unto you it is given to KNOW the mystery of the kingdom of God! Do you **know**?

That you may know Him,

In the service of Jesus Christ,

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