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What We Believe About Jesus is Critical

Our God carried us into a new year. *If we choose*, we can lift up His name.

If we choose to follow Jesus, lifting up His name, walking in His steps, drinking His cup, *we will be persecuted*, (II Timothy 3:12).

The bad news: Expect Satan to get vicious in his efforts to break our faith in God. How bad could it get for followers of Jesus?, (Hebrews 3:12-15; 11:1,2,6,13-16,32-40).

The good news: God promises that persecution will never be more than we can handle, *if we choose* to bear it, (I Corinthians 10:13), “No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.” Persecution does not stop serious followers of Jesus. They are known by their fruit-bearing lives. God's promise to us is, “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world,” (I John 4:4).

Before we look at our chaotic world and wonder where to get involved or how to hide, lets look in the Word.

In Psalm (139:1-4) David says God knows me intimately, my thinking, my decisions, my habits, my speech. Verses seven through twelve present the worse or the best news one can hear. If you don't want Him watching you, you got a problem. There is no place to hide from God. But *if you choose* to walk in His presence these verses offer the best security you can imagine. God is always with you! God knows everything you need! God alone knows the day He will call you into His presence! This is your Blessed Hope, your peace of mind! Rejoice in it.

David said, “I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well,” (v13-14). David expressed my attitude toward God. I hope he also spoke for you.

The next few verses help us realize that God's thoughts and actions are indeed as far from our thoughts and actions as His Heavenly Throne is from our earthly dwelling.

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God charted our individual paths before He put His creation in motion, (Genesis 1:1).

Think personally. God knew my parents before they knew each other. He knew my birth date and He knows the day and hour and minute my body will die, and He knows everything in my life between those dates. Ooooh.

I know. I too cringe when I remember. But God is merciful. His promise to all repentant believers is that He remembers our sins no more, (Hebrews 8:12; 10:17)! Praise Him! Yet for our own protection *He does not let us forget our sins*. Every time we take the Lord's Supper, we remember. Jesus was crucified *because I sinned*.

As the Psalm continues, does David speak for you? I hope so. I hope you view wickedness as the enemy of God, and thus your enemy. I hope you learn to hate the things God hates and to love the things God loves. I also strive daily to walk with Him.

Matthew records Jesus speaking about anxiety saying, "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. ... for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own," (Matthew 6:25-34).

Considering His promises, what can we do this year to honor the name of Jesus? *If we choose* we can share rejoicing in His blessed hope. *If we choose* we can practice praise instead of worry. *If we choose* we can encourage non-believers to seek Him. *If we choose* we can help those in need. *If we choose* to honor Him opportunities will find us! Or, *If we choose* we can complain about things we cannot change.

While choosing, remember, Jesus died so you can live eternally with Him.

Living in His presence is worth everything the world offers. *Choose wisely*.

In His great love,
Buford Smith

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Last year was hard on the work here, due to the pandemic, and has resulted in cancelling our scheduled quarterly meetings of the Committee, but we have endured through many phone calls and emails when decisions need to be made. Our contributions have had their ups and downs through the year of 2020, but many special gifts have allowed us to continue the work without interruption.

We also thank the families of those that lost loved ones last year and sent in memorial gifts in their names. To know that we have supporters that care this much about the work here, makes us feel really blessed.

We pray through these rough times, that each of us is looking forward to the return of Jesus, and all these problems, sicknesses, and other worldly distractions will be replaced with a perfect time with Jesus in Heaven., where there is no sadness, sickness, or problems, just glorious worship of God.

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