



LESSON 114

45For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The first time the Son of God came to live on the Earth as the Son of man, He did not come to be a King, but a Servant. He was the only true King of the Jews, as the wisemen proclaimed (Matt 2:2), but He came as a Servant of His Father and as a minister to people on the Earth.

Acts 10:38-43 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39And we (His disciples) are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly; 41Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God as the Judge of quick and dead. 43To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Jesus' life had specific purpose. So do ours.

CALLED TO SERVE LIKE JESUS DID

Acts 1:8 ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Gal 6:9-10 9And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all , especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Jn 15:12 12This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Rom 6:4 we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Gal 5:16 16This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Rom 8:14 14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rev 12:11 11And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

CALLED TO BE A MINISTER, LIKE JESUS

1 Cor 1:9 9God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **10**Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

2 Peter 3:9 8Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called,...

FOR ALL

Jesus died so that all could be saved. He was the last Man Who ever needed to die for sin. All could come to God through Him. No one was excluded.

Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all...

Heb 2:9 we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

John 3:16 16For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (D: God didn't send us into the world to condemn the world, but to bring the good news of the salvation offered by God by Jesus, testified by our lives. Our light will make a difference. Light always dispels the darkness.)

Unfortunately, not everyone responds to the light they are given so that they might obtain more light. All are invited to salvation through Jesus Christ and there is room at the cross for all to receive forgiveness of sins. All could be resurrected from the dead, receive eternal life, and have membership in the family of God by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, but not all want what God offers.

ALL COULD BE SAVED, BUT NOT ALL WILL CHOOSE TO BE.

"for many"

Heb 5:9 (Jesus) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:

Rom 4:3-5 Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5But to him that worketh not (D:for salvation), but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

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45For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Like the Lord Jesus, we are called to give our lives for others, as the Lord leads us, so that they, too, may come to know Him as Lord and Savior. What are you doing to fulfill your purpose for being here? Ask the Lord what you can do to help further His work. He will answer.

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