

REVIVAL!
(This is Our Time)
Matthew 11:28-30, NKJV
July 26, 2020

A Special Invitation From Jesus – When Belief is Hard and the Burdens are Heavy!

Matthew 11:25-30, NKJV:

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*. ²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

This text is probably one of the most quoted in the new Testament. It contains an explanation of Christianity that is radically different from every other religious system. With such an amazing invitation, we need to know exactly what it means to come to Jesus!

IT MEANS WE GIVE ALL TO JESUS!

IT MEANS WE GIVE TO HIM THE FULL WEIGHT OF ALL OUR SIN!

IT MEANS WE GIVE TO HIM OUR COMPLETE INABILITY TO OBEY HIM!

IT MEANS THAT JESUS GIVES TO US FULL PARDON FROM ALL OUR SIN – REST AND PEACE WITH GOD!

IT MEANS THAT JESUS GIVES TO US THE COMPLETE ABILITY TO OBEY GOD – REST AND PEACE OF GOD!

LIFE LESSONS – PERSONAL RESPONSES ARE REQUIRED!

REPENT OF SIN!

- *Do you find yourself becoming defensive, indifferent, when you become aware of your disobedience?*
- *Do you think there is a difference between just confessing your sin and repenting of your sin?*

RESIGN MYSELF!

- *Have you ever resigned from a job?*
- *Have you ever resigned from the job of being your own “boss”?*

REST IN CHRIST!

- *Do you believe it is possible to know and experience real “soul” rest in this restless world?*
- *What changes are you willing to make to enter and enjoy the kind of rest that only Christ can give?*

REJOICE FOREVER IN HIM!

- *During a time of personal and national crisis we need to ask ourselves three questions:*
 1. *Am I gaining a new perspective?*
 2. *Am I shifting my focus?*
 3. *Am I living in the light of eternity?*

NLC’s verse for 2020

²⁰ As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*