**Continue with Jesus! Acts 1:1-14. April 11, 2021**

* There is only one truth worth living for, the truth of God’s Word in the Person of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
* The disciples of Jesus did not stop serving Jesus when He died but it was just the beginning.
* We must continue with Jesus in fearless Faith!

## **We need to value the Commands of Jesus. Acts 1:1-2**

1. **Because He is the Good Shepherd** - John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
2. **Because He Chief Shepherd –** 1 Peter 5:4 “And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

* *God’s Commands give us light for our steps.* Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
* *God’s Commands rejoice our heart* – Psalms 19:8 “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
* *God’s Commands is sure and stands the test.* 2Peter 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place…”
* *God’s commands give eternal life-* .
* John 6:68 “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

## **We need to value the Saving Power of Jesus. Acts 1:3-5**

**Jesus Proved Himself to His Disciples with infallible proofs.**

1. **Jesus is your God** – John 20:27-28 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.
2. **Jesus is your Savior-** Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
3. **Jesus is your Peace.** Hebrews 13:20 **Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

## **We need to value our Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 1:6-14**

**To value our faith is to be reliable to God and His Word.**

## **3 ways to hinder your faith in Jesus.**

1. **We do not remove hinderance that keep us from God.** Hebrews 12:1 “… let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

1 Corinthians 6:12 “All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

1. **We do not aim to be with God**. Psalms 90:12 “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Proverbs 17:24 “Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
2. **We do not embrace God as our all in all.** Romans 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **4 ways to make the most of your in Faith in Jesus.**

1. **They value their faith in Jesus by staying close to Him** – Acts1:4 “ being assembled together”
2. **They value their faith in Jesus by obeying His command** – Acts 1:4 “He commanded them”
3. **They value their faith in Jesus by believing Him**. Acts 1:4-5”wait for the promise of the Father, ye shall be baptized wit the Holy Spirit”
4. **They value their faith in Jesus by continuing with patience**. Acts 1:9 Jesus ascends to Heaven. Acts 1:13 “then returned they to Jerusalem.

**Conclude:**

* Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
* Let’s go to God in prayer and ask Him for His Help, that we will be all He wants us to be according to the Scriptures!