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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

Mankind is trapped in a world of sin and lostness, but thank God that is not the end of the story. The church at Philippi was a wonderful church which Paul had founded and the congregation were faithful to the church. The church at Philippi was a doctrinally sound, mission-minded church that was close to the heart of Paul. But since they were a church that was made up of imperfect people, they had issues that had to be resolved just like we do. The church at Philippi and our churches today need Jesus at the center of everything that we do. Although Jesus was God in the flesh He still lived life every bit as human as you and I. Jesus doesn't know about our humanity because he assigned an angel to write a research paper on humanity, but Jesus came Himself and became a man and got firsthand experience.

Some people think that God is so busy taking care of huge ministries that He doesn't have time for smaller ministries. If you happen to think this way, just look at Jesus ignoring adults while playing in the grass with children. Jesus cares for every one of us. It does not matter if we are the kind of pastor that millions watch on TV and read our books, or if we are the kind of pastor our own mother does not want to hear preach, it really doesn't matter to the Lord Jesus Christ because he loves you and cares about you! Jesus always has time for us.

Over the years I have come into contact with Christians that feel that something disqualifies them from serving Him. But the Jesus that I know walked down a crowded street with people thronging Him and went straight to a sycamore tree to one of the most hated persons at that time, a tax collector, and instructed him to come down because Jesus was going to eat a meal with him. I would like us to be reminded that Jesus loves every one of us, and that Jesus specializes in broken hearts. Jesus not only repairs, but restores and *renews* our hearts, and therefore makes ministers through every one of us.

Jesus also makes righteousness doable. Whereas our own righteousness may be filthy in God's sight, Jesus imputes His righteousness unto us. It is possible for you and me to be righteous through Jesus Christ. Jesus said to love your enemy, which is impossible apart from God. Sometimes people try to destroy another Christian's ministry by spreading rumors and acting in other ungodly ways. Proverbs 6:19 states that God hates those who sews discord among the brethren. We may feel crucified in a business meeting, but Jesus was crucified on a cross. And through this Jesus made the death we face livable.

While we face a real world with real problems we need to always remember that there are three continuing aspects of Jesus' ministry. First, He everliveth to make intercession for us. Secondly, He is still preparing a place for us, which defies our ability to imagine what that place is like. Thirdly, Jesus is preparing to come back for you and me if we are Christians. He will not send a chauffeur to pick us up, but Jesus is coming **Himself** to take His bride home! I am looking forward to His coming, and I pray that you are too.

CCBA Missions Development Committee would like to help host VBS or Backyard Kids Club for churches this summer.

Please call our office if your church needs help hosting or if your church would like to help host.

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Rev. Leon Fortune

Calendar of Events

April

29 - Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

May

4 - Vineyard Work Day - 8:00 am

12-13 - GA Camp at the Vineyard

16 - Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

29 - Memorial Day - Office Closed

CCBA Executive Committee Meetings have been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The next meeting will be May 16 at 7:00 PM.

Call our office with your VBS dates.

Visit our website at ccbacenter.com to see VBS dates.

IncrediCamp

Build Your Life Hebrews 3:4

July 17-19

\$120 per child if registered by June 15. \$135 after June 15, 2023.

Find us on Facebook at:
Incredicamp@Vineyard Christian Retreat

Call the Vineyard at 334-762-2256 for more info.

Boys Adventure Camp at the Vineyard

April 29, 2023

Call the Vineyard to register or for more information.

GA Camp at the Vineyard

May 12-13, 2023

Call Debra Carnley at 565-3970 for registration information.

Widows' Ministry Meeting

June 12 at 6:00 pm
Coffee Baptist Association

Women of Grace Conference The Grace Place Church

May 6, 2023 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Cost \$10

Call 347-5214 to register by April 30