

The Way

STEPS TO CHRIST

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Time is running out!



Will you accept the invitation?

The planning began. At first, it was to be a small gathering. But as word spread, no one wanted to miss this special occasion. It had been such a long time since young people had been baptised into this small town church. All of the church members and family gathered for this momentous celebration. Angels ever ready to record their names in the lambs book of life.

It was a day we will cherish for eternity. Our two youngest children were baptised into the Kingdom of Heaven. Seven years prior, their elder siblings made the decision to follow Jesus. And now the youngest two, Montana and Zachary have joined them. The whole church gathered at our home on the second of November to witness this momentous decision. It was certainly a day of rejoicing, a very high Sabbath indeed!

It took a lot of effort and preparation. The day had to be co-ordinated with the Pastor, the church, family and friends, not to mention the food and pool preparation that was needed. The lead up to this special day was beyond busy, but it was well worth it. The joy that fills our hearts to know that all of our children have made this life changing decision to follow their Savior Jesus Christ is inexpressible. I cannot imagine the joy that our Father in Heaven feels when He sees His wayward children surrender their lives to Him and come home.

Times like this are often a trigger - an opportunity to stop and consider the meaning of baptism. How have I measured up in a life now devoted to Christ? After all, to surrender one's life to Jesus is no easy thing . . . isn't it? What does the bible have to say about this? Let's spend a moment on one perspective of this and in so doing discover what our ministry Found Rest is all about?

The Election

At the moment, celebration is a happening thing. Many are rejoicing that Trump has been returned to the Whitehouse, whilst others are basking in the glory of the horse that won one of the worlds most prestigious horse races, the Melbourne Cup. But what about you? Whilst most eyes have been on the Untied States and arguably one of the most significant elections ever, is it possible that we have missed the invitation to make our own calling and election sure?

As you know, I have been reading through the Desire of Ages. An incredible blessing is to be found in every chapter. I love this book. I was prompted to read chapter 34, The Invitation. I was so encouraged. It clearly articulated to me why our ministry is called Found Rest and what the foundation of this ministry is all about! Jesus! Let me share a portion of this chapter with you. See if you can pick up on our mission and why we are called Found Rest!

The Invitation

“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”

These words of comfort were spoken to the multitude that followed Jesus. The Saviour had said that only through Himself could men receive a knowledge of God. He had spoken of His disciples as the ones to whom a knowledge of heavenly things had been given. But He left none to feel themselves shut out from His care and love. All who labor and are heavy-laden may come unto Him.

Tenderly He bade the toiling people, “Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”

In these words Christ is speaking to every human being. Whether they know it or not, all are weary and heavy-laden. All are weighed down with burdens that only Christ can remove. The heaviest burden that we bear is the burden of sin. If we were left to bear this burden, it would crush us. But the Sinless One has taken our place. "The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6. He has borne the burden of our guilt. He will take the load from our weary shoulders. He will give us rest. The burden of care and sorrow also He will bear. He invites us to cast all our care upon Him; for He carries us upon His heart.

The Elder Brother of our race is by the eternal throne. He looks upon every soul who is turning his face toward Him as the Saviour. He knows by experience what are the weaknesses of humanity, what are our wants, and where lies the strength of our temptations; for He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He is watching over you, trembling child of God. Are you tempted? He will deliver. Are you weak? He will strengthen.

Are you ignorant? He will enlighten. Are you wounded? He will heal. The Lord "tellethe the number of the stars;" and yet "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Psalm 147:4, 3. "Come unto Me," is His invitation. Whatever your anxieties and trials, spread out your case before the Lord. Your spirit will be braced for endurance. The way will be opened for you to disentangle yourself from embarrassment and difficulty. The weaker and more helpless you know yourself to be, the stronger will you become in His strength.

The heavier your burdens, the more blessed the rest in casting them upon the Burden Bearer. The rest that Christ offers depends upon conditions, but these conditions are plainly specified. They are those with which all can comply. He tells us just how His rest is to be found.

"Take My yoke upon you," Jesus says. The yoke is an instrument of service. Cattle are yoked for labor, and the yoke is essential that they may labor effectually. By this illustration Christ teaches us that we are called to service as long as life shall last. We are to take upon us His yoke, that we may be co-workers with Him.

The yoke that binds to service is the law of God. The great law of love revealed in Eden, proclaimed upon Sinai, and in the new covenant written in the heart, is that which binds the human worker to the will of God. If we were left to follow our own inclinations, to go just where our will would lead us, we should fall into Satan's ranks and become possessors of his attributes. Therefore God confines us to His will, which is high, and noble, and elevating. He desires that we shall patiently and wisely take up the duties of service. The yoke of service Christ Himself has borne in humanity. He said, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8. "I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." John 6:38. Love for God, zeal for His glory, and love for fallen humanity, brought Jesus to earth to suffer and to die. This was the controlling power of His life. This principle He bids us adopt.

He says, "My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." He bids them seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and His promise is that all things needful to them for this life shall be added. Worry is blind, and cannot discern the future; but Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing.

Those who accept the one principle of making the service and honor of God supreme will find perplexities vanish, and a plain path before their feet.

“Learn of Me,” says Jesus; “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest.” We are to enter the school of Christ, to learn from Him meekness and lowliness. Redemption is that process by which the soul is trained for heaven. This training means a knowledge of Christ. It means emancipation from ideas, habits, and practices that have been gained in the school of the prince of darkness. The soul must be delivered from all that is opposed to loyalty to God.

In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace. He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. Amid the greatest opposition and the most cruel treatment, He was still of good courage. But many who profess to be His followers have an anxious, troubled heart, because they are afraid to trust themselves with God. They do not make a complete surrender to Him; for they shrink from the consequences that such a surrender may involve. Unless they do make this surrender, they cannot find peace.

It is the love of self that brings unrest. When we are born from above, the same mind will be in us that was in Jesus, the mind that led Him to humble Himself that we might be saved. Then we shall not be seeking the highest place. We shall desire to sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn of Him. We shall understand that the value of our work does not consist in making a show and noise in the world, and in being active and zealous in our own strength. The value of our work is in proportion to the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Trust in God brings holier qualities of mind, so that in patience we may possess our souls.

It was hard to pick what part sums it up best. I bid you to read the whole chapter. It's incredibly uplifting and encouraging. To be yoked with our Saviour, our burden bearer.

Did you see our mission? I'm sure you did! It's to bring rest. Yes, we have found rest in Christ and we long to share this with the world.

God gives us new insights of His word and it's meaning every time we are with these majestic Clydesdales. When we lay the breastplate or collar upon them, they are bearing the burden. When we are teaching them to wear the burden, to pull the weight, it goes so much smoother when they do as they are directed. To go the way they are shown. It's the same with us. When we surrender our own earthly desires, Jesus' yoke is so much easier and lighter when we're working with Him. Doing His perfect will.

Speaking of teaching these beautiful creatures. As promised here is a little more information on our newest member to the team. Teddy!

At 17 hands high and 4 years old this gentle giant of a baby is just a pleasure to train. He honestly just takes everything in his stride. Nothing is too much trouble. He has an adorable, cheeky personality, capturing the heart of all those who meet him. He is super kind and eager to please. He is going to make such a valuable team member. Both he and Starlight have become such good mates. Given Starlight's inability to hear, it's heart-warming to see how he relies on Teddy. We are thanking God for bringing Teddy to us. He certainly knows how to pair His creatures together and He knows exactly what each of them need.

We are blessed with the support we are receiving from God's chosen people. If you are blessed by what this ministry is doing we ask that you continue to uphold us in prayer. And if you can support us financially by ways of a monthly contribution towards these important projects or a one off donation then we would love to hear from you.

Listed below are the different ways in which you can support this work.

You are a blessing to us, each and everyone of you.

And remember, be sure to make your calling and election sure.

2 Peter 1:10

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Always in His service,

Nicole



Baptism Group Photo



Baptism - Montana



Baptism - Zachary



Teddy



Starlight leading Teddy



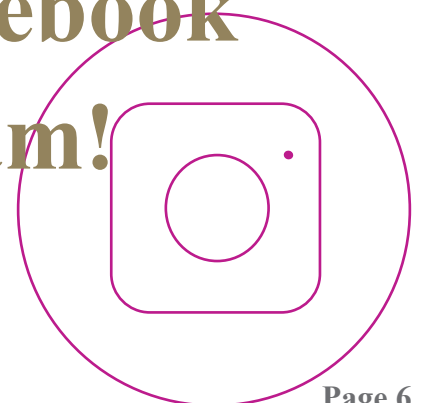
Teddy's Bathtime



Starlight and Teddy



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