

## Come let us Grow Together: Hope in Christ

Come let us Grow Together is a weekly series that deals with the many topical categories that exist within the Word of God. The purpose of this series is to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in things pertaining to God.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Mt 11:28-30)

The Lord stands with outstretched arms, calling unto man to come unto Him and you will find rest for your souls. But in order for you to obtain this rest, you must apply what He spoke in the verses. He said, to Learn of Me. You must learn of Jesus Christ to find rest for your souls. The Lord desires each one of you to break forth and come unto Him with a pure heart. An honest heart ready to apply the words that He has spoken to us throughout the Word of God.

But, with all this Hope in Christ, most of the people refuse to Learn of Him and refuse to follow after the Word of God. They claim the name of Jesus. They speak His name freely and give praise with their lips. But, they refuse to be obedient unto the scriptures of Life. Claiming that they are following the Lord, they refuse to follow in His footsteps. They refuse to pick up their crosses and follow the Lord.

For in so doing, they must crucify their flesh. In order for them to be set free, they must crucify their flesh and refuse to give into the lusts of the flesh. But the only way for this to take place is to come unto the Lord and find the rest of the Lord.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (Heb 4:9-11) as the children of Israel did and so walked around in the wilderness for 40 years; and they walked until their carcasses fell in the wilderness!! (Heb 3:17) For they considered themselves not worthy of the glory of the rest that lied ahead of them. Even as today the people also refuse to enter into the rest of the Lord, for in order to obtain to the rest of the Lord, you must be obedient.

No man shall come into this door but He in whom the Lord has chosen. For many shall stand knocking, but shall not enter in. Behold, the Lord stands knocking at the door of your heart. But where their lies hope, their also lies a choice. To open the door of your heart and become obedient unto eternal life, or to go on following after your own footsteps unto your own demise. For no man shall enter into the rest of the Lord but He in whom the Lord has chosen before the foundations of the world.

For the Lord has spoken, Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out

devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Mt 7:21-23)

Yet you will say, I am following in obedience. I am following the path of Life. But yet what saith the scriptures? But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (Rm 10:16)

There is Hope in Christ, but you must act in obedience to the commandments of the Lord or you deceive your own selves. (1 Jn 2:4) (James 1:22)

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Rev 22:17)