

"Jesus Is Enough"

Throughout the Bible, Old Testament and New, there seems to be a rather persistent "witness" upon the life openly trusting God's enoughness – the "witness" of God's rest. Not just an any old, everyday form of rest, but God's very own rest. (See Ex 33:14; Deut 12:10; Josh 1:3; 21:44; Jer 6:16; Matt 11:28-29; Heb 4:3,10 – just to cite a few!)

God's rest (Heb 3:11,18; 4:1,3,5,10) is nothing less than His own self-accepting awareness of His own sufficiency – His "enough-ness" – for any contingency (Is 43:13; 44:6-8; 46:10). God has no lack of resources, no insufficiency in any circumstance. When we are trusting His supply, His adequacy for every moment, we will experience the witness of His rest. Consider the chart below:

GOD'S REST IN HIMSELF

- = the acceptance of Himself – "I am"
- = the awareness of His own sufficiency
(resources for any contingency)
- = the assurance of His full knowing

GOD'S REST IN US

- = our acceptance of our new creation self (II Cor 5:17)
- = our awareness of our new creation sufficiency
(II Pet 1:3,4)
- = our assurance by faith (Ro 4:21)

The Christian's rest is God's witness upon the life trusting God for all we need, all that is freely given to us in Christ. We live and move and have our new creation being in the rest of a completed work (Col 2:9-10). Our identity, our adequacy, our fertility are all ours by grace (the activity of God) through faith (our receptivity of His activity). As we are deriving from God everything necessary to function as He intends through the saving Life of His Son, we will enter into His rest for our lives. Why do you think Jesus was so fond of saying "Abide in Me!", or why Paul kept repeating, "Christ in you!"? Because JESUS CHRIST IS THE SUPPLY, THE STRENGTH, THE SUFFICIENCY OF HIS OWN KINGDOM! This is how Daniel 11:32 makes sense, "the people who know their God (Who He is and where He is) will display strength and take action." This is how Paul could say in Ephesians 6:10, "Be strong in the ableness of which Christ is able!"

According to the writer of Hebrews there is only one hindrance to experiencing God's rest – our own unbelief (Heb 3:19; 4:2,6,11). The absence of rest has nothing to do with the worldliness of the world. It is not about "not enough" faith – it is about "no faith", "not faith", i.e., unbelief and disobedience! Do what is right in your own eyes – no rest! Failure to trust God – no rest! Authorize your own thinker, your own feeler, your own tradition to tell you the truth – no rest! Self-determining, self-preserving, self-sufficient people are never at rest. Unbelief and disobedience do not forfeit the promise of God's rest – that promise remains no matter our response (Heb 4:1). But, unbelief and disobedience will hinder our experience of God's rest. Do not expect the gift of God's promised rest to be upon any life that refuses to trust and obey its Giver.



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Greetings

Do you realize that every birth of righteousness in us is a "virgin birth"? That we never conceive or generate any real righteousness of our own through self-effort, painful study, or trying hard to be better people?

The real righteousness of God - the kind of righteousness that exceeds that born of man (see Matt 5:20) - is the only kind of righteousness approved by God. Real righteousness can never be earned and paid for with human currency. Only Divine currency can pay for and then freely give God-approved righteousness.

Thank God that Jesus volunteered to be made sin - our sin - so all sin and all unreal righteousness could be put to death. Thank God that He raised us in Christ "righteoused" (justified) and "holified" (sanctified) forever. Thank God that Jesus Christ the Lord is enough for everything pertaining to life and godliness in all who believe and receive Him.

Thank God that in Christ, every single day is Easter Sunday!

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4-6

Binghamton, NY (607-341-6062)

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For the "enoughness" of God in Christ



For the witness of God's rest for His children



God's rest in us to overcome the unrest in this world



The Truth of the Gospel to be known and
proclaimed in our churches