

Responsive Reading

Galatians 2:20; Romans 14:17-19

I am crucified with Christ.

Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God.

Who loved me, and gave himself for me.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.



Worship Service



Do You Want
a Million Dollars?

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He Did Not

by Jerry Johnson

He did not ignore our debt

He did not condemn us for our debt

He did not lie to Himself about our debt

He did not desert us because we owed Him a debt

He did not require us to pay anything to cover our
debt

He did not consider our debt to be too expensive
for Him to pay it

He did not consider what we deserve to outweigh
His interest in us

He saved us

He forgave us

He died for us

He justified us

He sanctified us

He did not forget us

The only One

Good enough

Perfect enough

Pure enough

Righteous enough

To point a finger at us and condemn us

Did not condemn us

He died for us

“Do You Want a Million Dollars?”

Opening Prayer:

Loving Savior, we honor You. We open our hearts to Your Holy Spirit. Help us believe as we meditate on Your Word today. Amen.

Devotion:

Text: “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:26

Is there anybody here who would like to receive a gift of one million dollars? If I were to tell you that I had many millions to give away would you believe it? Would you believe it if I told you that if you came back down to this room tonight before you go to bed I'll be here with shoe boxes full of \$100 dollar bills to give away to everyone who believes me enough to show up?

No, I'd be surprised if anybody believed I had that kind of money to throw around. But, humor me for just a minute. Can you think of anything you could do with a pile of money like that? Maybe pay for a grandchild's education. Buy a loved one a new home. Maybe buy this home! Get you a pink Rolls-Royce and a chauffeur. Have breakfast, lunch and supper delivered daily from a local gourmet restaurant. There's a lot you could do with a million dollars!

Well, just imagine I DID have that kind of money to give away. And suppose I DID say, “Come down before bedtime and I'll give you a million dollars!.” And imagine that you actually believed me. What would happen? As soon as you believed that I would give you that kind of gift, your opinion of me would change. Your facial expression would reflect the excitement of your new fortune. Hope

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for the things you dreamed of would explode in your heart. The minute you really believe I will give you that money your life will change! And all that would happen before you get a penny from me!

Read our text again, James 2:26 Do you remember John 3:16? “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.” What could possibly be more valuable than life eternal?

No, I haven't got a million dollars to give to anybody. But our Heavenly Father has promised something priceless - eternal life to anyone who puts their faith in His dear Son, Jesus Christ. Do you believe it? That is the question! Not how good you are, or how much money you give to the poor, or how many church services you attend. Those things follow, they don't lead. The most important question in the universe for all of us is: “Do we believe in Jesus Christ?” If we do believe with that “living” faith that our text refers to, it will change our lives. Living faith will make us act differently. If we really believe that we have free, eternal life it will show in our thankfulness, in our trust in God, in our love for others! Indeed, it is not the works that will get us to heaven. It is knowing we are going to heaven though we do not deserve it that opens our hearts to a new way of life - a life of righteousness, peace and joy in Christ - forever!

Closing Prayer:

Blessed Lord Jesus, thank You for Your priceless promises. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit Who breathes the life of faith into our hearts. Make us signs of that living faith for others to see. Amen.