



A Message from Jesus Ministry

“God, ...has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” Heb.1:1-2

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Being At-One With God

Do we long to have a closer relationship with God? Being at-one with God starts with relinquishing the control of our own lives to His will. Our natural state, that is, our own nature, wants absolute authority over everything in our lives. We insist on being our personal God. Our very nature is deliberately determined to be independent of God. But to be willing to surrender our desires and thoughts is the first step to being at-one with God. The Apostle Paul said, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is your reasonable service*. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).

Is it God’s will or our own desires that we follow in our daily lives? Often it is the dictates of our own hearts and minds that we pursue rather than the Word of God. God says, “...to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word*” (Isa. 66:2). Do we tremble at the Word of God? Do we place more weight and value in God’s words than we do in our own thoughts and wishes?

Being at-one with God begins with deep and true repentance. As He began His ministry Jesus said, “...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:15 NKJV). Yet few have deeply repented of the longing to be in charge of their own lives. One must turn to God in total surrender with a renewed desire to do His will. The repentance God is looking for isn’t just feeling sorry for oneself because of sins that have been exposed; “For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There’s no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death” (II Cor. 7:10 NLT).

Repentance of all our sins must be combined with the desire to allow God to direct our thoughts. Then we must be willing to accept the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and all that God has offered us through His Son Jesus Christ.

If you, or someone you know, long for a closer contact with God, please visit our website www.amessagefromjesusministry.org to begin this most valuable search of your life.

Announcement

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