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He that is forgiven much will love much!



I remember reading about the woman that shed tears on the feet of Jesus and wiped them off with her hair. How long has it been since we had such passion about our forgiveness? Have we forgotten our need to be forgiven from all our times that we have failed to walk in the righteousness of the Lord and gone our own way? Was He not faithful to forgive us and to offer us His great gift of salvation? A salvation that cost Him his life and the shedding of His blood for our sake. How can we not return our much love to Him and our brothers in the body of Christ?

Why does it appear to me that we in many ways are just paying lip service to the one who rescued us? Is our heart really in the battle or are we just taking our ease while the battle is raging all around? Do we even realize that there is a battle? Many are dropping around us but are we reaching out to lift them up? How many funerals have you gone to and the messages is

that they are in a better place? What makes you think they are in a better place? Some that I have seen buried had no indication in their life that they were saved. Why is it that I see on television or movies people say they are in better place with no indications that they were Christians or belonged to a church? Have we as a church misled people to think that everyone is going to heaven? That is not what I read. Broad is the way that leads to destruction and narrow is the way that leads to life eternal.

Have we forgotten that Jesus taught that there was a hell and that there was a need to change our ways and seek Him for our salvation? It is serious business. It was so serious that God sent His son to die a horrible death on the cross to save all that would listen and follow Him. That sounds serious to me! Today it seems that it is out of fashion to talk about hell. The church should not be concerned with fashion but preaching the truth. Jesus talked about hell a lot. Apparently, He knew that there was a hell. Enough that He laid down His life, so we don't have to face hell.

I am concerned that the organizational church has gone to sleep on our watch and is no longer interested in the saving of souls. We don't want to give bad news. We want to give good news that everything is all right which is not the case in many lives. Things are going on in people's lives and, in our society, and from what I see the organizational church is silent.

It takes courage to speak up and to address the issues we are facing. But that is what it is all about. We must speak up and witness the good news of the gospel. There is salvation for those that will accept the offer of God for pardon but to those that reject the great salvation that has been offered they will reap the judgement of God which is death. This death is not for a short season but forever

It is time for the organizational church to set its alarm clock to very soon because the time is growing shorter every day. How much longer do we have? Though I have read a lot of prophesy I am not in the business of predicting the time, but the signs are mounting that we are getting close. Jesus said He would come at an unexpected time, but He did say He would come back! Do we think we will have forever? It is my belief that we should get about reaching all the souls we can and with urgency.

Have we been forgiven of much? Then we should love the Lord and His ways and the lost much.



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