

Wanna Get Away? 2 – 07/17/11

Matthew 11:28-30 - Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to **take a real rest**. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

We Must Have Rest

1. In our Relationships with God
2. Within Ourselves
3. In our Relationships with Others
4. In any and all Circumstances

It is impossible to gain **REST – Within Ourselves, In our Relationship with Others, and In any and all Circumstances** in the absence of having rest in our **Relationships with God**

We must learn to rest in the "Finished Work of Christ."

We must stop striving to reach a goal that has already been provided for us "In Christ."

We must stop striving or working to get God to "Move on our behalves" and develop confidence that God has "Already moved on our behalves IN CHRIST" and then *act upon that knowledge*.

Rest Within Ourselves

What mirror do you evaluate yourself with?

Jeremiah 1:8 - *Do not be afraid of their faces*, for I am with you to deliver you," says the LORD.

Acts 5:17-42

- Peter and the Apostle are put in prison for preaching the gospel
- Angel delivers them from prison
- Immediately go back to preaching the gospel
- Re-arrested and commanded to stop by the Sanhedrin

Acts 5:29 – Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

Acts 5:39 - But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves *fighting against God*."

When people oppose the plan of God for our lives, they are fighting against God.

When we don't "Obey God, rather than Man," we are also fighting against God!

They are beaten and commanded to stop preaching

Acts 5:41-42 - The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. 42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they **never stopped** teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

The Mirror of Comparison

II Corinthians 10:12,17 - We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

17 But, "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

You are unwise if you:

- Compare yourself by yourself
- **Compare yourself with others**
- Boast in anything other than "Who you are In Christ."
- **Discover who you are in "GOD'S MIRROR"!**

God's Mirror

James 1:22-25 - Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who **looks intently** into the perfect law that gives freedom, and **continues to do this**, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

Galatians 2:20-21 - I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Stop striving to BECOME, and YIELD to the grace upon your life that enables you to BECOME the person God has designed you to be!