

"Jesus Is Enough" (John 1:1-18)

"For as many as receive Him, to them He gave..." – ENOUGH! (Jo 1:12 paraphrase) However, His own people rarely believe and receive Him as "enough" (Jo 1:11). If the Uncreated Creator came in Person to re-create creation, don't you think He would come with "enough" to do so? The New Testament boldly and clearly proclaims that Jesus Christ is the personal, definitive, first and last Word of God on all that concerns us... and that He is enough for everything we need pertaining to life and godliness (II Pet 1:3,4). To say that Jesus is "enough" is to say that all the intent and action of God in behalf of man, all the grace and truth necessary for man to be re-made as God intended man to be, and all the gifts and supply for man to live according to His design are made known to us in Him.

Our gospel is good news: Jesus Christ is "enough" for an eternal and relational oneness with God. He alone is enough to put us in such a oneness, keep us in such a oneness, express Himself out of such a oneness. We were created by God and made incapable of fullness and rest in any other outcome than His "enoughness". Jesus illustrated and demonstrated this when He took on human flesh (Jo 1:14). In Him, we see Divinity and humanity... in one place, in one person. A human body becomes the "locus" of God and His "enoughness", His sufficiency for any human need. We see Him fully functioning as a man with God as His source, His "enoughness".

It is not usually a compliment when someone says, "You're full of it!" But, according to John, Jesus was "full of it." He was full of life, full of light, full of grace, full of truth (Jo 1:1-14). And then He says with equal authority, "and you are full of it too!" – "for of His fullness we have all received." (Jo 1:16) Full of the "enoughness" of Jesus. Full of everything pertaining to life and godliness. Full of His fullness (Col 2:9-10). "Full of truth" – He is the substance, the content of all Christian teaching (Eph 4:20-21). "Full of grace" – He is the activity of God in man's behalf (Ro 6:14)

What is the truth of His grace? That the "enoughness" of God's salvation for man is God initiated, God accomplished, and God supplied fully in Jesus Christ (Ro 8:31-32).

... "I came for you" – Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8; Jo 1:18; Jo 17:22-24

... "I delivered, I saved you." – Ro 1:16; Ro 8:3; Ro 3:21-24; Ro 6:4-11; Eph 2:1-10

... "I will supply you" – Jo 1:16; Phil 4:19; Jo 10:10; II Pet 1:3-4

"When am I going to be enough for you?"

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Greetings

It seems as though the original "Thanksgiving" (in the embryonic stages of our nation) was a grateful celebration of "enough" - enough food, enough supply, enough help from indigenous others - to make it through another year. There is always something right and good and recentering about a regular practice of thankfulness for our needs met. Hopefully, you will have an opportunity to have such a "thanks-celebration" event with friends and family and needy others in a few weeks.

Nevertheless, everyday is "Thanksgiving Day" for the children of God! Hopefully, you make time throughout each day (Ps 118:24) for such a right and good and recentering practice of acknowledging the dependent and derivative nature of human life (I Cor 4:7) and thanking God from Whom all blessings flow (Ja 1:17).

And don't forget, many of those "blessing" come in disguise! They don't always come in packages that look or feel or seem to be so "blessed" to us. To tune in to their blessedness, see through to their redemptive Source, to get to "above" from "below" it is imperative that, by faith, we dare to give our God thanks "in" and "for" each of these things (I Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20). When we make every moment a "crowning" moment - when we crown Him King of that moment with our thanks and our praise - it is often where we experientially realize that He is, indeed, enough. That He is our needs met!

Calendar

NOVEMBER


12 Sardis Bapt., Worthington Springs, FL
(Alachua Bible Study group included)


***November Ocala Bible Study date - To Be Determined**


DECEMBER


3 Ocala Study (***Note Change!**)

Praise & Prayer

 The "enough-ness" of Jesus for every need

 To be able to live out of His fullness for, in, and through us

 A fresh realization of Who Jesus is in us

 Crowning Him "King" of our every moment with our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving