

Pleasant Valley Weekly

I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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Do I Still Desire Jesus?

About a month ago an excellent observation was made during the invitation. Do you still need Jesus? Do you still desire Him? Most of us would easily answer Yes. But what is the reality?

To need something is to be in want without. In our sinful state, we needed Jesus to free us from the bondage of sin. But, once He did that, do we still need Him? And if so, for what?

To desire something is to long for and crave. To be in need of it. We long for His love, His salvation. But once we have it, do we still long for Him? And if so, why?

Our lives tell the true story. If you have ever been involved in the conversion of someone to the Gospel, then you know how they felt. How eager they were to learn, listen, and then willing to obey. But what happens 5, 10, 20 years later. How many of us are still as eager to learn, listen, and obey so many years after our conversion?

What happened? I thought we all agreed that, "Yes, we still need and desire Jesus." If so, why are we so willing to turn back to the world that we had left behind? Why are we so nonchalant about our faith and the seriousness that it needs?

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." Do you really still desire and need Him?

Do I Still Desire Jesus?

* Desire

To long for, to search out, to set the heart upon

* Matthew 20 : 29 – 34 (Mark 10 : 46ff; Luke 18 : 35ff)

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Why? - He could help them.

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* Mark 5 : 1 – 8, 17 – 20 (Luke 8 : 26ff)The conversation

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* And they all "...followed Him..."

However not all for the right reason.

John 6 : 22—28—Jesus knows why you are here.

* What mad you desire Jesus in the first place?

Was it for forgiveness, for the living water, for the bread of life?

* Did you find what you are looking for? If so, what did you do?

Luke 17 : 11—19

Where are the nine?

* Why continue to desire Him?

He is our everything.