

JESUS CALLS US

Int.

1. Aim: To show the meaning of the song "Jesus Calls Us" and some lessons we can learn.
2. Singing is a command of God
 - a. CoL. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
 - (1) Teach and admonish through singing
 - (2) Word of Christ can dwell in us by singing these hymns
 - (3) That's why we must all sing
 - (4) That is why we must make certain the songs we sing are scriptural
 - b. Eph. 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; "
 - (1) Tells us not to be foolish but wise by understanding the will of the Lord
 - (2) Be filled with the Spirit
 - (3) Speak by songs
3. "You are what you sing"
 - a. The songs you sing have a strong influence on your life
 - b. Pro. 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart [is] not with thee."
4. Song "Jesus Calls us" # 399
 - a. We are called by Jesus to take up our cross and follow him
 - b. We can bring our troubles to Jesus
 - c. We can throw away our vain life or worldliness

Discussion

I. VERSE ONE "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea, day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying 'Christian Follow me'."

A. Tumult of Life

1. Tumult = disorderly agitation or milling about, confusion
2. Life on this earth is confusing and mixed up
 - a. ECL. 1:2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all [is] vanity.
 - b. We are mixed up about life here on this earth because we don't really know how long we will be here.
 - c. Jas. 4:14 "Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."
3. Life on earth is troublesome
 - a. Job. 14:1 Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble.
 - b. This earth is not our home - but only a temporary dwelling place
 - c. Col. 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
4. Life without Christ is like a ship without a rudder

B. Jesus calls us to follow him "Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying...."

1. Matt 11:28 Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
2. He calls us to serve Him because we love him and he loves us
3. 1 Jn. 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.
4. Song _ Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us # 391

C. Jesus calls us to the greatest life

1. John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.
2. Abundantly = bountiful blessings, overflowing, rich, continuous supply
3. Thief = comes to kill, steal and destroy - - anyone who teaches contrary to Jesus
4. Abundance of Grace, mercy, love, peace, life and salvation
5. John 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will [my] Father honour.

II. **Verse Two** "Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, 'Christian, Love me more'."

A. Jesus calls us from all material things

1. Matt. 16:25-26 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
2. Song "What Shall it Profit"?

B. He calls us from each idol - 1 Tim. 6:6-10

1. Idol = a false god, our object of devotion
2. Anything that keeps us from serving God becomes our idol
 - a. Family -- Job - home -- Play - pleasure
 - b. 1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

C. "Love me, More"

1. Matt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
2. If we don't put love for God first in life then we cannot be his disciple

III. Verse Three "In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease; still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these!'"

A. Life is made up of joys and sorrows

1. Eccl. 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
2. Jesus calls us in all walks of life
 - a. In sorrow and toil and cares
 - b. In joys and ease and pleasure
3. He wants us to serve him at all times of our life

B. Some always make excuses

1. Lk. 14:18 And they all with one [consent] began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.
2. Too much troubles and sorrows
3. Too much pleasure and fun

C. Jesus says "Love me more than these"

1. He wants us to serve him in good time and bad times
2. In other words love him more than life itself !

IV. Verse Four "Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, savior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all."

A. By thy mercies, savior, make us hear thy call

1. Tit. 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
2. Rev. 22:17 b "...and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
3. Rom. 10:13-18

B. Give our hearts to thine obedience

1. Lk. 8:15 Good soil = Having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."
2. Honest heart = good soil

C. Serve and love thee best of all

1. Eph. 6;24 Grace [be] with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, Amen. [To [the] Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus.]
2. Serve because we love
3. And love grows as we serve.
4. 1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Conclusion

1. Jesus calls us to give our life to him
2. Matt. 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
3. Take up your cross. If you have no cross you will have no crown. !
4. Jesus calls us !!! Will you answer ?

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