Notes and Quotes

A FEW THOUGHTS TO HELP US MOVE THROUGH THE STUDY AND GAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING



"Christ did not come to make the law milder, or to render it possible for our cracked and battered obedience to be accepted as a sort of compromise. The law is not compelled to lower its terms, as though it had originally asked too much; it is holy and just and good, and ought not to be altered in one jot or little, nor can it be. Our Lord gives the law all it requires, not a part, for that would be an admission that it might justly have been content with less at first." – Charles Spurgeon

"No faith is justifying which is not powerful in sanctifying the heart, and regulating all its affections by the love of Christ. We must devote and give up to God our souls and our bodies: our souls in believing with the heart, and our bodies in confessing with the mouth." – Matthew Henry

"'If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.' This needs clarification because Satan believes that God raised Jesus from the dead. But Satan will not be saved. Satan also confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord. Again and again Satan's demonic messengers, when confronted by Jesus, cried out, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God" (Luke 4:34); or, "You are the Son of God" (Luke 4:41); or, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?" (Luke 8:28). Satan and his forces have no doubts about the true identity of Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God, Lord of all. Therefore Jesus said in Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven." And so everyone in this room today is faced with the most important question of your life: Is my acknowledgment of Jesus as Lord and my conviction that God raised him from the dead like Satan's, leading to destruction, or like Paul's, leading to salvation?" – John Piper

"We believe everything which the Lord Jesus has taught, but we must go a step further, and trust him. It is not even enough to believe in him, as being the Son of God, and the anointed of the Lord; but we must believe on him ... The faith that saves is not believing certain truths, nor even believing that Jesus is a Savior; but it is resting on him, depending on him, lying with all your weight on Christ as the foundation of your hope. Believe that he can save you; believe that he will save you; at any rate leave the whole matter of your salvation with him in unquestioning confidence. Depend upon him without fear as to your present and eternal salvation. This is the faith which saves the soul." – Charles Spurgeon