

CONTINUE IN CHRIST

JESUS IS THE REASON ... EVERY DAY

"... continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them"

~ 2 Timothy 3:14

1. Every Day Christian Life

- a. "Jesus is the reason for the season!"... but now what's the reason?
- b. Jesus is always our reason why, every day, but who has the energy! - 2 Tim 4:2
- c. We are stewards, ambassadors, workmen, soldiers, but our life is often mundane
- d. Mundane ~ *def.* ordinary, normal, common, daily life (opp. of epic, exciting, extraordinary)
- e. Timothy had learned, and was assured, he needed to remember and continue – 2Ti 3:14
- f. "Continue" = our every day life - Rom 6:1-2; Is it by law or grace... Gal 3:10?
- g. Time and pressure happens to all... how do you continue? How do you live each day?

2. With Bible Understanding

- a. It's a sin not to have understanding - Rom 1:31
- b. Everything a saint does should be with understanding – 1 Cor 14:15,19
- c. Give attendance to reading and doctrine - 1 Tim 4:13
- d. Study to be an approved workman - 2 Tim 2:15
- e. Understand God's will – Eph 5:17, Col 1:9, 1 Tim 2:4, with assurance – Col 2:2
- f. What has he learned? To put on Christ - Eph 4:20-24, after Paul's pattern – 2 Tim 3:10

3. With Prayer

- a. Continue in prayer and watch - Col 4:2
- b. Plants need watered, houses need maintained, if you don't use it you lose it
- c. Preserves our hearts and minds through Christ – Phil 4:6-7
- d. Strengthens the inner man - Eph 3:14-15
- e. It moves doctrine past understanding into experiencing – Eph 3:19
- f. It engenders hope – Rom 5:3-4, promotes peace – Phil 4:7, 1 Tim 2:1,8
- g. Helps us rejoice – Phil 4:4; 2 Tim 1:3-5

4. With Joy and Praise

- a. Praise - A thoughtful expression of gratitude, merit, or honor
- b. Think on these things → Phil 4:8-9
- c. Praise as a result of understanding, judgment, fruits in you - Phil 1:9-11
- d. Joy – The delight of the mind; an emotion of excited by possession of some good
- e. Rejoice in the Lord always - Phil 4:4, 1 Thess 5:16
- f. Rejoice not in iniquity – 1 Cor 13:6
- g. We can rejoice in the hope of glory – Romans 5:2

5. With Fellowship

- a. Paul continues with people in fellowship - Acts 13:43, 15:35
- b. Paul beholds their order and steadfastness - Col 2:5
- c. Is it humdrum to say we need Christ every day, not only one season or 1-2 special days?
- d. Continuing in Christ is living each day with the knowledge, hope, joy, and fellowship he provides by grace

What we do in life; a full life includes:

1. Growth (improvement, spiritual, physical, emotional)
2. Work (provision, contribution, responsibility, duty, innovation)
3. Serving or building something (inheritance, ministry, calling)
4. Enjoyment (recreation, beauty, pleasure)
5. Relationship (friends, marriage, God, learning to live and love together)
6. Institutions (affirming/perpetuating family, church, country)
7. Truth (seeking, exploring, discovering God, ideas)

What drives how we do all these is our understanding of truth.