

Jesus Christ Weeps Over Fall Of Jerusalem

– Luke 19:42-44

Luke 19:42-44 [NIV] *“and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognise the time of God’s coming to you.”*

The people of Jerusalem had a time of God coming to visit them in the person of Jesus Christ, to offer them salvation, but they rejected Him.

This indicates that all people will have a particular time when God will visit them and offer them salvation.

A time when the God of Peace will offer us peace in our lives.

John 14:27 [NIV] *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

The end result of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is deep and lasting peace.

With Christ’s Peace, we have no need to fear the present or the future.

Philippians 4:6-7 [NIV] *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Unload our problems and needs on God through our prayers to Him.

Note it must be accompanied with thankfulness.

True peace comes only from knowing that God is in total control of our lives.

Our citizenship in Christ’s Kingdom is sure through our accepting Jesus Christ’s death as a substitute for our own.

Our destiny has been set if the Holy Spirit rules our life.

We have victory over sin as we allow the Holy Spirit to create in us a new “born again” child of God with the characteristics of the Creator God in us.

That is the “fruit” of our union with the Holy Spirit.

When the people of Jerusalem rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah [Saviour] the veil of blindness descended on them.

This could happen to us.

Hebrews 6:4-8 [NIV] *“It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.*

Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.”

God expects a lasting response to His offer of salvation.

God expects us to produce useful lasting fruit in our lives.

Matthew 25:24-30 [NIV] *“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. “‘Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”*

God has invested what is beyond price for us to have salvation, the sacrifice of His One and Only uncreated Son.

God has every right to expect profit from such an investment.

Just as much from the person who received one talent, as the person who was given five.

Just the increase of one talent would have received the same “well done good and faithful servant.”

All the people of Jerusalem could look forward to, having rejected Christ their Saviour, was total destruction.

If we reject Christ’s sacrifice and try to “earn” our salvation with our own efforts then all we face in the future is total destruction.

Matthew 7:21 [NIV] *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”*

Christ said of these people that, for all their work done in His name, He never “knew” them.

The word translated “knew” indicates an intimate relationship.

John 14:15-18 [NIV] *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever, **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

Note the Holy Spirit sent by Christ would be “in you” and Christ said He would come to us, be in us also. That is very intimate.

John 17:3 [NIV] *“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”*

Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship, a very intimate relationship with our Creator God, only such a relationship will ensure us eternal life of getting to “know” God even more intimately.