

Notes

"MY GOD"
John 20:24-29
April 1, 2018

- I. The Outsider (24-25)
 - A. Feeling left out.
 - B. Grappling with truth.

- II. Jesus knows where you are, and comes to you. (26-27)
 - A. Jesus finds you.
 - B. Jesus speaks peace into the chaos of life.
 - C. Jesus knows exactly what your questions are and confronts them with truth.
 - D. Finally, you must.

- III. Personal Faith (28-29)
 - A. My Lord and my God.
Faith has to be personal.
 - B. Jesus reigns as Lord.
 - C. Jesus is God.
 - D. The blessing of belief.
 - 1. Salvation
 - 2. Hope
 - 3. Purpose

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

"BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER"
Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 3:12-17

Passage Overview:

Living in authentic community with one another is uplifting, encouraging, and beautiful. It can also be hard work. Even though we are believers, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, we are different in many ways. Our gifts are different. Our interests may be different. Our backgrounds are diverse. Our cultures are varied. Our personalities are not all the same. What "works" for one person, may make little sense to another.

Yet, as fellow believers, there are many similarities as well. We have one faith, one Lord, one Savior. We all share the same way of salvation and the same Father. The Holy Spirit indwells each one of us who have been saved and all of us corporately as members of the Body of Christ.

One of the beauties of scripture is that the Spirit addresses the differences within the singular unity of the church. He calls us to bear with one another. It takes patience and endurance to live with people who are very different than ourselves in unity. It also takes proactive positive action to enable to body to do more than coexist, but to flourish.

This is only possible through the working of the Spirit within us. But it also demands focused effort from each of us, yielding to the leading and power of the Spirit and walking in obedience to the Word. That is what leads to a truly healthy and growing church.

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