

“The Grace Pursuit (3-2): Rest in Grace – Present Consecration”

(Matt 12:28-30; Galatians 3:1-3; Hebrews 4:1-2, 16)

Worldly Pursuit or Godly Pursuit?

Aim at a Life-long Journey of Pursuing Grace, Pursuing Jesus

Today: Invitation to Rest – Part 2 (Matthew 11:29-30)

Connection between the Believer’s Pursuit of Jesus and Finding the Promised Rest

I. You Can Miss the Promise of Rest if...

A. Legalism: Seeking God’s Acceptance – Consecration, by your Performance (Gal 3:1-3)

1. The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1, 5)

One is Saved and Sanctified Only by Faith and “through the Grace of Lord Jesus”

2. Forms of Legalism: Example – the Sabbath (Matthew 12:1-7)

Legalism Contradict Biblical Grace Teaching, and brings Bondage... Legalists are Graceless people: they drive themselves Restless, and make others Miserable

B. Lack of Faith: Examples from Exodus (Heb 4:1-2)

When you face Giants in your Life, Remember...

God’s Love and Sovereign Power Over Life’s Tough Circumstances

II. You can Find the Way Out of the State of Restlessness if...

A. You are “Yoked to Christ”: Yoking Implies Total Surrender and Obedience

B. You “Learn from Christ”: Jesus’ Purpose – To Turn a Believer into a Disciple

**Jesus Lived Out the Example of Gentleness and Humility,
so Disciples are to Live Out His Life!**

Reflection

- **Are you a Legalist? Do you Worry, Complain or are Fearful of the present and the future?**
- **Are you Yoking with Christ? Are you Learning how to be Jesus’ Disciple?**
- **Do you Know Jesus? Are you Pursuing Grace... Pursuing Jesus?**

“Yoking” and “Discipleship” – a Journey and a Process (Heb 4:16)

Deepen your Relationship with Jesus, you will find Rest in His Control