

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

David had joined us at the Bible study the week before. When he came in last night, he had a lady with him. “This is my wife, Melinda.”, he said. From our prior time together, I knew two things; David professed to know Christ while his wife did not. I provided Melinda with the gift of a Bible since she didn’t have one then asked her if she knew how to look things up. She said, “No.” I took a few minutes to explain various things regarding the testaments, books, and references. Then I had her look up three references (John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10, and Romans 10:13) and read them. I then stated we would talk about these later.

After prayer we began our study, which was based on God’s promise that Believers could know His peace and His Presence in times of trial. Cindy and I led the discussion, posing questions and interjecting points of truth through our study passage and other Bible verses as they became relevant to the discussion. Each time one of us brought up a verse we would ask them to turn to it so both David and Melinda would know that it was in their Bible(s). At the end of the study, I said, “Melinda, these promises of God that we have talked about are for those who have come to trust God. We need to talk about the verses I had you look up earlier.” I began to share the Gospel with Melinda. And I watched as, out of her sight, her husband, David, began to pray; I am confident that Cindy was doing the same.

Melinda and I talked of sin and our ability to know right from wrong (natural law) even if we have never read the Bible. We spoke of judgment after death and we discussed hell: God’s place of eternal punishment. Then I shared the Good News. I told Melinda of the grace and mercy available to all who would dare to believe that God could love them so much that He would send His Son to pay the price for their sin on the cross. As we talked, I had Melinda look up and read verses that applied to the truths being shared, among which were Romans 6:23 and Romans 5:8. Then we came full circle back to Romans 10:9-10, 13. I asked Melinda if she understood what we had talked about. She confirmed that she did. Then I asked her if she believed it was true. Melinda said, “Yes.” “Melinda, what are you going to do with this knowledge.”, I asked. “I need to make it a part of me.”, she replied. I asked Melinda if she would like to seek God’s forgiveness and receive Jesus into her life. Without hesitation she said, “Yes”.

As she called out to the Lord in prayer for forgiveness, Melinda began to cry. And there was desperation in her sobs by the time she asked Jesus to take charge of her life. But there was a smile on her face as she lifted her head. And it got bigger as she looked up John 1:12 and we discussed God’s promise there.

Please pray for David and Melinda. Now equally yoked, the two can become “one” as the Lord intended.

At the beginning of June, I was in New Orleans for Crossover. Dr. Nix (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) had invited David Cobb (David Cobb Evangelistic Association, TN) and I to serve with a group of seminary students in New Orleans (NOLA). The group was comprised of ~70 students from 3 seminaries, a number of seminary professors, Bro. David, and myself. For 5 days, teams went door-to-door each afternoon in various sections of NOLA sharing the love of God, brutally displayed on the cross, and the hope inherent in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. As the teams called for decisions, 32 people responded to the Lord and placed their faith in Christ! Follow-up will be done by pastors in the areas where we served.

Serving with the next generation of servants the Lord has called is always a blessing! Evangelism is always the thrust of this mission; however, it is much more. This time is a season of encouragement and fellowship with men and women who seek to honor their Lord. Whatever purpose the Lord has for them, they have determined to serve to the uttermost. Thank you, Dr. Nix, for extending the invitation to join in the Lord's work with the students. May the Lord continue to use you and the other professors in the molding of His servants for the future Church!

Please be in prayer for those who came to Christ in NOLA, the seminary students, and the professors.

Unless the Lord directs us otherwise, Cindy and I intend to focus on local missions, family time, and home repairs until we leave to serve the Lord in Kansas in September.

We also request your prayers for the following:

- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Please pray for the enemies of our nation both within and without. Jesus desires to change their hearts also.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

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