

John Newlin Ministries, Inc. *- realizing the power of a life in Christ-*

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE THINKS

Recently in a program I found myself being led over and over again to say, "It doesn't matter what other people think."

I was thinking in particular of the way people are so often held back in their worship of God by concern of what those around them think.

People in general and Americans in particular are so concerned about blending in, getting along. They are worried about what their neighbors think, what their co-workers think, what others at some social function think, what others sitting beside them in the pew at church think.

But in the end, all that matters is what God thinks of you.

Your relationship with Jesus is your relationship with Jesus. Yours and yours alone. No one else can get you into Heaven, into the Kingdom of God. No one. Yes, surely, pastors and friends and family can pray for you. They can ask the Father to draw you to Jesus. But at some point, some day, some moment, it is you who has to decide. It is you and you alone who has to commit, who has to believe, who has to accept Jesus as your Lord.

There is no way of escaping this most important decision of life on earth. Your physical life here is but a moment, a short twinkling. Eternity is just what the word says, eternity. Forever. You want to have life eternal with Jesus and the Father. Trust me. You do not want the other version of eternal life, which is eternity in the lake of fire.

When you are in a church and music is being played to praise God or to worship him, focus on who you are praising and worshipping. It is God. It is Jesus. Don't be distracted by anyone around. And if you feel like standing up, stand up. If you feel like raising your hands, raise your hands. Some people have even been known to dance around when they praise God. King David did that, you know (2 Samuel 6:16 – 23). Do you remember how his wife Michal did not like that behavior, how she clearly told him how inappropriate it was for him to behave in such a way? And do you remember David's response – that he would celebrate before the Lord and would become even more undignified?

This is God we are talking about. GOD! – FATHER, SON JESUS, HOLY SPIRIT. GOD! We humans can barely begin to comprehend God, who he is and what he does. Consider – he makes planets and universes and people and....well, it is all beyond amazing, beyond our abilities to conceive.

God has given us a glimpse, some insight through the wonderful Bible. And the closer you get to him the more you will realize, the more you will receive from that book and also from God in prayer.

The Bible is all about Jesus. The first two chapters and the last two are about life as God intended and intends it to be. The rest of the Bible is about the fall of man and God's working to reconcile human beings

back to him. In the book of John, Jesus in his final words on the cross said “It is finished!” And indeed it is. He in his actions took care of everything that separated people from God – sin, sickness, disease, curses of the law, unrighteousness, pain, so much more (see our CDs – *What Did Jesus Do? – Parts One, Two and Three*). Now it is all up to people. It is up to you.

As I’m always saying, we are living in the last of the last days. The return of the Lord Jesus to call out his Church – those people who truly believe in him – is imminent. You do not want to miss that call and have to endure the terrible things that will follow.

It does not matter what your friends think, what your coworkers think, what your family thinks, what your fellow churchgoers think. It matters what Jesus thinks. You want to spend eternity with him.

Always, keep your eyes on Jesus!

May you live in the blessings of God all your life.

John

PLEASE NOTE:

6 CD SET ON THE RETURN OF JESUS! – RECORDED LIVE IN A RECENT TEACHING SERIES - We recently held a 6-week program on the Return of Jesus. The teachings were recorded live and all six CDs are all available for a suggested donation of \$30 or more. Each CD is about an hour in length.

EVERYONE WHO LIVES IN CHARLOTTE, SOUTHWEST NORTH CAROLINA and NORTHWEST SOUTH CAROLINA – We are beginning on **Tuesday July 28th** a series of programs on **divine healing** on our weekly television program **DARE TO BELIEVE!** broadcast every Tuesday morning at 6:30 AM on WJZY-TV (channel 8 on most cable channels, channel 46 over the air, channels 46 or 927 on satellite, and other numbers on some cable outlets).

OUR “BREAKING CURSES” EPISODE OF DARE TO BELIEVE! is by far the most watched of all our video episodes on the web site and on YOUTUBE! It and other episodes on the web site are impacting people around the world. Check them out! Go to www.johnnewlinministries.org and click on video.

WILMINGTON MEETING - DARE TO BELIEVE! – The First Monday meeting in July will be on Tuesday July 5th, since Independence Day falls on the first Monday of the month. – same place and time (7 PM, the HAMPTON INN, 2320 S 17th Street, Wilmington, NC, near the medical center).

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