Busy About Believing sermon for 6-12-16

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**John 6:26-29 and 39-40**

**26**Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. **27**Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

# ***Labor* for the food which the Son of Man will give you**

The labor these men were doing was seeking.

So Laboring = Seeking

They were seeking Jesus so that He would give them temporary food. They were seeking Jesus for a miracle.

**Jesus said to seek Him for the eternal food that He could give; and that eternal food is Himself.**

Jesus said that He would give you Himself if you will come to Him.

**If you want a relationship with Jesus Christ, all you have to do is seek Him.**

* Do you know of anyone who is seeking Jesus?
* What things do they do that lead you to believe that they are seeking Jesus?

**28**Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

**29**Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

**The work of God is not a list of rules and procedures; it is to believe in Jesus.**

* Belief in Jesus leads us to become different people who want to do what the Bible says.
* Sometimes to others this obedience looks like obligation, but that is not God’s way.

**God’s way is not obligation; God’s way is transformation!**

Jesus is giving us a picture of what belief is.

**Belief in Jesus is seeking Jesus more than any other thing which is certainly labor—it doesn’t just happen.**

If you want to be free of all of your guilt, shame, and sin, then believe in Jesus!

**You are not a Christian if you do not believe in Jesus, seek Jesus more than other things, and labor for the stuff Jesus wants done.**

* Do you spend a lot of time in prayer talking with Him?
* Do you spend a lot of time in the Bible?
* Do you share about your life with other believers and ask for help, prayer, or advice?
* Do you live by the principles of the Bible in all aspects of your life or are they simply guidelines or suggestions of the best life possible?

**39**This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40**And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

**God’s desire for you—His will—is that He can raise you up after you die to live with Him for eternity.**

# **Anybody can do this work if they so choose…**

**Matthew 21:28-32**

**28**“But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ **29**He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. **30**Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I *go,* sir,’ but he did not go. **31**Which of the two did the will of *his* father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. **32**For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it,* you did not afterward relent and believe him.

You can be saved from your sin and from hell after death if you will but believe in Jesus as your savior from your sin and begin a relationship with Him today!

There are no requirements of who can get in!

**What you’ve been and what you’ve done does not disqualify you from the chance to be made into a completely new and clean person!**

Maybe you’re a liar, a thief, an addict, or a whore.

Jesus said here in Matthew that **the only ones that will make it to heaven are the ones who relent from their opposition to doing Jesus’ work and believe on Him.**

Looking nice and doing good things doesn’t get you into heaven.

As a matter of fact, sometimes our religion and good works are a façade that hides the fact that we are only seeking Jesus for what He can do for us and not for what we can do for Him!