

# FAITH

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## FAITH COMMENTARY

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### ***“Wining and dining” Christ***

“Wining and dining” is an expression that we use. It represents our attempt to impress someone else and as far as wining and dining goes, is anyone more deserving to be wined and dined than Christ?

It was 2000 years ago that Jesus humbly came to us. Riding a donkey, His desire was to be recognized and received and what did we do? We crucified Him!

Just before Jesus was crucified, John 17:9-10 KJV

shows Him praying to His Heavenly Father and you witness the power and completeness of His love:



“I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou has given me; for they are thine. [10] And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.”

Not receiving Christ did not lessen His love for us and now

we have the opportunity to return His love, to pay attention to Him, to wine and dine Him.

Rev. 19:15 KJV reminds us that Christ is not riding a donkey when He returns: And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Romans 14:11 KJV is a second witness to the fact that

the second coming of Christ is not for the purpose of being received; every knee will bow to Him: For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Now is an appropriate time to begin impressing God and we may ask: Just how do we go about “wining and dining” Christ?

Acts 26:18 KJV tells us to begin by putting Satan and darkness behind us and to open

our eyes: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Impressing God is not as difficult as we may think; He is ours for the asking. We begin by asking Him for forgiveness; forgiveness is a clean slate and that is where “wining and dining” begins.

Christ tells how to love Him in John 14:23 KJV: Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Keeping God’s Word shows our love for Him. His Word is “one on one” communication and a path to loving Him...Outside assistance is not necessary.

Additionally, love someone is placing their needs above ours and in 1 John 4:20-21 KJV,

God explains the importance of this love: If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? [21] And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

A “Brother” is anyone involved in our lives and God makes a special point here: Without first loving our “Brother”, we cannot love Him. “Wining and dining” Christ begins with loving others and Christ has done more than His part. He is prepared to do more but the next move is ours.

Knowing that lip service is not acceptable, action becomes the game plan. The lukewarm are short on action and God addresses them in Rev. 3:15-16 KJV: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. [16] So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor

hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

God shows how He feels about lukewarm people. Shunning commitment and never taking action, God tells why He will spue them out of His mouth; He places both good and evil above them!

The road to pleasing Christ awaits us. Are we “wining and dining” Him yet?

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