

TENANTS OR OWNERS?

April 7, 2019

Philippians 3:7-16; Psalm 126; Luke 20:9-19

WHATEVER I HAD I WAS WILLING TO LOSE...

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

WHY?

“...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

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A CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING OF _____

“Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24

THE PARABLE OF THE WICKED TENANTS

Cast of Characters

Owner of the vineyard God
The vineyard Israel
The tenant farmers Religious leaders of Israel
Servants of the owner The prophets
Son/Heir of the owner Jesus Christ

These were tenants who wanted to be owners.

“But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’”

Luke 20:14

ARE YOU A TENANT OR AN OWNER OF YOUR OWN LIFE?

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Philippians 3:7,8

POISED FOR THE RESURRECTION

vs. 10, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

“THAT I MAY ATTAIN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.”

THIS IS FOR THE HERE-AFTER

- “Today you will be with me in Paradise...” Luke 23:43
- Revelation 21:3,4, Behold the dwelling place of God is with man He will dwell with them and they will be his people.”
- 2 Corinthians 5:1, “For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13ff, “... We do not want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope...”

THIS IS ALSO FOR THE HERE AND NOW!

- Ephesians 2, “Though you were dead in your trespasses, ... even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...”
- John 3, “You must be born again...”
- Hebrews 4:1, “Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, ... For we who have believed enter that rest...”

WHERE IN YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO SURRENDER YOUR OWNERSHIP?

The Collect of the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*