

“The FEAST!”
Luke 5:27-39

Introduction

The ‘*Confidence in Christ*’ Workshop

1. Following ... – Lk 5:27-28

- Jesus sees Levi/Matthew and calls him to “Follow Me”
- Matthew, already a ‘believer’, leaves ALL and follows Christ
- From ‘official in the Roman Gov’t’ to ‘servant of Jesus, The Christ’

Timeless Truth #1 - The Scriptures make a clear distinction between ‘becoming a Christian’ (receiving the gift of eternal life) and ‘becoming a disciple’.

2. Fellowshiping ... – Lk. 5:

- Matthew obviously a wealthy man (Then) – He threw a Great Feast in honor of Jesus – he wanted his friends to meet Jesus!!!
- Matthew’s friends were publicans (tax collectors) and sinners – normal people like us
- Pharisees object to Jesus ‘eating & drinking’ with ‘unclean’ people
- Jesus lovingly explains with an analogy (sick need physician) & a teaching (mission to call sinners to repentance)

Timeless Truth #2 – Repentance is for ALL of us – an ‘attitude to cultivate’ & a ‘practice in which we continually engage’

3. Fasting ... – Lk. 5:

- Pharisees & Scribes not done criticizing Jesus
- Fasting & prayer (mourning & miserable) – John’s disciples do, Pharisees disciples do, Jesus’ disciples eat and drink
- Jesus lovingly explains with an analogy (wedding feast – no time for mourning) & a teaching (time will come when the bridegroom is taken away – mourn then)
- Jesus prophesies His own death

Timeless Truth #3 – The Wedding Feast of the Lamb (Bridegroom – Jesus, Bride – Church) is STILL YET FUTURE! The Bridegroom could return for His Bride at any moment. The DAY DRAWS NEAR – VERY NEAR!

- Two parables (patching garments & making wine) – to challenge the Pharisees to let go of their Traditions and embrace the Truth.

LIVING LESSON

We must all _____ acknowledge & _____ to God’s sovereignty & supremacy. His thoughts and _____, _____ and purposes are perfect. Worship Him, Submit to Him & His Word, and _____.

Isa. 55:8-9 – “For My thoughts are not your thoughts nor are My ways your ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts”

Rom. 11:33 – “Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom & knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!