

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the Name of Jesus Who came to to bring us true rest.

Matthew 11:28, 29 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Christ's "rest" is not a "rest" from work, but in work, "not the rest of inactivity but of the harmonious working of all the faculties and affections, of will, heart, imagination, conscience, because each has found in God the ideal sphere for its satisfaction and development" (W.E. Vine. pg. 529)

Our rest comes as we learn to walk in step with the Lord. We learn to hear and obey the Lord thereby CO-operating with Him. We must follow the example of Jesus and do what the Father is doing. John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent (Labor) to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

It is important for us to trust in, and depend, on the Lord, otherwise we begin to grow weary. Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Our nourishment and therefore our strength comes from the Word of the Lord and the Spirit of Jesus.

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

As we put our faith and trust in the Lord we enter into His rest.

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Hebrews 4:3a For we who have believed do enter that rest.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

There is one labor that causes us to be heavy laden and another that brings us into rest. John 6:27 "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."

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

I pray that you will be diligent and labor into enter the rest of the Lord Jesus.

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support.

Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><