

What lack I yet

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Introduction

1. Matthew 19:16-22
2. Remember that this was still under the Old Law – he had to keep the 10 commandments
3. He knew that there was more to religion than just keeping the law, or its outward forms
4. This may be as it is with us, we are keeping the outward form of New Testament Christianity but the inward is lacking and our spirit is lacking.
5. Let us see how we might improve our relationship with Christ

II Discussion

1. We might need to remember and return Revelation 2:4
 - a. The church was not told to return to programs, but remember, repent and do
 - b. When we were first baptized how much time did we spend in study, prayer and reflection of our life
 - c. The love of Christ ought to guide us 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
 - d. That is why our manner of life is important 1 John 1:6-9
2. We might need to see with the eye of faith
 - a. We are to walk by faith 2 Corinthians 5:7
 - b. When partaking of the Lord's Supper we are to use the eyes of faith 1 Corinthians 11:24-25
 - c. We are to obey Christ and leave the consequences to God
3. We might need to remember the blessings of God
 - a. He has promised to be with us Matthew 28:20, Is this just for the preacher
 - b. He has promised to never leave us Hebrews 13:5-6
 - c. These promises are located in Christ Ephesians 1:3
4. We might need to remember that God is near
 - a. Acts 17:27-28
 - b. We are not going to be separated from the world but God has promised to be with us John 17:15-17
 - c. Nor will we be separated from the problems of this life 2 Corinthians 10:7-10
5. We might need to remember that we have been transformed Romans 12:1-2
 - a. We must then abide in Christ John 15:4-8
 - b. We must conform to His image Romans 8:29
 - c. We are no longer a servant but now an heir Galatians 4:1-7

III Conclusion

1. What lack I yet in my relationship with God?
2. Has it been there and now is lacking, or have you ever had a relationship with God
3. Let us have faith that will let us be led to places that we have not yet been, a land that is flowing with milk and honey

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