

Can this Be True?

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Introduction

1. 2 Timothy 2:11-13
2. Paul was writing to Timothy to be faithful and encourage him in his Christian fight verse 3
3. We need encouragement along the highway to heaven as well.
4. As we grow spiritually our conversion should mean more and more
5. Our conviction of things we believe in and grow deeper and deeper Colossians 2:7; Ephesians 3:17
6. In our text we will find divisions of this faithful saying. All true

II Discussion

1. This is a faithful saying
 - a. These statements that follow can be trusted and are trustworthy, true and can be trusted as true
 - b. It was true then and it is still true today
2. For if we be dead with Him, we shall live with Him
 - a. What does dead mean James 2:26; Genesis 2:17; Isaiah 59:1-2; Ezekiel 18:20
 - i. Death is a separation
 - ii. We are to be separated from sin Romans 6:2, 6
 - b. What does it mean to be dead with Him?
 - i. We are crucified with Christ Galatians 2:20
 - ii. We are no longer under the throes of sin
 - iii. We are a new creature Romans 6:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:3-5
 - c. What does it mean to live with Him
 - i. This is a condition of "if" we live with Him
 - ii. Are we living with Him?
 - iii. What does it mean to live with Him John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:4, 14
3. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him
 - a. This again is a condition of "if"
 - b. If we suffer persecution because of living the Christ life 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:14-16; Romans 8:17-18
 - c. He is King of kings 1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 1:6
 - d. We can reign forever and ever Revelation 22:5
 - e. This is all based on our suffering with Him
4. If we deny Him, He will deny us
 - a. If we deny Him for fear, shame or sake of temporal advantage then He will deny us
 - b. This He has promised Matthew 10:32-33
5. If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself
 - a. "Believe not" is not for the atheist, but for all those who do not obey God. Numbers 20:12
 - b. If we disobey God He is still faithful to His promises and threatening 2 Peter 3:9
 - c. We can turn from God, but He is always in the same place. It is us left.

III Conclusion

1. We need to die with Christ so that we can live with Him for all eternity
2. To not obey God is so hazardous to our life and our soul
3. Why not obey Him today and living for Him all our lives

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