



Burnings in the Soul: A Few Thoughts and Prayers for our Church

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Texts for Exhortation: Mathew 9:35-38; 28:18-20

- We, CRCC, are in an interesting season...one that on this Memorial Day weekend, I'd like to discuss briefly and call us to prayer. I hope you don't mind!
- The texts we read have served as a directional foundation for us for a long time, but I often wonder if the outworking...the actual obedience and the accepting of the cost thereof...eludes us.
- What I mean is that we are attempting to live our lives by "all that He has commanded us," and in so doing, *reach, teach, and release* as many as we can (by God's grace) into faithful service to our King.
- But this attempt is very hard, and has certainly brought us into conflict "against rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."
- Our desire to hold to Scripture in all areas, but especially to *Reclaim the Gospel, Reestablish Holiness, Ready the Church in Stewardship, Reform the Family, and Reestablish Trust in Church Leadership* and through these things, touch as many lives as we can...requires prayer.
- We must do a better job at seeking the Lord, getting before Him in prayer, submitting ourselves to His will, and praying for one another.
- It sometimes feels like we KNOW a lot through teaching, but we aren't as empowered by the Spirit unto obedience as we should be. That requires prayer.

Burnings in the Soul:

- What's burning in my soul this morning is the desire to love and live out the Gospel. To preach it, to live it, to press into its outworking in every area...to declare and to walk out the Lordship of Christ regardless of what comes!
- What's burning in my soul this morning is a desire to worship...to bow before Jesus and to make sure He knows that I love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.
- What's burning in my soul this morning is to not waste the life He's given me, to fight and strive for His Gospel, for lost souls, for righteousness, for those who cannot fight for themselves, for families and children.
- What's burning in my soul this morning is a deep concern that our (CRCC) eyes open to spiritual realities! That our God would show us how we are to connect with His plan for His glory; that we would die to ourselves; that we see faithfulness to Scripture and obedience as true success; that we won't let the world and sin pull us from our Lord!
- What's burning in my soul this morning, CRCC, is that we would fight the good fight of faith. That we would be steadfast and unmovable. That we allow the Lord to raise our heads and strengthen our hands for battle. That we would fight together in love and forgiveness and joy.
- Now, I ask you dear friends, what is burning in your soul?

Prayers: Would you help me pray today?

1. Lord, would you help us reclaim and proclaim the Gospel?
2. Lord, would you help us live out and promote Holiness?
3. Lord, would you help us reform households and Family?
4. Lord, would you help us be unselfish, content and to Steward Resources for Your glory?
5. Lord, would you help us Lead humbly but boldly, with honor and love?