HOLD ON TO JESUS

**31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; Luke 24:31 (KJV)

 Many people, today, think that the greatest thing for a Christian is to know more about Jesus. Attending Sunday school; hearing the preaching; maybe even going to a Christian college are all good things but all one gets from this is knowledge about Jesus. These two disciples in our text knew Jesus well but were very empty in their soul. They had seen him, heard his teachings but did not yet believe he was resurrected. Their eyes beheld his crucifixion but their hearts did not trust his resurrection. The mere knowledge of Jesus was not enough.

 Often we read this portion of the Scripture and think what we all need is to have our hearts burn as the hearts of the disciples burned as they listened to Jesus open the passages from the Old Testament to them. This alone, would not be enough for as of yet they still did not know Jesus. They were able to see the Scripture as they never had before. The prophet’s words were coming alive in their hearts. No doubt there was an excitement they had not experienced before. Sometimes we are blessed to have our hearts burn in such a way. We see things in the Bible we have never seen before. Blessed nuggets are mined from God’s Holy Word. This is wonderful to experience but this blessed heart burn comes and goes. It is not permanent.

 What we long for, need, and should hold on to is the revelation of Jesus. As these disciples sat at the table with Jesus, he opened their eyes and let them behold HIM! And they KNEW HIM! WOW, what a moment! That was not the end. They ran back to Jerusalem and told the other disciples they had been with Jesus. This experience they would never lose. This did not come and go. The resurrected Savior, through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit would always remain with them. This they could hold on to and we can too. It is not enough to know about him. You must know him. Oh God! Open our eyes and reveal yourself unto us! Amen.

Yours in Christ,

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