**R957 Rumination for May 28, 2023**

The **T**heme:  **The Christian and the World** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *And now I am no more* ***in******the world****, but these are* ***in******the world****…* Jn. 17:11

 *They are not* ***of******the world****, even as I am not* ***of******the world****.* Jn. 17:16

 *As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.* Jn. 17:18

The **T**hots:

1. **The Christian in His relationship to the World.**

(As gleaned from The **F**eeding of the **F**ive Thousand Man.) **Mk. 6:30-44**

1. The Non-Christian’s **S**tate
2. They are like *sheep not having a shepherd*. 6:34
3. They are in *a desert place*. 6:35
4. *They have nothing to eat.* 6:37

Note:For some, *the time is far passed.* 6:35

1. Christ, the **S**aviour in their **S**ituation.
2. His **C**onsciousness of their Need – *saw* 6:34
3. His **C**ompassion for the people – *moved* 6:34
4. His **C**ommand to His disciples – *Give them to eat.* 6:37
5. The **C**hristian’s **S**tewardship
6. The **S**urrender of **S**elf – *He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see.*  6:38

*And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.* [All that they had!] 6:38

1. The **S**ervice to the **S**aviour – 6:41-41

*And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, He looked up to heaven, and blessed,*

*and brake the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided*

*He among them all.*

1. The **S**atisfaction of the **S**inners. – *And they did all eat, and were filled.* 6:42
2. The **S**uperabundance of Christ’s **S**alvation: 6:43, 44

*And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.*

*And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.*

Cf. *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* Jn. 10:10

1. **The Christian in his Relationship to His Presence in the World.**

(As gleaned from Christ Walking on the Sea.) **Mk. 6:45-56**

1. The **C**hristian’s **P**resence in the World.
2. He is just **T**ravelling through – *ship in the sea.* 6:47
3. He is **T**oiling on – *toiling in rowing* 6:48
4. His **T**ask is not easy – *the wind was contrary* 6:48
5. **C**hrist’s **P**resence in Heaven – *He departed to into a mountain* 6:46
6. He prays for them. 6:46 cf. *He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* Heb. 7:25
7. He watches over them. 6:48 – *He saw them toiling*
8. He is coming back for them. 6:48 – *He cometh unto them*
9. *In the fourth watch*. 6:48
10. Some will not be ready – 6:49, 50 – *saw Him and were troubled.*
11. All will be happy in the end.6:51 – *And He went up unto them into the ship;*

*and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.*

1. The **C**hristian’s **P**arousia (**R**apture and **R**eturn to Christ)
2. It will be a Happy **R**eunion. 6:51 – *He went up unto them*
3. It will be a Great **R**elief. 6:51 – *the wind ceased.*
4. It will be an amazing **R**evelation. 6:51 – *amazed beyond measure.*

*The whole world was lost In the darkness of sin,*

*The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*Like sunshine at noonday, His glory shone in.*

*The Light of the world is Jesus!*

*Come to the light, ’tis shining for thee;*

*Sweetly the light has dawned upon me.*

 *Once I was blind, but now I can see:*

 *The Light of the world is Jesus!* Philip P. Bliss

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 957**

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 *As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them* ***into the world***.17:18

When our Lord went back into Heaven after having accomplished His mission of redemption for sinners on earth, He could have taken back with Him all those who believed in Him.

 But He did not! He left them **in** the world with His prayer and hope that while they would be IN the world, they would not be OF the world, i.e., to be part and parcel of the world’s systems and aspirations.

 They were left to be **in** the world that they might not be Assimilated into the world but would stand Apart from the world and its Aspirations, and that they might go into the world to Attest to the people of Christ their Saviour and Lord and to Attract them to Him for them to Acknowledge Him as their Saviour and Sovereign so that they too could be saved.

 Thus, the Lord’s many commands to His disciples to go into the world to attest to Him as:

* **Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV)**
*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.*
* **Matthew 16:26 (NKJV)**

*For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?*

*Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

* **John 3:16, 17, 19 (NKJV)**
*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

* **John 8:12 (NKJV)**

*Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

Having come to the Light, are you going out with that Light to lighten up the lives of those who walk in darkness? How many have you spoken to of that Light? **REFLECT**

1. Just as *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (*John 3:16*,* NKJV*),* i.e., God lovesthe people in this world. But God has also decreed very clearly and explicitly:

**I John 2:15-17(NKJV) *–***

***Do not love the world or the things in the world****.*

*If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

*For* ***all that is in the world****--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—*

*is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it;*

*but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

Even as Christians are told to go out and preach the Gospel to the world that its people can be saved, they are also told not to love the Pleasures, Systems and Ways of the World as they are contrary to God’s Word and God’s Ways and soon they will pass away.

Do you have the correct attitude towards the world? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder: *Do Love the People of the World but not its Pleasures.***