

"JESUS CARETH, HE CARETH FOR YOU!"

Title for Lesson from the Song : "Jesus Cares."

1901. Frank Graeff wrote the words of that song because of some very difficult trials. The period before writing this song was one of great despondency, doubt and physical pain. When he turned to God's Word, 1 Peter 5:7 gave wonderful comfort: "He cares for you." After meditating on that truth, Graeff wrote the lyrics of the song, with the resounding affirmation in the chorus, "**O yes, He cares...**"

Introduction:

- 1- Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cares deeply about you.
 - a- We know this because the Bible teaches about his compassion and that he was a friend to all. (Mark 6:34, Luke 7:34).
 - b- As a person made in God's spiritual image, you are of great importance to Jesus. He knows your name, your heart and every numbered hair on your head.
- 2- Jesus Christ, the Son of God careth for you because of your soul.
 - a- The Saviour is deeply interested in your eternal destiny.
 - b- Listen to what Jesus says with regard to the needs of your soul.
- 3- It beg' the question? Why does he care so much?
 - a- Because He says, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me**" (John 14:6).
 - b- **Without "the way," there is no going. Without "the truth," there is no knowing right from wrong. Without "the life," there's no real living.**
 - c- How startling! He says He is the only way back home to God. Either He is Lord of all and is telling the truth, or He is a blatant liar or a deluded lunatic. These are the only choices. There can be no neutrality with Jesus: "**He who is not with me is against me**" (Matthew 12:30).

So, He is the key to your eternal welfare. "**He who has the Son has life. He who does not have the Son does not have life**" (1 John 5:12).

Transition: So what is the critical issue here? Well it is simply, do you care about Him?

Discussion:

- I- **Jesus Offers You the Best.**
 - A- The Son of God helped create the universe (John 1:3).
 - 1- He knows exactly how we tick and what we truly need.
 - 2- He cares enough about you to offer a personal invitation to a **life changing relationship**. "I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears

my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20).

B- I know for sure, That He alone offers the greatest quality of life known to man.

II- **Yes! He offers you the very best.**

A- **The BEST LIFE:** "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

B- **The BEST REST:** "Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

C- **SATISFACTION:** "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

D- **STRENGTH AND PEACE:** "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger" (John 6:35). "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.... These things I have spoken to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 14:27, 16:33).

E- **REDEMPTION AND SALVATION:** "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. He that does not believe shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

F- **FREEDOM AND HOPE** "So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). **As to Hope** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?'" (John 11:25-26).

III- **In Fact Jesus Cares Enough to Confront Us**

A- There're many popular religious ideas about being right with God and going to heaven that simply don't square with Jesus' teaching. Jesus cares enough to challenge the mistakes in our preconceived ideas. Think about it:

1- Jesus never said just being a nice person is sufficient to go to heaven.

- a- If this is true, then we wouldn't need Him as our Saviour.
 - b- If sinful human beings could be right with the holy God of the universe by our own efforts, then His agonizing death on the cross would have been a needless waste (Galatians 2:21).
 - c- Jesus once turned away a good moral, religious man. He trusted in his own good works and also refused to repent of materialism (Matthew 19:16-26).
 - d- "All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). All of us have failed to perfectly comply with God's law. Divine justice demands the guilty be punished. Hence, we're separated from God, and we need a Saviour (Romans 3:23-26).
- 2- Jesus never said merely professing faith is sufficient. Many believe in Jesus as God's Son. Yet, Jesus warns those deceived by "cheap grace" and "easy believism."
- a- "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter" (Matthew 7:21).
 - b- A true believer renders life-service, not lip-service, to Jesus. He pointedly asks, "Why do you call me, ' Lord, Lord,' and do not the things that I say?" (Luke 6:46).

IV- The Rock Solid Way.

- A- There is a "rock solid" way to be sure of salvation. We must care enough about Jesus to do exactly what He says In His word. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (**John 14:15**). Respect for His authority means we must "not exceed what is written". Faith that pleases God only "comes by hearing...the word of Christ" (**Romans 10:17**). The doctrines and teachings of men cannot save and do not please God (Mark 7:5-13).
- B- "The wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 3:23).
- 1- "Death" means eternal separation from God. His holy justice makes it impossible for Him to allow sin's rebellion to go unpunished.
 - 2- Jesus died as a substitute for sinners to satisfy God's justice that is accepted by obedient faith. "Everything is wrong until God makes it right" (A.W. Tozer).
- C- Those who refuse this grace must suffer the consequences of God's judicial wrath. **"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not**

obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (**John 3:36**). Jesus tells us pointedly to fear Him who can cast us into hell (**Matthew 10:28**).

Conclusion:

Do You Care About Jesus?

- 1- Jesus has the key to our life and eternal destiny. We, as Christians and servants of the master care about you because God cared enough about us to send His Son to die in our place. This love has drawn us to the Saviour and has changed our life for the better. The transforming truth of Jesus is important enough to us to seek a response from you on this very personal subject.
- 2- In religion it is **not who is right** but **what is right that ultimately matters**. You can render to Jesus the "obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). The "steps of faith" (Romans 4:12) to be right with the Lord, are:
- 3- **Believe** wholeheartedly in Jesus Christ as the divine Saviour (John 3:16, 8:24). **Repent** of all your past sins (Acts 2:38). **Confess** Jesus as your Lord (Romans 10:9-10) **be baptized (immersed)** into Christ for the **forgiveness of sins** (Acts 22:16, Romans 6:3-6).

"He Cares"

Who cares if you live or die?

Tell me, who cares if you laugh or cry?

Who cares if the world falls in on you?

I know, He cares;

Jesus is His name, He careth for you!

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