

**“The Day Will Come”**

**Mark 2: 18- 22**

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**The Only Message We Have Is The Promised Regeneration Of The Spirit Of Christ Bringing Salvation, (vs. 1: 8)**

**Message Emphasis:** Many today try to make the Lord Jesus fit into their mold; that is, their way of seeing the Gospel. For some, the Gospel is a strict regiment or discipline. For others, the Gospel has few real boundaries but is much more of a celebration. We MUST see that Christ has determined what the Gospel is and while we do celebrate the glories of Christ, we must also rejoice within the confines of what Christ has established as the Gospel of His kingdom.

*“The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.” (Mark 2:20, ESV)*

**There Is ONLY One Measure Of Devotion; Acceptance Of The Gospel As Christ Preached It, (vs. 18 – 22)**

• Our devotion may have various reasons but it should have ONLY one focus, (vs. 18)

- *Calling upon God in times of our distress - John the Baptist's arrest*

**Now John's disciples... WERE (Pres.Act.Impf) FASTING (Pres.Act.Part).**

*“Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”” (Matthew 11:2–6, ESV)*

- *Calling upon God as a part of our daily devotion - Pharisaical duty*

**and the Pharisees WERE (Pres.Act.Impf) FASTING (Pres.Act.Part).**

*“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (Matthew 6:16–18, ESV)*

- *“Calling” on God simply because we are compelled to – looking to our leaders for answers*

**And people came and said to him, “Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”**

*“Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” He answered them, “And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? For God commanded, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or his mother, “What you would have gained from me is given to God,” he need not honor his father.’ So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.” (Matthew 15:1–6, ESV)*

• Our covenant relationship in Christ should be a cause for celebration, (vs. 19 – 20)

- *Our search for devotion causes us to overlook the source of our joy*

**Can the wedding guests FAST (Pres.Act.Inf) while the bridegroom is with them?**

- *The object of our devotion is the source of our greatest joy*

**As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot FAST (Pres.Act.Inf).**

- *There are specific times when we MUST express our devotion*

**The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.**

- We MUST be mindful of what exactly we are celebrating, (vs. 21 – 22)

**No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins – and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.**

**\*\*\*How Do I Receive The Regeneration Of Christ's Spirit? \*\***

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you find the true joy that only the Gospel of Christ can produce