



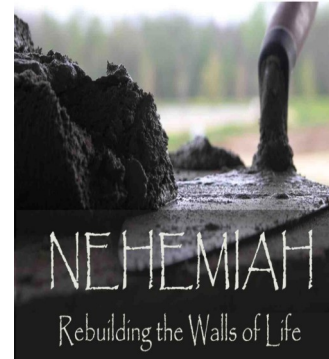
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ADDITIONAL NOTED



Your Spiritual Foundation

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Text Nehemiah 8

Never too busy to refresh

(Nehemiah 7.73b) When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, ^[8:1] all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

^[2] So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ^[3] He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

THE ASSEMBLY OF BELIEVERS

➤ “The people assembled as one man”

➤ _____

★ ^[Romans 15.5] May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of _____ among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ^[6] so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

➤ The difference between the _____ and any assembly “ekklesia”

★ “I will build my _____, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

➤ Nothing can stop the _____ Church!

- * [Acts 19.32] The assembly was in _____: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.
- * _____ is the rule of any man centered assembly.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

- The Book of the _____ of MOSES
- The scripture of the _____ of JESUS
- [John 1.17] For the _____ was given through Moses; _____ and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- [Romans 6.14] For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under _____, but under _____.
- Grace is _____ and _____ love and forgiveness.

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

- “.. in the presence of the men, women and others who could _____.”
- [1 Corinthians 2.12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may _____ what God has freely given us.
- [Ephesians 4.18] They [non-believers] are darkened in their _____ and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. [19] Having lost all _____, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

JOY OF SERVING GOD

- “Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”
- TWO types of Joy

1. _____: [Matthew 13.20] The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. [21] But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.
2. _____: [Galatians 5.22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

RESTORING WHAT HAS BEEN LOST

- “They found written in the Law”
They needed to restore their relationship with God
- Searching for the LOST
 - One _____ sheep (wandered away)
Was not paying attention
 - One _____ coin (slipped away)
Was mishandled
 - One _____ child (ran away)
Was lead away
- [Luke 15.32] But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

MAINTAINING YOUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION

- The _____ of believers
Unity through Christ Jesus
- Foundational _____
Undeserved & Unearned Grace of God
- _____ Truth
Spirit lead Sensitivity
- Living in _____
Spirit provided for us
- _____ for the Lost
Even if they Wander, Slip, or Run away