

Isaiah 61:4-9

The Task of God's People

Word of the Day: Task

- Task: assigned piece of work often to be finished within a certain time

1. Task of Rebuilding and Restoring

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

- Ruins describe the destruction that reduced the city to rubble from the wars of all the nations.
- Desolations shows how much the city was abandoned
- If taken from the end of time or Millennial Kingdom, then it is an actual physical rebuilding of Zion. Isaiah 66:22 talks about a New Heaven and New Earth.
- If taken spiritually it is the task of the Church to rebuild the lives that sin has destroyed.
- The first way we help rebuild and restore people is to tell them about Jesus Christ and what He has done for us on the cross.

2. Task of Renewing the City

Jeremiah 29:4-7

- renew to make like new: to make new spiritually:
- How are we individually and corporately making our world a better place?
- Is your company, school, and city better because you are a part of it?

3. Task of Sharing the Gospel

Matthew 24:14-24

- The impact of the renewal in this time will be worldwide and the emphasis again is on how there will be a worldwide outreach.
- Flock and vine dressers can be addressing the church of Christ. (John 15; 21:17)
- Plowing is the job of everyone and is used in 1 Corinthians 9 to talk about sharing the gospel

4. Task of being Priest

Exodus 19:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9-10,

A) By Sacrificing for others - Hebrews 13:14-16

B) By Interceding for others - 1 Timothy 2:1-4

- How are you praying for others in your life?

C) By being an Example - Hebrews 12:1-2

5. Task of Living out your new Identity

2 Corinthians 5:21

- The eldest son would get the double portion from the father (Deuteronomy 21:17) and this indicates that it was the full reward for being a son.

6. Task of doing Justice

- Robbery is violent or forceful seizure of another's property
- Injustice revolves around wicked and corrupt behavior
- Biblical Justice is moral behavior that treats other people fairly and equally.

7. The task we do are for the Lord

Colossians 3:23-25, Hebrews 10:11-18

- The covenant is the guarantee that this will take place and that the blessings are permanent.

Closing

- Because of the Mission of Christ there is a task for the church.
- We should be difference makers in our world no matter how big or small of a difference we think we are making.
- To renew, rebuild, to share the good news as the priest of God as we live out our new identity and do justice knowing that God sees what we are doing for His kingdom.

Devotions

- What are some of the things the church is called to do in verse 4 because of the destruction caused by sin?
- What are we called in verse 6?
- What do you think it means to be called a priest?
- What are two things listed in verse 7 that we will no longer have because of our relationship to Christ?
- What does God love and hate according to verse 8?
- Why is it good news that God makes a permanent covenant with us?
- What will the people recognize about them from verse 9 and do you think people could say the same thing about you?

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