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BUT THE FRUIT OF THE
SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY,
PEACE, PATIENCE,
KINDNESS, GOODNESS,
FAITHFULNESS,
- GALATIANS 5:22

Matthew 14:14

*And Jesus went forth, and
saw a great multitude, and
was moved
with **compassion** toward
them, and he healed their
sick.*

Articles

If Any of You Lacks Wisdom, 5/14/2024 by Terry Wane Benton

James speaks of the wisdom to see our trials as opportunities to perfect our faith and develop durability, endurance, or patience. We can choose to count it all joy, see how to grow deeper in faith, or we can let the trials beat us down and dishearten us to the point of quitting. The crown of life is promised to those who endure trials and temptations. It will take “wisdom from above” to see our trials as opportunities for spiritual growth (James 1:2-12). What you do with the trial is the measure of quality faith, durable faith, or the kind that gets choked with the cares of the world or has no depth to take the heat. Counting it all joy will take wisdom, but we can pray for that, and God will give it to people who are not double-minded. Make sure your faith is purely anchored in God and that you trust Him in your trials and challenges!

A Pattern of Peace, 10/25/2022 by Doy Moyer

John 20:18-21 shows an important pattern. Jesus was raised up from the grave and first appeared to Mary Magdalene then to the disciples (sans Thomas). Notice the pattern:

Mary to the disciples: “I have seen the Lord” (John 20:18).

The disciples to Thomas: “We have seen the Lord” (John 20:25).

Jesus offers peace in John 20:19, 26 and shows proof of bodily resurrection in John 20:20, 27. Knowing who Jesus is brings peace.

After seeing the proof, Mary says, “Rabboni” (John 20:16). She knew.

After seeing the proof, the disciples rejoiced (John 20:20). They knew.

After seeing the proof, Thomas says, “My Lord and My God” (John 20:28). He knew.

Now see the movement in John 20:19-23 from fear to peace, then the movement in John 20:24-28 from doubt to peace. Jesus relieves both fear and doubt and provides a blessing for the disciples (the Holy Spirit, John 20:22) and then for those who have not seen Him but can still believe (John 20:29). This leads directly into John’s purpose as expressed in John 20:30-31. They saw Jesus directly; we see Him indirectly. But the effect is the same: life in His name.

Peace. Proof. Blessing. John shows how we, too, can partake of these, but we, like Thomas, need to see the driving point of the identity of Jesus. From John 1 to the end, John shows us the divine Jesus, God in the flesh, who commands our complete commitment as Lord, yet having died for us so that, believing, we may have life in His name.