

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Unshakable

Hebrews 12:26-29

Now He has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

What do you have that cannot be shaken?

Only what we have received **from Christ**

- What has **He given** to us that is **foundational** to our lives?
- What can we live by when **all else is taken**?

Matthew 5:3-10

Vs. 3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are"

- Not they **will be** blessed. Blessing is **their state of being!** (Psalm 1)

"The **poor in spirit**"

- They know they **ARE** nothing
- They **HAVE** nothing
- They **BRING** nothing to God on their own
- Except their **ABSOLUTE** need!

Abraham, "I know Your servant is but dust"

Peter, at Jesus' arrest vs at His trial

Paul, "I count it all as dung"

How about us – **you & me?**

- What do we bring?
- Has God thoroughly stripped you yet?

The measure of **Christ's fullness...**

- Is determined by the measure of **our emptiness**

He doesn't **share space** with us

- He wants to **occupy fully...**
- To the extent we **abandon ourselves to Him**
- Some things we cling to more than others

He is both **patient & persistent**

"For theirs is"

Those who live in the reality of **the true poverty...**

- of who **we are** apart from God
- They can be trusted with it
- They are never pursuing **their own agenda**

"The kingdom of heaven"

The kingdom of heaven doesn't **cohabit** with anything

- It occupies **ALL**, or nothing...
- All that **actually lives** in God's kingdom
- As **He defines it**

It doesn't exist in any **measure of mixture** with anything...

- Other than **ABSOLUTE** surrender, obedience & dependence...
- **On GOD!**

Our surrender is **demonstrated & proven true** by our obedience

John 5:19 & 20:21 (17:18)

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Vs. 4, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

"Blessed are **those who mourn**"

II Corinthians 1:3-5

- We are empowered by Christ, as we suffer with Him

Philippians 3:10 & Hebrews 2:16-18

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Hebrews 4:14-16

Our boldness is not **just for ourselves...**

- But for others also
- Just **as His is for us** (II Cor. 1:3-5)

We receive **from Him** (in the same manner as He did)

- In order to empower us **to give in His behalf**
 - "In His Name" (**Acts 1:8 & 3:1-7**)
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Never surrender them! They are **eternal treasures**

Thinking we receive only for ourselves...

- Without being **transformed** by the heart of Christ...
- **To give like Him** (Heb. 2:16-18)
- Dishonors Him & disempowers us...
- Without the powerful impact **on those we give to**

Everything we receive **from Christ...**

- Is given for purpose of being transformed **into His image**

Romans 8:29 & 12:2

Do we see ourselves as alive **for THIS purpose?**

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"For they shall be comforted"

- **Mary & Martha**, the sisters of Lazarus
- **Mary**, outside of the tomb
- **Cleopas & his friend**
- **Peter in John 21:15-18**

If we never **know** the mourning, we never **know the comfort**

- When our lament turns to **thanksgiving...**
 - And our **rejoicing is multiplied**
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Jesus gave these to His followers **first**

- We need to **posses them** to the very end
- **No one else** can give them
- **No one else** can take them from us