

God's Good Pleasure

July 23, 2017 – Matthew 11:25-26; 28-30

“At that time Jesus said, ‘I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children. Yes Father, for this was your good pleasure. ... Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I Am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

During the Ministry of Jesus, there was a time when people were bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples rebuked the people who were bringing their children. To this action of the disciples - Jesus said, **“Let the little Children Come to ME and do not hinder them.”** (Matt. 19:14)

This morning in this text from Matthew 11 – Jesus makes it very clear the importance of children. Jesus compares the Wise and learned with Little children. (The Greek - *νηπιου* - which can also be translated as baby / infant.) The little children, infants / babies have the advantage over the wise and learned. The wisdom of the World (I Corinthians 1:26-29) blinds people as to Who Christ Jesus really is, and what He came into this World to do for us.

This past week there were parents who graciously brought their children to hear the Word of the Lord and to learn more about Jesus their Savior. As we followed the theme for VBS - WALK – RIDE & SAIL with JESUS!

Those events that they learned about from the Holy Scriptures were:

1. The Wisemen come to worship Jesus the King / Savior. Matt. 2:1-12
2. The Instruction of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip. Acts 8:26-40
3. Jesus on the Sea of Galilee as He calmed the storm. “Quiet! Be Still!” And it was completely calm. Mark 4:35-41
4. Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on the colt, the foal of a donkey on Palm Sunday to die for the sin of the World. Matt. 21:1-11
5. After Jesus rose from the dead we looked at when Jesus was on the Road to Emmaus with Cleopas and another disciple. Luke 24:12-35

We learn from our text this morning that it is to the Good pleasure of God the Father that the little ones – Children - learn of Jesus. Why is this so important and so wonderful? Because Jesus has brought children and adults rest for their soul.

Vs. 28 – Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Vs. 29 – Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Inner Being)

Vs. 30 – For My yoke is easy and my burden is light. AMEN