

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 5/26/23**

Have you ever considered how many innocuous phrases we use, as we greet each other? “How are you? Let’s get together and have lunch soon. How’s it going?” These meaningless phrases are popular among preachers when they meet together. Years ago, my family traveled to Yellowstone, Grand Tetons and Glacier National Parks. Each hike we took was a cacophony of wildlife sounds we were not accustomed to hearing in Texas. There was however, the infinite dialogue between hikers approaching one another in opposite directions. About every other hiker would ask, “How are you doing?” I was tempted to start a routine of engaging them with a proper response. Maybe I could share with them some personal concerns I was experiencing. Possibly, I would address how I was feeling about the weather?

Either way, it would have been interesting to stop them on the trail and fill them in, as of course, they asked for it.

**1 Peter 5:14, Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.**

Of course, I would not want to follow this type of greeting! Haven’t the times changed?! Although customs change, the Scripture and the teachings of our Lord and Savior have not. Remember, God listens, as He is pleased to hear our petition, through Christ.

**John 15:12, This is my commandment: Love each other just as I have Loved you.**

I like John’s version much better. If we Pray to see the world through the eyes of Christ, the Holy Spirit will change our attitudes and ideas concerning even those people we just met. Heaven will be the ideal of no suffering, everyone truly caring and always appreciating the souls around them. As I want to share a piece of Heaven you may not be aware of, YOU practice this in the Church of Jesus Christ consistently. Do you ever Pray for someone you have never met? Do you find yourself asking for updates concerning that person or those people? Yes, our Heavenly Father provides us a small glimpse of Heaven. You are wonderful people. You are the Church family of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Love Ya’ll! Have a Blessed Week, Church!

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to see and treat my fellow human beings with the caring and concerning Love you provide. Help me to represent the Love of my Savior to this world. Thank You for Loving me. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I Pray! AMEN!!!**