So You Have Believed Sun Pm 5/2/21

Matthew 13:44 (NKJV)

**44**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

 *God called us a treasure before He bought the field. (the world)*

 *Things that will give us His kind of confidence.*

# Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV)

**35**Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

 *Prayer.*

# 1 John 3:21-24 (NKJV)

**21**Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

**22**And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

**23**And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

**24**Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

 *Fellowship with God*

# 1 John 1:3 (NKJV)

**3**that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

# James 2:21-26 (NKJV)

**21**Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

**22**Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

**23**And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

**24**You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

**25**Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way?

**26**For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

 *God called Abraham His friend.*

# Isaiah 41:8 (NKJV)

**8**“But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend.

# 2 Chronicles 20:7 (NKJV)

**7***Are* You not our God, *who* drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever?

 *The Hebrew word for friend in these scriptures means to love.*

 *Jesus said we could be friends if we did what He commanded.*

# John 15:7-17 (NKJV)

**7**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

**8**By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

**9**“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

**10**If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

**11**“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

**12**This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**13**Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

**14**You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

**15**No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

**16**You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

**17**These things I command you, that you love one another.

 *We can’t be friends with God and the world at the same time.*

# James 4:4 (NKJV)

**4**Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

# Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

**24**A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.