

Perspective

Luke 10:19-20

Jesus had sent out 70 men, two — by — two, to enter cities ahead of Him. They were to enter cities who received them and heal the sick. In cities which did not receive them, they were to leave in protest. They represented Christ. He said, "The one who listens to you listens to me, and the one who rejects you rejects me."

At the end of their ministry, Jesus spoke personally to seventy, giving them perspective. He focused on their hearts and explained the response they were to have to this time of power and ministry in His name:

None of us have been given authority and power such as is mentioned in Luke 10.19. But what have you seen God do which only He could do? What are the most memorable acts of the Lord which you have witnessed in ministry or in your own life? What change has He caused in you through the gospel or the Word?

Now consider Luke 10.20. Do you rejoice in the receiving of God's grace? Do you give yourself some of the credit for what occurred? Or do you see yourself only as a sinner saved by grace and are thankful? What do you have that is not a result of His grace?

What authority and power were given to the 70? What does this passage teach about the importance of eternal salvation?

What perspective is taught in this passage? Will you embrace it fully?

If you indeed rejoice in the destiny of heaven, to the degree Jesus said to, what will your priorities be? What goals will you pursue with passion?
