

good pleasure of His will,
[6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

[7] In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace"



3. Jesus assured John of his _____,

Matthew 11:12-15

(Luke 16:16) ""The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it."

(Malachi 4:5) "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."

(2 Kings 2:11) ".. suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

(John 1:21) "And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "... ""

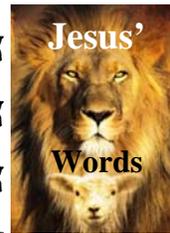
(Luke 1:17) ""He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, .. to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.""

(Revelation 11:3) ""And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.""

(1 Corinthians 12:12-22) "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ... {15} If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ... {18} But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. {19} And if they were all one member, where would the body be? ... {22} No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary."

(1 John 2:1) "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

(John 14:16) ""And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever;"



Our Gracious Lord



John Knox



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Martin Luther

In Luke 7:18-28 and Matthew 11:12-15 we see Jesus graciously dealing with the doubts of John the Baptist, in three areas of life:

1. Jesus answered John's _____, Luke 7:1, 18-23

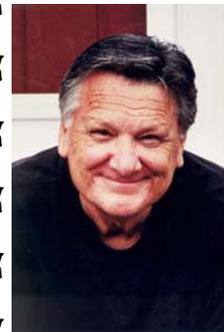
(Mark 3:19-21) ".. And they went into a house. {20} Then the multitude came together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. {21} But when His own people heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "He is out of His mind.""

(Luke 24:38-39) "And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? {39} "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.""

(Romans 14:23) "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin."

(Galatians 4:20) ".. I have doubts about you."

(James 1:5-8) "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally ... {6} But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ... {8} he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."



Ronald Dunn

2. Jesus restored John's _____, Luke 7:24-28

(Malachi 3:1) ""Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts."

(Romans 5:8) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(2 Corinthians 5:21) "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

(Ephesians 1:4-7) "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

[5] having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the