

## *One Thing Is Needed*

*“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>but</sup> few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:38-42)*

We hear people always speaking about their needs and everyone describing according to their personal situation. Some are in economic trouble needing more finances to sustain their various necessities. Others are sufficient for every basic need but working harder because they are building up a capital for a project to fulfill their own ambition. In the business field, we find people in the society involve in the market’s economic race. They compete with each other for a better gain and more profit. They are busy expanding or planning strategies in order to be ranked as first in the market. Likewise in the science field, people are busy trying to discover or achieve new things in their profession – doctors to discover unusual diseases, engineers to achieve better technologies, chemist and scientist to accomplish new discoveries and inventions, and astronauts to reach new and unusual object or event in the space.

People are all busy and distracted by lots of things and arrangements to find an easy, pleasant and famous life but they have forgotten one thing that is much and only needed: Jesus said, **“You are worried and upset of many things but only one thing is needed.”** In this life on earth and in the life to come, in order to have a joyful and fulfilled life, only one thing is needed. The Lord Jesus who through Him and by Him all things were made. (Colossians 1:16-17), He said: **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33 KJV)**

Jesus is the King of the kingdom of God. He purchases the citizens of His kingdom by His own blood that was shed on the cross. **“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)** **“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1John 5:12)**

People are running after a lot of things in this world. They are after their fortune but they left behind the author of life, Jesus Christ, who gives eternal life. They are after great figures in order to receive great privileges but they missed the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the One who came so that they may have life and life to the full.

Only one thing is needed: This is what Jesus said to Martha, who had opened her home for Him, but then she was so busy for lot of things and did not have time to sit with Jesus. Her sister, Mary sat at the Lord’s feet listening to the Lord Jesus. Both Martha and Mary received Jesus but they have different perspective: Martha was so concerned about earthly living, and even we claim that it is for the Lord’s glory. However, what Jesus said will never change: **“You are worried and upset of many things but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”** This is the only one thing needed: **“Listen and obey the Lord.”** King Solomon who was known as the richest, wisest and most famous king on earth said, **“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14)**

**My dear and beloved:** The word of God in this message teaches us one important lesson: In our life we cannot live away from the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who can give us eternal life and life to the full. Apart from Him we can do nothing. But even when we ask Jesus to enter our lives and to live with us in our homes after we believe in Him, if we do not sit at His feet and we do not listen to what He is telling us we acquire nothing. We should ask the Lord to speak to us, to guide us in our lives and to direct us to what He wants us to do. We don’t need to be worried and upset about many things because those things that worry us are actually unnecessary. **Only one thing is needed-** to sit at Jesus’ feet listening to what He says and obeying His commands.

**My Prayer:** *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus. I thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to give me eternal life. Lord Jesus, I thank You for your word to me. Teach me your ways and lead me in the path of righteousness. Teach me to sit at your feet praying daily in your Name, listening to your voice by reading the Bible, and obeying your will and commands. Help me to hide your Words in my heart so that I will not sin against You. This I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.”*