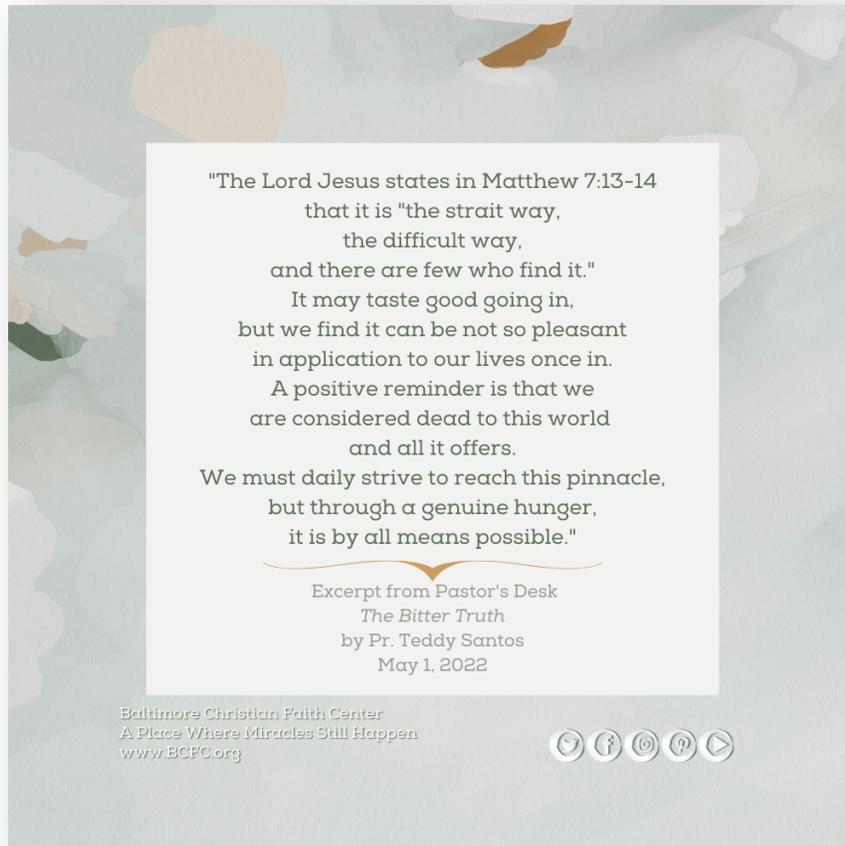


THE BITTER TRUTH

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Revelation 10:9 *"9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." 10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter."*

"Take and eat it" expresses what our Lord Jesus said to His disciples during the Passover service, when He advised them to eat the unleavened bread. Eating the little book has a similar meaning. Consumption of the bread represents partaking of His flesh, that is, committing ourselves to the life that He lives, evolving as one with Him in being part of His Body, living as The Lord lives.

The little book is the Word of God. In the beginning, when we first hear the truth - when we first taste it - it is splendid and thrilling to us, and we try to consume even more of it. But as we start to make it an element of our lives and start digesting it, we discover that putting it into practice is not always easy. Occasionally it is downright tough!

The Lord Jesus states in **Matthew 7:13-14** that it is "**the strait way, the difficult way, and there are few who find it.**" It may taste good going in, but we find it can be not so pleasant in application to our lives once in. A positive reminder is that we are considered dead to this world and all it offers. We must daily strive to reach this pinnacle, but through a genuine hunger, it is by all means possible. **Col 3:2-4** "**2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.**" Amen.

At His service,
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