

Lighting a fire under the lukewarm

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹ I have come to ignite a fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

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The I have. Luke 12:49

"...since you are lukewarm..." Revelation 3:16

Be on fire for Jesus, 49a

"Where can I go..." Psalm 139:7-8

"we have peace with God" Romans 5:1-5

Be on fire for Jesus, 49b

"in his own generation" Acts 13:36

The I have. Luke 12:50

My is with Jesus. 50a

"Can you be baptised" Mark 10:36-40

"I have been crucified" Galatians 2:20

My is with Jesus. 50b

"As the day..." Luke 9:51

"for the joy... despising the shame" Heb.12:2

The I have. Luke 12:51-53

..... of the old reality. 51a

"put off... put on..." Ephesians 4:21-24

..... to the new reality. 51b

"is a new creation: 2 Corinthians 5:17

My prayer priorities for the week beginning Sunday 14 March 2021

Su 14 Helen and George H

M 15 Manny, Sam, Asher, Austin

Tu 16 Tony and Diane; Chris H

W 17 Elsie and Bert; Agnes

Th 18 Karen and Hung

F 19 Sopi, Marieta, Jayden

Sa 20 Alison and Richard, Brian

Su 21 Bianca; Vi-Lay

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Are there some foods that you prefer to eat hot, or cold?
2. List some of the many factors that influence a Christian to become lukewarm. Are there any common themes in your list?
3. What answer do you think Jesus would give to each of those factors, or themes, you just listed?
4. How would you advise someone to revive their spiritual fervour?
5. Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), who gives us peace with God (Romans 5:1). So, how does Luke 12:51 fit with that peace?
6. Also in Luke 12:51, Jesus asks us to think differently about His ministry. Is it possible for peace to be bad, and for division to be good?
7. Is it possible to have peace with God, and peace with people, at the same time? If so, how can we achieve that peace?

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