

The miracle of the Cross

If you remove repentance from the gospel, then you are removing the heart of Gospel Truth for without repentance there is just no life in Christ! Therefore Peter answered those who were in search of salvation: "Repent!" (Acts 2.38). Repentance is then the gate giving us access to heaven, leading us into communion with Christ our Lord. Paul, for a very good reason, told reasoning man that ALL OF US have sinned and ALL OF US have fallen short (1 Tim. 1.15). We all are then in need of REPENTANCE! But where does repentance begin?

The greatest miracle sinful man could ever have had a share in, is that Jesus came to save sinners! (1 Tim. 1.15). Jesus/Yeshua, the precious and only Son of God, your and my Saviour, came to set us free from the power and dominion of satan (Acts 10).

And Jesus came to set us free from every stain of sin! In Him we have complete victory over sin. In Him and by His Power the shackles of a sinful lifestyle are broken over us if we should kneel at the Cross asking Jesus to save us through His shed blood (1 Jn 1.7-9). Bending the knee is like kneeling at the Cross.

There is not a sin that Jesus/Yeshua cannot rid us of and once He has set us free, we are free indeed! So don't let anybody rob you of your renewed standing in Christ trying to shackle you again and making you feel guilty for past sins committed.

This is the miracle of the Cross that was planted for the benefit of ALL mankind. Once Jesus has washed you in his blood, your soul is pure and clean and nothing of the old stains will remain any longer. And, as Paul rightly proclaims, also in his Letter to Timothy: "We have all sinned and we all have fallen short!" We all were then standing in need of Christ's redeeming work on the Cross.

It is the Cross then that makes the difference, not our own goodness and our own piety. And it is also through the Cross that we can break totally with our old sinful habits and conduct.

Once Jesus/Yeshua has positioned Himself in our hearts through the Power of His Spirit, we are renewed and we are then indeed given a new slate and so that we can confidently cry out : "Abba!" (Father!).

For He placed His fatherly arms around us when we were lost and when our situation was hopeless. I have so often heard this testimony from many Christians in the past and who so poignantly were extolling the goodness of the crucified and risen Saviour in their testimonies. One thing was certain, Jesus was their precious redeemer.

It was then something real that had happened to them for one could see their faces glowing with happiness found in Jesus Christ while listening to them testifying about Jesus' love and timely intervention in their lives. Their testimonies were just brimming with the goodness of Jesus, not only being their Saviour but also their best Friend and constant Companion!

What was so clear was that those who testified of God's goodness and kindness, His love and His mercy, had indeed undergone change for they were not shy to spill the beans, blurting out their previous sinful lifestyles. And what was so remarkable was that they could be so frank in their testimonies for one could sense their new bond with Christ and there was therefore not the slightest doubt in their hearts that Jesus had truly forgiven all their trespasses and failures.

Their clean slate given them by their mighty Saviour reflected their new beginning in Him so vividly that one could just drink in what was told by them for on their new slates were now written a testimony of love and the grace of a compassionate Jesus. No more were they in the grip of sin and a sinful lifestyle but they were indeed new, born-again creatures in Christ!

I think this type of sincerity of heart, marked by a bubbling, joyful spirit when talking about Jesus, is what had given their testimonies such a special edge for their walk with God, and the unpretentious manner in which they could tell their first and most important encounter with their risen Lord, was so inspirational that it was almost as though you yourself were there experiencing it with them step by step. It was as though their walk with Jesus had just brushed off on you for the change that had taken place within them was such a reality not only for them but also for you listening to their testimonies and their intense love for Jesus.

It is therefore still the best story ever to be told, i.e. when Jesus/Yeshua has transformed a sinner, changing such one so radically that he/she is no more the same person as before. But the secret is to be honest and to extol God's goodness for had God not sent us His precious Son, our Saviour, we all would have been lost forever (Jn 3.16).

And just as Jesus was hanging exposed on the Cross (he was totally naked) likewise our sins that had sent Him to a cruel cross, must be brought to light (it must be confessed "to one another", just as the Apostle James rightly states in his letter (5.16).

Although there are indeed degrees attached to sin, sin in whatever form alienates us from God and therefore sin must be confessed (be brought to light this way/must be acknowledged) for then the precious blood of Jesus can do the cleansing from within. Then the dominion of sin is broken over the sinner for then the goodness of God, saving us through grace, will take effect over the trespasser - he/she will be unshackled by the pierced hands of Jesus walking then forward a free person and no more under the same bondage.

Paul clearly states in his Letter to the Romans - something that was confirmed over and over again by those who really had been saved by grace - is that we cannot remain in the self-same sin all the time, i.e. after we have come to Christ (Rom. 4). We must then operate on the new slate given us by Jesus Himself.

So let's opt for the full package. Not half a package of salvation for then we and others too will be able to sense the change in us. Once we come to the Cross, kneeling and crying out to Jesus/Yeshua to save our souls, He will step forward and He will wash us in His precious blood.

This is then what we all are standing in need of in these wicked days!
We need to come as we are but we must do so in sincerity of heart and soul and then we will discover for ourselves the deepest joy we have ever tasted. And that is how Jesus/Yeshua's precious shed blood can save a sinner, placing him/her on the immovable Rock of Ages!

Let's sing in one accord:

Hallelujah, I have found Him
Whom my soul so long has craved
Jesus satisfied my longing
Through His blood I now am saved!

Remember : You have been bought with precious blood!

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Go to "Songs" on our website selecting "Other Songs" (S-0005) and then select from the list "Hallelujah I have found Him!", i.e. if you don't know this gospel song. Sing it! Word it! Chant it! This is praising God for His goodness found in Jesus Christ our precious, one and only Lord and Saviour (Yeshua HaMaschiach)!

If I may give some advice to those using Realtek. Enhance the sound and the songs by doing as I sometimes do. I go to the sound icon. Now, pressing it will bring up instructions, e.g. amongst others "Enhancements". Then tick "Environment" on the list that comes up, then select from the list beginning with "None" or something similar opening the list. Select "Concert Hall" from the list that will pop up or "Generic" even. I am sure, if I perhaps am not explicit, you will find your way. It works especially for PC's and Laptops. Enjoy this song! It's precious!