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SOMETHING WORTH LIVING FOR

"THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST IN HIM: BUT I WILL MAINTAIN MINE OWN WAYS BEFORE HIM." Job 13:15

"FOR I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH: AND THOUGH AFTER MY SKIN WORMS DESTROY THIS BODY, YET IN MY FLESH SHALL I SEE GOD: WHOM I SHALL SEE FOR MYSELF, AND MY EYES SHALL BE CONSUMED WITHIN ME." Job 19:25-27

The wise man, Solomon, made a quest or search of life. He diligently searched and explored and experienced all of life to find the best thing to do. The book of Ecclesiastes records his search and findings. Solomon possessed all that man believes would make happy and satisfied. Solomon said, "All is vanity." Man searches tirelessly and frantically for happiness and a reason for living. Man leaves no stone unturned. One of the reasons why man is becoming so wicked is that he is trying everything to find a reason and purpose to life.

Most men are seeking what Job possessed. Job had all that this life could offer. He lost his possessions, children health, and was accused of sin by his friends. The book of Job reveals Job's struggle through life with all of his losses. How could he go on? Job had a hope no one could take from him. This hope and personal relationship to God gave him a reason to live and a purpose in life. Jesus can give you something worth living for. Let's notice the hope that the believer has in Christ.

I. AN UNASHAMED HOPE. "AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED." Rom. 5:5

We are not ashamed of His person. Jesus is the Holy Son of God. Heb. 7:26 He is not willing that any should perish. II Pet. 3:9 He is loving towards all men. I John 4:19

We are not ashamed of His power. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Rom. 14:16. Our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ. Rev. 1:5

We are not ashamed of His plan. His plan to redeem man doesn't shame God. I Tim. 2:4 This plan doesn't shame man in any way. His plan doesn't shame, but rather shares the glory of God with man.

II. A CHRIST HOPE. "IF IN THIS LIFE ONLY WE HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST, WE ARE OF ALL MEN MOST MISERABLE." I Cor. 15:19

Our hope is not in man. We are not trusting in what we are or what we do. We are not depending upon our works or self-righteousness. Rom. 3:10; Isa. 64:6 We are not depending upon the efforts of man. Man will fail you.

Our hope is not in works. Paul tells us plainly works do not save. Tit. 3:5 No flesh is justified by the deeds or works of the law. Rom. 3:20. Works is man's self-effort to get to heaven.

Our hope is in Christ. Our hope is in Jesus Christ. He is the Almighty powerful Son of God. He left heaven to live and die for us. He arose from the grave. We have trusted Christ as our personal Saviour. We have accepted Him as our Saviour. God receives and accepts us on the grounds of our receiving Christ as personal Saviour. He is our hope. Job had a great hope even in the face of death.

III. AN ETERNAL HOPE. "IN HOPE

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OF ETERNAL LIFE. WHICH GOD, THAT CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN." Tit. 1:2
"THAT BEING JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE, WE SHOULD BE MADE HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE." Tit. 3:7

This hope endures through out life. From the moment we trusted Christ as Saviour, we have hope of eternal life. This hope is real in all of life. This hope is a hope we can live with in good times and bad times.

This hope endures through death. Death ends many causes and hopes. Job's hope didn't waver in the face of death. Text. Job looked beyond death to the time he would be with the Lord. Paul said to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. II Cor. 5:8

This hope endures eternally. Our hope or expectation is eternal life. God has promised eternal life to those who believe in His dear Son. We shall be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

IV. A BLESSED HOPE. "LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST." Tit. 2:13

It is a blessing to be saved. We are forgiven of our sins. Eph. 1:7 We are justified and at peace with God. Rom. 5:1 We are the children of God. Gal. 3:26 We are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. I Pet. 1:18,19 It is a blessing to live life as a saved person. Jesus is our Saviour, strength, shield, and song. II Cor. 12:9 God's Word is our guide and illuminates our path. Psalm 119:105 The people of the Lord provide a wonderful fellowship and comfort.

The best is yet to come. We look to the glorious return of the Saviour. John 14:1-3 We look for the time when death, crying, pain, sorrow will be in the past. Rev. 21:4 Death is turned into a glorious wonderful victory.

V. A SURE AND STEFFAST HOPE. "WHICH HOPE WE HAVE AS AN AN-

CHOR OF THE SOUL, BOTH SURE AND STEFFAST, AND WHICH ENTERETH INTO THAT WITHIN THE VAIL." Heb. 6:19

This hope is sure. Our hope is based upon what God said. God cannot lie. We have a strong consolation. We have fled to Jesus for a refuge. We have laid hold upon the hope set before us. We have the testimony of God this hope is sure. Not many things in this life are sure, but our hope is sure.

This hope is steadfast. This hope is an anchor to the soul. It settles and strengthens us like it did Job. It stabilizes us. This hope in Christ moves us to be steadfast and unmoveable. I Cor. 15:58 We may not be steadfast, but our hope is always steadfast. You may leave the Lord, but He will never leave you. Heb. 13:5 He can strengthen, settle, and establish you during the storms of life. You can depend upon the Lord and His Word. You can place your confidence in Him. He doesn't make you ashamed.

VI. A LIVELY HOPE. "BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHICH ACCORDING TO HIS ABUNDANT MERCY HATH BEGOTTEN US AGAIN UNTO A LIVELY HOPE BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD." I Pet. 1:3

Our hope is living. Jesus lived, died, and arose from the grave. Rev. 1:18 The angel asks, "WHERE IS THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?" Luke 24:5 We live because He lives. "...BECAUSE I LIVE, YE SHALL LIVE ALSO." John 14:19 Paul said Jesus is our life. "WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, SHALL APPEAR, THEN SHALL YE ALSO APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY." Col. 3:4

Our hope is living. We have a lively or living hope in Jesus Christ. Because Jesus lives, our hope lives forever. This living hope gives us the desire to go in all circumstances. This hope enables us to look at life differently. We can even look at death differently.

Our hope gives us life. Job lost everything of earthly value, but he continued to hope in the Lord. Paul wrote, "FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN." Phil. 1:21 Jesus said, "...I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY." John 10:10 When we realize Christ is all and in all, life takes on a new meaning. Jesus not only gives quantity of life but also quality of life.

VI. A PURIFYING HOPE. "AND EVERY MAN THAT HATH THIS HOPE IN HIM PURIFIETH HIMSELF, EVEN AS HE IS PURE."

Jesus is pure. He is the only Begotten Son of the Father full of grace and truth. John 1:17,18 He was tempted in all places like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4:15 He is just and righteous. III Cor. 5:21 I Pet. 3:18 "FOR SUCH AN HIGH PRIEST BECAME US, WHO IS HOLY, HARMLESS, UNEFFECTED, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS, AND MADE HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS." Heb. 7:26 Pilate ask the Jews who wanted to crucify the Lord, "WHY WHAT EVIL HATH HE DONE?" Matt. 27:23 Judas, the betrayer, said, "I HAVE SINNED IN THAT I HAVE BETRAYED THE INNOCENT BLOOD..." Matt. 27:4

Jesus makes pure. Our faith in Jesus is counted for righteousness. Rom. 4:5 He washed us with His own blood. Rev. 1:5 We are partakers of the Divine nature. II Pet. 1:4 Jesus cleanses us from all of our sins and forgives us of sin. Eph. 1:7 Thru the new birth we are made pure and holy.

Jesus moves us to purity. The one who possesses this hope purifies himself. This doesn't mean that there is a self-effort to purify. It means the one who possesses this hope strives to live a pure life with the help of God. This hope will change the way you live. This hope will alter your life and give you something worth living for. The heart cries out for a reason to live. We must have a purpose. After Solomon's intense search thru life he concluded "...FEAR GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN." Ecc. 12:13

You can have this wonderful hope.
A Joyous Experience, But Not A Pleasant One

Abbie Ward

In May 1979 my husband had surgery for stomach cancer. It was a "Joy" to be able to gracefully lay him down at the feet of Jesus, but not "pleasant". He seemed to be doing fair for a while. But eight months later, Feb. 1980, it was again a "Joy" to have Jesus to go to with all you have and say, "Lord, may your will be done," but not "pleasant."

Again the days became brighter.

Then one year ten months the curtain again began to be drawn. A little while it seemed to be lifting again, but never did. Dark days, in the hospital again and again.

Then June 10,1982, as we rushed to the hospital, I knew it could not be long, but again days lingered, tears flowed, as Grace came down from Heaven.

So what went with "Joyous" but not "Pleasant" was this, it was a "Joy" to do what I vowed to do 46 years 5 months 7 days ago, that was through sickness through health, till death do us part. But it was not "pleasant". But one of the greatest experience I learned in late April of '79, was the Lord said, my grace is sufficient. I was at that time asking for Grace I did not need at that time.

So I learned through days, weeks, months, and years, you only had to ask, and receive the grace, our Lord would give sufficient for that time. Grace is like the manna from Heaven. You receive Grace for the time you need it. You never receive Grace today for tomorrow, neither did Israel receive manna today for tomorrow except for the Sabbath. I believe had one tasted of the manna for the Sabbath, the day before, they would have died. So far Grace you can not receive today for tomorrow. In order for this to have been a "joyous" experience it had to be an "Unpleasant experience".

Two days later June 19, 1982 at 6:35 PM, our Lord said "Come" and my husband went to be with our Lord. It was the greatest and happiest day of his life, life on earth to life with Christ. It was a "Joyous experience" but a very sad one. He lost the battle but won the victory. I thank my Lord, He gave me health to do what was needed for my Husband, and allowed me to be with him at all times, and to see my husband when he went to be with the Lord.

The priceless things my husband left me, 46 years 5 months 10 days and 3 hours of precious memories of our lives together, three children the Lord gave us. We worked together to raise, clothe, feed, and shelter. Most of all, bring to church, teach God's Word in and
through our lives, as we lived for God, that they might accept Christ as their Saviour.

He left me not only with three children but three wonderful Christian in-laws, which we accepted as our own children and loved the same. Eight wonderful grand children, which he loved very dearly.

He left me in the midst of the greatest people on earth, "God's Children", our God fearing, God loving pastor and wife and children, which in a short time He learned to love and pray for. Not only are these Brothers and Sisters in Christ but the greatest of friends willing to help and watch over me where ever they can even if it means letting some things go undone for themselves. He left me a good example to live by "His life" (The example of his life,) through Christ.

God chose Him to suffer first for Christ sake, then to help me through my life that I might see Christ through suffering and be closer drawn to Christ. I had no choice, to accept or reject the death of my husband, but I did have a choice in my attitude toward it.

First my family I can brighten the days for my family by not allowing it to make me discouraged, unhappy, and allowing it to grieve my children. "A weasurable home makes a wearisome home." Yesterdays victories will not do for today.

He lost the battle and won the victory. "PRAISE GOD."

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I MUST TELL JESUS

George Crawford

Text: Matt. 14:1-14,v12

Intro. It was the disciples of John the Baptist who went and told Jesus about the murder of their Master. What a man was this forerunner of the Saviour. Let young men devote themselves to the study of the right kind of men. Let them see godly character and integrity resting upon worthy men gracefully, as some beautifully fitted garment - such was John the Baptist - Jesus said, Not a greater than John the Baptist etc." John the Baptist had convictions and stood by them without compromise and without betraying them under any pressure.

I. WHEN THE DAY OF SORROW COMES.

A. John's disciples told Jesus when their day of blinding, maddenng, overpowering sorrow came.
   1. When the day of tears come - day of testing and tribulations, no matter how expressed - tell it to Jesus.
   2. How sad a mistake if we refrain from talking Him - because He does care. He can assure us, and make it all work for our good.

B. In its final analysis, personal religion comes back to our relationship to Christ.
   1. HE comes calling us in sweeter words than ever came from a mother's lips. "Come unto me." "I am the Lord, I change not."
   2. Whatever form that sorrow takes, tell it to Jesus and ask Him to manage it for you.
   3. If it be in the form of sickness (short or long), death (sudden or expected), trouble (personal, family, employment), whatever, Tell it to Jesus.

II. WHEN THE DAY OF SUCCESS COMES.

A. If anybody needs to talk to Jesus and get His counsel, it is a man who is prosperous.
   1. They need to tell Jesus, I need Thee, Thy counsel, Thy light, and Thy leading.
   2. A deacon passed a note to the pastor. "Special prayers are asked for a young man who has come into possession of much property. He is in grave danger now."
   4. Jesus told us what "deceitfulness of riches would do" - Choke out the word. Matt. 13:22

B. The Apostle Paul was given a "Thorn in the flesh."
   1. I don't know just what the thorn was but I do know Paul talked to Jesus about it.
   2. He prayed three times for it's removal and then submitted to the will of God.
   3. Paul was given the thorn to buffet him because he had been given "abundance of revelation."

III. WHEN THE DAY OF SERVICE COMES.

A. We are saved to serve. "Go work today."
   1. Eph. 2:10 We are His workmanship.
   2. Did He create us in Christ Jesus to grumble, grip, and complain? No? What then?
   3. "For the purpose of good works." Are we doing them?

B. Let us thank the Lord for a time and place to worship and a time and place to serve.
   1. Our place of worship is 204 S. Green St.
   2. Our place of service is wherever we are.
IV. WHEN THE DAY OF HIS SECOND COMING ARRIVES.

A. What are we going to tell Him then?
   1. The truth. We cannot tell a lie in His presence.
   2. Shall we tell Him how thankful we are that He was willing to go to the cross?
   3. And how thankful we are for FREE SALVATION?
   4. And do not forget to thank Him for that NEW BODY you’ll be wearing then.

B. When the unsaved see Jesus what will you tell Him?
   1. Have any good reason for rejecting Him?
   2. Will you tell Him you found a better plan of salvation?
   3. Will you tell Him you were so good you did not need to be saved?
   4. HONESTLY NOW - Do you think the Lord will accept any excuse THEN? WHAT ABOUT NOW? NO! He will not. "He that comes to me I will in no wise cast out." So come here and now.

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NEED FOR DEDICATION

Billy Conner

TEXT: 1 King 8:55-62

INTRODUCTION:

Solomon proceeded with elaborate detail and care to properly dedicate the temple for his Lord. Let us with genuine emphasis and detail dedicate the following items to the Lord.

I. THE HOUSE OF GOD
   A. Place of worship - as oft as we have agreed to meet.
   B. Prayer - persistent, private, personal.
   C. Praise - singing, joy in and filled with the spirit. Eph. 5:18-21.
   D. Proclamation of the word - whole counsel of God.
   E. Personal reception of the meaning and message.
   F. Pulling together to do great things for a wonderful God.
      1. The strong must encourage the weak to be faithful.
      2. Membership must fellowship and develop strong ties spiritually.

II. THE HOME TO GOD
   A. The property - God's - not your's God's!
   B. The priorities - God's
   C. The personal relationship
      1. Marriage - sacred, lengthy, enduring (forgive, reconcile)
      2. Man and wife - most intimate yet most neglected
      3. Matters pertaining to children
         a. A joy, a blessing, an arrow in your quiver.

b. A complication, a responsibility, an arrow in your liver - a pain.
c. Must be taught proper values - battles fought must be won.
   1. Spiritual
   2. Respect for authority
   3. Discipline
   d. Many parents by their example are wrongfully instructing their little prides and joy - regret shall fill the future.

III. THE HEAD FOR GOD
   A. Wonderfully made the brain must be educated toward godliness.
   B. Wisdom can be, should be, must be attained.
      1. Worldly wisdom - not wisdom 1 Cor. 1 and 2
      2. Worldliness detrimental James 4:1-6
         a. Pride built and fall coming 1 Cor. 10:12
         b. Pretense and presumption called fact Evolution
      3. Wise men love and learn about God.
         a. Repent and receive Christ
         b. Return to closeness of His Fellowship James 4:8
         c. Resolve to think correctly according to Godly principles. 1 Cor. 14:20
         d. Reason based on truth.
            1. Wisdom from above James 1:5
            2. Proverbs - God's book of wisdom

IV. THE HEART
   A. Not the blood pump, not the organ of muscle.
   B. We all own one - We need to dedicate it to God.
      2. Happiness - happiest when in love "remember courtship"
         a. Reacquaint yourself with Christ
         b. Love Him more and more.
      3. Heartily assume our responsibilities.
         a. Christ
         b. Church
         c. Christian Life
         d. Community - must gain their recognized as dependable must be reliable and realistic.

CONCL: First step in the procedure of dedication:
   A. You must be born again - A clean, new heart.
   B. Now you are able to dedicate ALL to Him.
      1. Do this now!
      2. Can I plead or persuade you to do this? TODAY!
WHO IS THE LORD!

Jesus is.......... Glen Tropp

I. THE CONDESCENDING ONE
A. The revelation that is amazing.
   11 Cor. 8:9
B. The riches that are available.
   11 Cor. 8:9b
   1. Home in heaven.
   2. Deliverance from the slave market of sin.
   3. Forgiveness of sin.
   4. Access to the storeroom of grace.
   5. Available power to make us overcomers.
   6. Rewards in heaven.

II. THE COMMUNICATOR OF GOD
A. The teaching of this precept.
   1. Heb. 1:1-3
   2. John 1:1-2, 14
B. The truths conveyed in this proclamation.
   1. Communicator of God’s WILL.
   2. Communicator of God’s WORDS.
   3. Communicator of God’s WAYS.
   4. Communicator of God’s WISDOM.

III. THE CARING SHEPHERD
A. The passages
   1. John 10:11
   2. John 10:14
B. The proof.
   1. The proof of His CARING is seen in the CRUCIFIXION.
   2. The proof of His CARING is seen in CONVICTING us of sin.
   3. The proof of His CARING is seen in CONVERTING us.
   4. The proof is His CARING is seen in CHANGING us.

IV. THE CURE FOR MAN’S SIN-SICK CONDITION
A. Verified - Matt. 9:12
B. Testified - Many can testify of this reality.

V. THE CENTRALIZER OF THE CHURCH
A. The proof. Col. 1:18
B. The perception.
   1. Only Christ can unify and centralize the church.
   2. It must be built around him.
   3. Christ is the head, but He’s authorized the Pastors of the flock to lead the people to Him - therefore only one Pastor in each church under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. God has always used human instruments to accomplish His purposes.

VI. THE COMMANDER OF GOD’S ARMY
A. Review the setting of Josh. 5:13-15.
B. Revelation that is needed today more than ever.
   1. See it God’s way.
   2. Say it God’s way.
   3. Do it God’s way.

VII. THE CONSULTANT & COUNSELOR
A. Bible verse. Isa. 9:6
B. Bring your cares and problems to the Lord - then wait on the Lord & watch Him work.

CONCLUSION:
Additional truths concerning Him.
A. CALLER of all men to salvation.
   John 6:44, John 12:32
B. CAPABLE Savior & Lord.
   Rom. 4:21
C. CHALLENGER of the redeemed.
D. CHIEF of the chiefs.
   Col. 1:17
E. CLEAN one.
   11 Cor. 5:21
F. COMMENDABLE one.
   John 7:46
G. COMMISSIONER of the church.
   Matt. 28:18-20
H. CONVERTER - Matt. 18:3
I. CREATOR - Col. 1:16
J. COMPANION of the saved.
   Prov. 18:24
K. COMPASSIONATE one.
   Matt. 9:36
L. COMPREHENDING one.
   John 2:25

What If God Took A Vacation? Barbara Traylor

Have you ever decided when Sunday came not to go to the Lord’s house today?
It seems that you just need some time at home, or some time to just get away.

Maybe you really weren’t feeling quite well or maybe you just need a rest, or maybe there’s family that just came in so you think staying home would be best.

Have you ever thought about what you would do if you were faced with this situation? You knelt to pray and an angel replied, “Sorry, God’s decided to take a vacation.”

“He was weary and just wasn’t feeling quite well.” So He decided that it would be best if He just got away from it all for awhile and He really needed the rest.”
THE BEAUTY
OF THE
CHRISTIAN
LIFE

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Text: Prov. 4:14-19, VL8

INTRODUCTION:

A. The child of God is called:
1. "Sons of God" I John 3:1; "Children, heirs, friend."
2. "Jewels" Mal. 3:17
3. "Candles" in God's "Golden Candlestick"
4. "Light" Matt. 5:16
5. "Ambassadors of Christ" II Cor. 5:20

B. The Word of God makes a CONTRAST of the Saved and Unsaved. Psa. 1, Matt. 16:25

I. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS AFTER THE PERFECT PATTERN.

A. I John 2:6
B. John 13:34
C. John 20:21
D. John 13:14

II. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PROMOTES.

A. Love and good works. Hebs. 10:45
B. Peace.
1. It began with being made at peace with God. Rom. 5:1
2. Maintains us. Isa. 26:3; Phil. 4:7
3. The "blessed" life. Matt. 5:9
4. Eph. 4:1-3
C. Purity. I Peter 2:21-23; Hebs. 4:15b; Tit. 2:11, 12
D. The eternal truth. John 14:6; John 17:14; Jude 3
E. Soul Winning efforts. John 17:20 Matt. 4:19; John 15:16; Rev. 22:17
F. The christian life promotes "His Church." Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28; I Cor. 14:12

III. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A PROSPEROUS LIFE.

A. Like a fruitful tree. Psa. 1
1. "Bring forth fruit in his season."
2. "Shall not wither."
3. "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
B. Matt. 16:24, 25
C. Lives on to BLESS AND INSPIRE others. Rev. 14:13
D. Another contrast. Gal. 6:7, 8

IV. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE PREVENTS SOME THINGS.

A. A wasted life. Matt. 16:26
B. A dead life.
C. A "Spiritual burnout." I Cor. 3:13
D. "Shame" before the Lord, Our Savior and Judge at His coming. I John 2:28
E. An Unwanted Harvest. Gal. 6:7; II Cor. 5:10
F. Spiritual Shipwreck: I Tim. 1:19, 20

V. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.. A LIFE OF PROMISE.

A. Hebs. 13:5 His presence.
1. Rom. 8:31
2. Phil. 4:13
3. "Light" for the journey. John 8:12
B. Fruitchfulness.
1. John 15:5
2. Matthew 13:8
   a) Some win souls. Psa. 126:5, 6
   b) Some SEND OTHERS.
   c) Some DEVELOP CHRISTIAN CHARACTER IN OTHERS.
d) Some STABILIZE THE SAVED.
e) Some INSPIRE...CALL OUT THE BEST IN OTHERS.
f) Some ADMONISH.
g) Some MAINTAIN THE CHURCH.
h) Some TRAIN OTHERS...developing natural, and acquired ability, and talents.
i) Some "Minister To" others.

C. Reward.
1. I Cor. 15:58
2. Isa. 55:10,11
3. Gal. 6:8-10
4. Psa. 126:6
5. Eccl. 11:16
6. Mark 9:41

D. OH, THE BEAUTY OF IT ALL! BOUGHT by Grace! SAVED by Grace! REWARDED for faithful work!

II. JESUS MADE A COMPLETELY ADEQUATE SACRIFICE FOR US. John 19:30; Hebs. 10:11-18

A. The sacrifices offered by priests at the tabernacle and temple had never been adequate to take away sin. Hebs. 10:11
1. They offered repeatedly the same sacrifices. Illus: "He did the same thing last years."
3. The people knew this. Their sins not taken away; the guilt remained. What purpose, then, of the offerings? To point them to the Messiah who would make the sufficient sacrifice. Gal. 3:24

B. Jesus' one sacrifice was sufficient. Hebs. 10:12
1. He offered one sacrifice and "sat down..."
a. He does not offer repeatedly: Once was enough.
b. He does not stand, an incomplete salvation. He sits at God's right hand, His sacrificial work on earth finished.
c. Where was this sacrifice made? Not in heaven, but on the cross. Gal. 3:13
   --He did not carry His blood into heaven; God saw the travail (agon) of His soul and was satisfied. Isa.53:10, 11
   --He did not have to cleanse heaven for us; He had to cleanse us for heaven.
2. What did His sacrifice accomplish for us?
a. He perfected us. V. 14 Not made sinless but prepared us to enter into God's presence.
b. He sanctified us. V.14 Set us apart to belong to God for His holy purposes.
c. He renewed us inwardly. V. 16 Heart changed by faith...nature transformed.
d. He removed our sins. V. 17 They do not stand against us to condemn anymore; purified from sin and guilt. (So, no other sacrifice is needed. V. 18)
e. He opened the way into God's presence for us. The barrier of sin has been removed by the death of Christ. V. 19,20
   Illus: Sign on Center Street: "Closed to thru traffic." The sign will be removed when the work is finished and the street is open. So, the road from man to God is completed and opened to traffic.
   --What happened in the temple to indicate that the sacrifices there were over (superseded by death of Christ)? Matt. 27:51 Could the priests hear the tearing of the veil? Did they see it? Torn from top to bottom: God did it. How could they miss the meaning of it? Perhaps some did not. Acts 6:7

Con. His work of sacrifice is finished. He will never die for us again. Hebs. 9:27,28