



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, fill each person with Your wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, understanding; let each see the truth clearly in Your Word. For the truth will set them free. Lord teach them and mentor them in You; fill them with God's will for them and plans. Give them peace. Send them forth enabled to be Your hands and feet, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Gal 3:22; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: Ps 14:3; Ps 53:3; 11 There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that does good, no, not one. 13 Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Ps 5:9; Ps 140:3; 14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Ps 10:7; 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: Prov 1:16; Isa 59:7; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. Ps 36:1;

19 Now we know that what things so ever the law said, it said to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Gal 2:16; Rom 7:7; Heb 7:18;

Romans 3:9-20

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ to all and on all them that believe: for there is no difference: **23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;** 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Isa 53:5; 25 Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 2Cor 5:19; Col 1:20; Heb 4:16; 1John 4:10; Exod 25:17;

Romans 3:22-25

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Why the Jews? (vv. 1-20); if Jews, in the matter of sinfulness, have the same standing before God as other nations, why then had there been the need for the Jewish nation at all?? The answer is that the Jewish nation had come into being to be entrusted with the revelation of God and to pave the way for the coming of Christ, under God, the Hebrew nation was founded to serve a special purpose in the working out of God's plan for human redemption. But that does not mean that the Jews are intrinsically any better in God's sight than other nations. One of the purposes of the Law was to make people understand that they are sinners (v. 20) in need of a Savior.

(vv. 21-31). In the eternal. Nature of doings, sin is sin, right is right, and God is just, therefore there can be no mercy apart from justice. Sin must be punished. So God Himself, in the person of Christ, took upon Himself the punishment for mankind's sin. Therefore He can forgive people's sin and regard those who gratefully accept the Savior's sacrifice as having the Savior's own righteousness.

We cannot buy righteousness, redemption, it is freely given, and we are saved by grace which means He chooses to forgive us when we ask with a true, honest heart.

We sometimes fall into the trap of thinking we are the worst people on the face of the earth and that nobody does as many wrong things as we do. Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Every man, woman, or child who was ever born, or ever will be, has a problem with sin. God provided us with an answer to our dilemma. Just as all have sinned, all are justified and made righteous through the redemption provided in Christ Jesus. This means that, as believers in Jesus Christ we now have rightness instead of wrongness.

Satan wants us to feel wrong, worthless, and like a mess. He knows that without confidence we will never step out in faith to fulfill our God ordained destinies. He knows if he can keep us in the prison of self hatred, self rejection, or just plain not liking ourselves that he will prevent us from making progress or ever being a threat to him and to the kingdom of darkness. We believe we are righteous in God's sight before we will behave rightly. We cannot produce the fruit of something for which no seed has been sown. Jesus Himself is the Righteous Seed sown in death and resurrected in power, so we can say along with the apostle Paul; "For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness] (2 Corinthians 5:21). (Amplified Bible, JMM, 2005; pages 1803-1806; Scripture and commentaries)

Does this mean we wait until we get it right, we are clean and spotless?? NO...He wants you to come just as you are; sinning, broken, hurting, hungry, sorrowing, grieving, widow, orphan, elderly, teen, young adult, sick...etc. He wants you to just come be truthful and honest and mean it with your own heart, when you ask to be forgiven. And He said ALL, He is Lord to all, and the only Lord.

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. Heb 9:8; John 1:17; John 1:4; John 11:25; John 10.....John 14:6

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. John 17:21;Gal. 3:28

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; John 17:3; Rom 3:30; Gal 3:19; Heb 9:15;.....1 Tim. 2:5

9 That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. 10 For with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. 11 For the scripture said, Whoever believes on him shall not be ashamed. Isa 28:16; Rom 9:33; 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich to all that call on him. Acts 15:9; Rom 3:22; 13 For whoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21;.....Romans 10:9-13

To succeed at being ourselves, we must have a thorough understanding of what justifies us and makes us right with God. Romans 3:28, gives /tells us that we are justified by faith in Christ alone and not by our works. If we have real faith, we will do good works, but our dependence will not be on works. The works will be done as acts of love for God; in obedience to Him, rather than works of the flesh by which we hope to gain right standing and acceptance with Him.

We are saved by faith, through His grace. He gave it, He chooses to forgive, we just confess and ask...

Jesus is the atoning blood. Did you notice in the Old Testament all the animals that were sacrificed for the people's sins, or a fee given? Well, Jesus, is the blood sacrifice the atoning blood for us, He died for us, so we could be clean, pure, forgiven. The Old Testament is the old covenant with God. (this does not mean we forget the OT; it is the history, the laws, the beginning, it tells of the coming of Jesus, testifies to Him; it tells about God, His ways, the Jews, the land...His love for us) The New Testament is the new blood covenant; Jesus Christ. Jesus is out of the order of Melchizedek; (a fore shadowing of Jesus)

[Canaanite king and priest revered by Abraham. In the Book of Genesis, Abraham rescues his kidnapped nephew, Lot, from the Mesopotamians, and on returning from battle he meets Melchizedek, king of Salem (probably another name for Jerusalem), who gives him bread and wine and blesses him in the name of "God Most High." St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews treats Melchizedek as a foreshadowing of Christ.]

["He has no father, no mother, no lineage; his years have no beginning, his life no end. He is like the Son of God; remains a priest continually" (Heb 7:3). Taking Jesus as the addressee in Psalms 110:4, the Epistle to the Hebrews (5:1-8:2) sees Jesus as the successor of Melchizedek, whose priesthood is to replace the priesthood of the descendants of Aaron.]

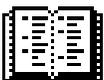
[In the New Testament, references to Melchizedek appear only in the Epistle to the Hebrews (later 1st century AD), though these are extensive (*Hebrews* 5: 6, 10; 6: 20; 7: 1, 10, 11, 15, 17, 21). Jesus Christ is there identified as *a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek* quoting from Ps. 110:4^[34]. and so Jesus assumes the role of High Priest once and for all. Abraham's transfer of goods to Melchizedek is seen to imply that Melchizedek is superior to Abraham, in that Abraham is tithing to him. Thus, Melchizedek's (Jesus') priesthood is superior to the Aaronic priesthood.]

New covenant, New Testament =Christ Jesus (The Atoning Blood)

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; historical and commentaries)

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light
unto my path.**



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