



~ 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, Lord as we go forth, lead us and guide us in God's will for us and plans for this day. Give us peace. I ask for a stress free day a day of ease. I ask that all our needs, obligations are met and supplied, that we are blessed with it. Bless us with our daily bread and I thank You for it. Keep us and protect us all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

13 Was then that which is good made death to me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. Isa 52:3; 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. Gal 5:17; 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent to the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. Gen 6:5; Gen 8:21; 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me.

21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: Eph 3:16; 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Gal 5:17;

Romans 7:13-23

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If we are no longer under the Law, why then was the Law given? It was not given as a way to attain salvation, but rather as a means to prepare humanity to see its need of a Savior. The Law makes us aware of the difference between right and wrong and demonstrates to us that man, born with a sinful nature, will always fall short of complete obedience to the Law. Not until we realize our helplessness is there a desire for, and an appreciation of, a Savior.

The struggle between our sinful nature and our inner being (7:14-25). Here Paul presents the great human dilemma; the struggle between our sinful nature, which wants to follow its own desires, and our spiritual nature, which longs to obey God. The other law that Paul refers to in v. 23 is our God given free will, which is too often influenced and controlled by our sinful nature instead of our godly spiritual nature. Our struggle is that, knowing what is right, we yet let our sinful nature persuade us to do something else that we find more pleasant. Paul expresses gratitude to Christ for deliverance from the sinful nature against which he felt himself powerless. We are reminded in this chapter of Martin Luther's unbounded joy when he realized all at once that Christ could do for him what he had vainly struggled to do for himself. It is an illustration of the hold the Law can have on an earnest soul depressed by his or her inability to live up to it, and the relief that is found in Christ. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; page 767)

(The first big error/sin of mankind came through Adam & Eve but He did provide redemption through Jesus. One of the big errors in the OT of mankind was asking for a King to rule over them, instead of God, they wanted a man king.)

When Paul uses the word brethren he's referring to his Jewish brothers. The principle Paul begins to establish here is that death brings freedom from the Law. The Jews who had become Christians thought they still had to keep the Law. Paul explained that they had died in Christ. Once freed from the Law, we can serve God from the motivation of love. Paul states that the purpose of the Law was to show men their sins. We're in agreement with the Law because it is good and just. Our problem is that the Law is spiritual and we are carnal. Jesus explained God's intention when He gave the Law, because the Pharisees had misinterpreted it (Matthew 5-7). The new covenant we have with God depends upon our belief in His righteousness. The old covenant depended on our obedience in keeping the Law. Paul had a struggle before he realized that the Law was spiritual. Only the Christian has this conflict between the flesh and the spirit. The non-Christian lives in harmony with the desires of his flesh, but we Christians are trying to bring our flesh into conformity with the will of God. Now our will and desire is to serve God. So, when we sin, it's because we still have the sinful nature. Our spiritual, inward self loves God's law and wants above all to obey Him. Our flesh always seeks to gratify itself and struggles with our spirit to bring it under the control of sin. We're dragging the body of our dead man (our flesh) around with us, hoping for the day when we'll be released. With God's help through Jesus, there's a way that we don't have to continue to be defeated by the flesh. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; pages 74-75)

Romans 6:18 affirms that those of us who are Christians have been set free from sin. As children of God, we should experience the glorious freedom and liberty Jesus died to give us, freedom to enjoy all God has given to us through His Son. Jesus talked about our right to be free in John 8:31,32; "If you abide in My word; you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

The old covenant is finished and has been replaced with a new and better covenant (Hebrews 8:13). God's law no longer comes to us on stone tablets, but is written in our hearts. We no longer live under the Law, which tells us God's will; we now live under grace which enables us to do God's will because we want to and not merely because it is the Law. The Law ministers death, but grace ministers life.

Grace is the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives enabling us to do whatever God instructs us to do. It is by grace (God's power) through faith that we are saved and made partakers of Christ's salvation.

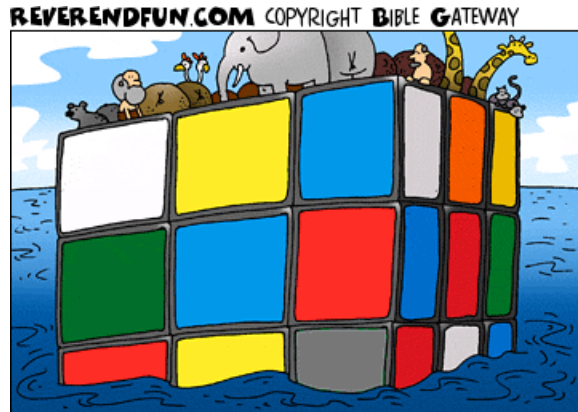
Romans 7:6 teaches that we are to be led by the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in us and wants us to willingly allow Him to lead, guide, and control us. When we submit to His promptings, we experience newness of life. The Law only gives us rules and regulations and we feel guilty and condemned when we do not follow them. But the Spirit gives us not only the desire to do what is right, but also the ability and a fresh zeal to do it. He enables us to serve God with enthusiasm, not out of a sense of obligation.

Learning to be led by the Holy Spirit should be one of the primary goals of every believer in Jesus Christ. Only the Holy Spirit knows the mind of God concerning our lives and our circumstances. He will reveal God's will to us and lead us into its fullness as we diligently follow His promptings. To prompt means "to remind" or "to give a cue." It does not indicate force, control, or manipulation. When someone reminds us to do something we have forgotten or are in danger of forgetting, we can still choose whether or not we will act on the reminder. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman and will never force Himself or God's will. God sets before each of us life and death and encourages us to choose life so that we and our descendants may have the lives He has carefully planned for us.

(KJV; Amplified Bibles; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scriptures; commentaries and notes; pages 1815-1818)

“Friday Humor”

- * The shark cornea has been used in eye surgery, since its cornea is similar to a human cornea. *
- * People generally read 25% slower from a computer screen compared to paper. *
- The average adult has approximately six pounds of skin *



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 6-8) 10-22-2010
THE ONLY THING MORE FRUSTRATION THAN THE ARCHITECTURAL CHALLENGES OF GOING WITH RUBIX CUBITS, WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO SOLVE IT BEFORE THE FLOOD HIT

A typical flash of fork lightning lasts for about 0.2 seconds.

* The biggest clouds are cumulonimbus, climbing up to 9.7 kilometers (6 miles) high and holding up to half a million tons of water. *

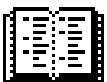
* Women are twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression than men in the United States. *

* From all the oxygen that a human breathes, twenty percent goes to the brain. *

* A women from Berlin Germany has had 3,110 gallstones taken out of her gall bladder. *

Psa 119:105

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



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