



~ 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 make the Word come alive to each person, let them see today in the Word, for what is has been. Give them wisdom and understanding as they hear the Word and meditate on it. Cause mercy, compassion and love to well up in each. Lead them on the right pathways of righteousness and bless and keep them and protect them. Give them peace. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

1 Brothers and sisters,¹ my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of my fellow Israelites² is for their salvation. 2 For I can testify that they are zealous for God,¹ but their zeal is not in line with the truth.² Acts 22:3; Rom 9:31; Gal 4:17; 3 For ignoring the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking instead to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Christ is the end of the law, with the result that there is righteousness for everyone who believes. Matt 5:17; Acts 13:38; 2Cor 3:13; Gal 3:24; 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is by the law: "*The one who does these things will live by them.*" Lev 18:5; Ezek 20:11; Gal 3:12; 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "*Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'*" (that is, to bring Christ down) Deut 30:12; 7 or "*Who will descend into the abyss?'*" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (that is, the word of faith that we preach), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and thus has righteousness and with the mouth one confesses and thus has salvation. 11 For the scripture says, "*Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.*" Isa 28:16; Rom 9:33; 12 For there is no distinction between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, who richly blesses all who call on him. Acts 15:9; Rom 3:22; 13 For *everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21;

Romans 10:1-13

(The Word; Net Bible; Biblical Studies Press; 2007)

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God did not make the Jews reject Christ; they did it of their own accord. It was simply a matter of hearing (vv. 8-17). The Jews heard and were willfully disobedient (vv. 18-21). How to reconcile this with 9:16 we do not know; one day we will fully understand. Israel's rejection of Christ is temporary. The day will come when all Israel shall be saved. When or how that will be is not stated.

Paul wasn't bitter against the Jews for fighting his attempts to bring Christ to them. He was longing to release them from their futile attempts to become righteous by following the Law. Christ brings an end to the Law for those who believe. The righteousness of the Law is based on man's doing; the righteousness of faith is based on the work Christ has done. We only have to speak and believe the words of faith in Jesus to attain all His righteousness. God delights to show mercy and will not turn away any who come to Him. He doesn't take more pleasure in a Jew coming to salvation than a Gentile. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith)

14 How are they to call on one they have not believed in? And how are they to believe in one they have not heard of? And how are they to hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How timely is the arrival of those who proclaim the good news." Isa 52:7; Nah 1:15; 16 But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" Isa 53:1; John 12:38; 17 Consequently faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached word of Christ.

Romans 10: 14-17

.....and also.....

1 How blessed² is the one³ who does not follow⁴ the advice⁵ of the wicked,⁶
or stand in the pathway⁷ with sinners,
or sit in the assembly⁸ of scoffers⁹ Ps 26:4; Prov 1:10; Prov 1:15; Prov 4:14-15; 1Cor 15:33; Eph 5:11;
2 Instead¹ he finds pleasure in obeying the LORD's commands;²
he meditates³ his commands⁴ day and night. Deut 6:6; Deut 17:19; Josh 1:8; Ps 119:1;
3 He is like¹ a tree planted by flowing streams;²
it³ yields⁴ its fruit at the proper time,⁵
and its leaves never fall off.⁶
He succeeds in everything he attempts.⁷ Jer 17:8;

Psalms 1:1-3

.....and.....also.....

1 In the beginning¹ was the Word, and the Word was with God,² and the Word was fully God.³ Prov 8:22; 1John 1:1; 1John 1:2; 2 The Word¹ was with God in the beginning. John 17:5; 3 All things were created¹ by him, and apart from him not one thing was created² that has been created.³ Gen 1:3; Ps 33:6; Eph 3:9; Col 1:16; Heb 1:2; 4 *In him was life,*¹ and the life was the light of mankind.² John 5:26; 1John 5:11; John 8:12; John 9:5; John 12:46; 5 And the light shines on¹ in the darkness,² but³ the darkness has not mastered it.⁴ John 3:19;

John 1: 1-5

Do you see it?...How it all flows together?.....Jesus is the Word, and in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God. All things were created by Him (even the Word) In Him was life...and the life was the light of mankind (Jesus). The light shines on in the darkness, but the darkness has not mastered it. (Psa 119:105 Thy Word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.) We are to hear the Word; faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the preached Word of Christ. (hear=listen). And we are to meditate on his commands day and night (read it).....and then we are sent out to bear God's message.

Communion: Jesus takes the bread (draws us); blesses it (us), breaks it(us), gives it (teaches), ...and then passes it out (the disciples, sends out with the good news).....(Matthew 26:26-30)

Many people may have heard of God, and may even believe that He is a loving God, but they have not heard about His love for them personally. When the Word is heard, faith is imparted to believe it (Romans 10:17). When we have heard the Word and believe it, we should continue believing. We live from faith to faith. One of our most important jobs is to simply believe.

He sends them out or they....who is they??.....You and me and whomever is reading this.....we are they.....

Isaiah 65

1 "I made myself available to those who did not ask for me;¹
I appeared to those who did not look for me.²
I said, 'Here I am! Here I am!'
to a nation that did not invoke³ my name.
2 I spread out my hands all day long
to my rebellious people,
who lived in a way that is morally unacceptable,
and who did what they desired.¹
3 These people continually and blatantly offend me¹
as they sacrifice in their sacred orchards²
and burn incense on brick altars.³
4 They sit among the tombs
and keep watch all night long.
They eat pork,
and broth from unclean sacrificial meat is in their pans. 5 They say, 'Keep to yourself!
Don't get near me, for I am holier than you!'
These people are like smoke in my nostrils,
like a fire that keeps burning all day long.
6 Look, I have decreed:
I will not keep silent, but will pay them back;
I will pay them back exactly what they deserve,
7 for your sins and your ancestors' sins," says the LORD.
"Because they burned incense on the mountains
and offended me on the hills,
I will punish them in full measure."
8 This is what the LORD says:
"When juice is discovered in a cluster of grapes,
someone says, 'Don't destroy it, for it contains juice.'
So I will do for the sake of my servants –
I will not destroy everyone.
9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah people to take possession of my mountains.
My chosen ones will take possession of the land;
my servants will live there.
10 Sharon will become a pasture for sheep,
and the Valley of Achor a place where cattle graze;
they will belong to my people, who seek me.
11 But as for you who abandon the LORD
and forget about worshiping at my holy mountain,
who prepare a feast for the god called 'Fortune,'
and fill up wine jugs for the god called 'Destiny' –
12 I predestine you to die by the sword,
all of you will kneel down at the slaughtering block,
because I called to you, and you did not respond,
I spoke and you did not listen.
You did evil before me;
you chose to do what displeases me."

Psa 119:105

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



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**13 So this is what the sovereign LORD says:
"Look, my servants will eat, but you will be hungry!
Look, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty!
Look, my servants will rejoice, but you will be humiliated!**

**14 Look, my servants will shout for joy as happiness fills their hearts!
But you will cry out as sorrow fills your hearts;
you will wail because your spirits will be crushed.**

**15 Your names will live on in the curse formulas of my chosen ones.
The sovereign LORD will kill you,
but he will give his servants another name.**

**16 Whoever pronounces a blessing in the earth
will do so in the name of the faithful God;
whoever makes an oath in the earth
will do so in the name of the faithful God.
For past problems will be forgotten;
I will no longer think about them.**

**17 For look, I am ready to create
new heavens and a new earth!
The former ones will not be remembered;
no one will think about them anymore.**

**18 But be happy and rejoice forevermore
over what I am about to create!
For look, I am ready to create Jerusalem to be a source of joy,
and her people to be a source of happiness.**

**19 Jerusalem will bring me joy,
and my people will bring me happiness.
The sound of weeping or cries of sorrow
will never be heard in her again.**

**20 Never again will one of her infants live just a few days
or an old man die before his time.
Indeed, no one will die before the age of a hundred,
anyone who fails to reach the age of a hundred will be considered cursed.**

**21 They will build houses and live in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.**

**22 No longer will they build a house only to have another live in it,
or plant a vineyard only to have another eat its fruit,
for my people will live as long as trees,
and my chosen ones will enjoy to the fullest what they have produced.**

**23 They will not work in vain,
or give birth to children that will experience disaster.
For the LORD will bless their children
and their descendants.**

**24 Before they even call out, I will respond;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.**

**25 A wolf and a lamb will graze together;
a lion, like an ox, will eat straw,
and a snake's food will be dirt.
They will no longer injure or destroy
on my entire royal mountain," says the LORD.**