

Thank God I'm a Sinner

I really do thank God that I'm a sinner. A sinner saved by the grace of God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most people would cringe at the thought of confessing that they are a sinner. But that is the exact reason that Christ came to this earth, is to save sinners. Some people will say they are not sinners and have never sinned.

However the Bible says in 1st. John 1:9-10, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." Even believer's sin and if we deny past and present sin we are deceiving ourselves and mocking God and not walking in his light.

As it is today, so it was in the time that Christ came to this earth, many people going to church and doing the things of God yet lost in their sins. I was one of those that went to church all the time but yet I was lost in my sins, until I realized that sin is a sickness. A sickness that can only be healed by what Jesus did on the Cross of Calvary. Becoming sin for all mankind, shedding his blood that we all might have eternal life through him.

The Bible tell us in 2nd Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." And in Hebrews 10:12, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." Here is the heart of the Gospel. The sinless Savior Jesus Christ has taken our sins, paying the price on the cross, which we could not pay, that we might have God's righteousness.

I believe that if Jesus was walking this earth today as he did in Biblical days. He would probably visit some of the great churches and teach in them as he did in those times. But moreover I believe he would be standing outside the bars, the movie houses that show dirty movies, the street corners where prostitutes work, teaching them that salvation has come and calling all sinners to repentance.

And I'm sure some of our great religious leaders of today would balk at seeing Christ do this just as they did in days of old. The Bible tells us in Matthew 9:11-13, "And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, they that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Are you sick with sin in your life today? Do you need his mercy? Are you a Christian that has lost their way, or a person that has never accepted Christ as their Savior? The Bible tells us in Romans 3:10, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." And in Romans 3:22-23, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." This clearly tells us that we, as born again Christians, are no better than those that are lost without Christ for we have all sinned!

So many times I have said to myself that I am thankful I don't go to the places that are filled with sin and do as sinners do. That is when God reminds me that I am the Pharisee in Luke 18:11-14, "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week: I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The Bible tells us in 1st Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." Do you sometimes feel that you have sinned more than anybody and that there is no hope for you? Do you sometimes feel that there is no way out? God loves us so much that he gave his son for us. Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

When we go and witness to the lost we certainly don't need to make them feel as though we are high and mighty and they are lower than dirt. We should let them know that God loves them and wants to save them. We don't need to tell them how righteous we are but rather we know how it feels to be lost in sin and the heavy burden it brings. We need to be able to take God's word and show them what Christ has done for all of us.

Yes I'm glad to be a sinner, a sinner saved by grace. If I had not been a sinner then Jesus would not of had to die for me. But sin did enter into this world and everyone has sinned. The Bible tells us in Romans 5-12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Today you can be free of your sins by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Believe what the Bible says in Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Also believe in John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." When you believe this God said in Hebrews 10:17, "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."

In other words you are forgiven! There simply is no other way but Jesus. The Bible tells us in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

It is my prayer today that if you are lost, you will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ before it is everlasting too late. And to my fellow Christians, if you are out of fellowship with our Lord and Savior, I pray that you would resolve that today. God has a wonderful plan for your life. He loves you, he died and rose from the dead for you, and he's coming again. May God Bless and keep you.

Inspired by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to him I give all Glory and Praise.

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Ephesians 2:8-9