

LEAVING IT ON THE TABLE

Christians believe that Jesus' death on the cross forgave their sins and affords them eternal life in heaven.

John 3.16 confirms that this is true.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God did make this provision available to anyone on this earth who would accept Jesus as the sacrifice for their sins and offer them eternal life when they die.

But, if this was all there was to the Gospel, which is God's plan to redeem all of mankind back into His family and be citizens of His kingdom, Jesus's incredible sacrifice and God's awesome power would have created nothing more than a whole kingdom full of forgiven sinners who are fully capable of continuing to live the rest of their lives in sin.

They would then live out their natural lives on the Earth exhibiting all the attributes of their fallen nature, with their self-loving, self-serving, self-determining, and self-preserving lives. They would then continually petition God to forgive their ongoing sins to remain in good standing with Him.

They would justify this by saying, we're only sinners saved by grace, and Christians aren't perfect they are only forgiven.

Expressing this world's idea that we are only human and nobody's perfect. Does this sound at all familiar?

In the modern religious church this qualifies as living the Christian life and satisfies most people.

Unfortunately, this is completely contrary to God's plan and doesn't satisfy him at all.

Christ's sacrifice on the cross did more than forgive man's sin and create an eternity in heaven for him. It did a whole lot more!

Let's take a look at a few statements of reality to see what God's plan is for His children.

God declares that He has given us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1 John 5.11

We receive His eternal life in abundance. John 10.10

We are transferred out from under the authority of Satan and this world. Colossians 1.18

We are free from sin and become slaves of righteousness. Romans 6.18

We become completely new creations in Christ, old things are passed away and all things become new. 2 Corinthians 5.17

We receive everything necessary for His life and His godliness. 2 Peter 1.3

We receive His divine promises so that we can have His divine nature in Christ. 2 Peter 1.4

God makes all grace abound to us so that we can be fully equipped for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9.8

We receive His power when His Holy Spirit comes upon us to be His witnesses in the Earth. Acts 1.8

God makes us completely one with Him and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. John 17.22

The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit come to dwell within us, so that the kingdom of God now dwells within us. John 14

Jesus gives us His Holy Spirit so that everything that He has in God will be given to us. John 16.14

And if that wasn't enough, God commits to us things which our eyes have never seen, our ears have never heard, and have never even entered into our heart, because He loves us so much. 1 Corinthians 1.9

Jesus also said, whoever believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also and greater works than these. John 14.12

WOW! HE'S NOT HOLDING ANYTHING BACK FROM HIS CHILDREN!

God's commitment of EVERYTHING that He is and EVERYTHING that He has to us as His children is beyond natural comprehension.

This inheritance for His children is NOT made possible by our sterling character, our perfect record of good choices, or our complete understanding of the Bible and all of its revelations.

IT'S ONLY AVAILABLE TO US BECAUSE GOD LOVED US, AND PUT US IN CHRIST BY HIS DOING AND MADE US HIS CHILDREN.

BECAUSE OF THIS, WE CAN NOW POSSESS AND EXPRESS HIS ETERNAL LIFE ON THIS EARTH TO FULFILL HIS PURPOSE OF REDEEMING ALL OF MANKIND BACK INTO HIS FAMILY, AND BECOME THE AMBASSADORS OF HIS KINGDOM.

SEEING THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT GOD DID ON OUR BEHALF, IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT GOD WANTED US MUCH MORE THAT WE WANTED HIM.

In sales negotiations, if a buyer is willing to pay 1,000 dollars for a product and the seller accepts a payment of 500 dollars for the product, we say that the seller left 500 dollars on the table.

The God of Heaven and Earth, who cannot lie, who has all authority, and the power to make this our reality, has committed this mind-boggling inheritance to us.

If we only receive God's forgiveness of our sins and nothing more, I'd say, we have left way too much on the table.

God bless you.

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