

MORE THAN FORGIVEN

There is an idea in modern Christianity that's become very popular and quite prominent in Christian circles. It's the idea that we are only sinners saved by grace and we will continue to be sinners until Christ comes again.

The problem with this thinking is that if we accept and receive this as our identity we are accepting all the limitations and weaknesses, an inability of our natural flesh, that Christ's supernatural sacrifice set us free from.

We will then be trying to serve God with the nature that the Apostle Paul said only produces death. Romans 8.6

Our salvation and the freedom, that we profess Christ's death and resurrection made available to us, will only become a lofty theory, a noble concept, and an empty profession, instead of the reality and manifestation of Christ's supernatural victory in and through our lives.

The people asked Jesus, what must we do to do the works of God? He responded this is the work of God that you believe on Him whom He has sent. John 6.28

I would ask, believe what?

Many will say I believe that Jesus was the Son of God, and died on the cross and rose again.

The Apostle James said, do you believe in God? That's great. Even the demons believe that and they are scared to death. James 2.19

Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross not only forgave our sin, it set us free from the Adamic nature that causes them.

Let's look at God's idea about His children's current condition.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Roman 8.1

And Romans 6.6 reads;

knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

He continues;

Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. verse 11

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace. 6.14

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. That's Romans 6.22

God's purpose of the Gospel of the Kingdom was not to just forgive the sin in our lives, but re-create us back into His family and fill us with His eternal life.

Christ's supernatural sacrifice on the cross created for us a completely new reality and identity.

It made us completely new creatures in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5.17

God put us in Christ by His own doing, and Christ became our wisdom from God, our righteousness, our sanctification and our redemption. 2 Corinthians 1.30

Jesus gave us the glory that His Father gave Him so that we would be completely one with He and the Father. John 17.22

Paul continues in his letter to the Romans;

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are we are God's children. And if we are children, then we are heirs: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ... Romans 8.15

Everything we receive as God's children is by inheritance.

In conclusion, Here is God's testimony about what Christ's perfect supernatural sacrifice did for us. And this is that testimony: God has given us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has the life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5.11

Peter also declared that God has given us everything pertaining to His Life and His godliness. He also gave us His promises so that by them we would become partakers of His divine nature. 2 Peter 1.3

So, because of God's love for all mankind and Christ's supernatural sacrifice, we have a choice to make.

We can be forgiven sons of Adam and Eve, or we can accept God's perfect work on our behalf to make us resurrected and redeemed Sons of God empowered by the same Holy Spirit that Jesus had.

We would be extremely foolish to accept only part of the mind-boggling inheritance that God has made available to His children.

God bless you.

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