

A COMPLETE SALVATION

As I was spending time in God's presence yesterday, the Holy Spirit was recounting to me everything that God has paid, has done, and His Holy Spirit has delivered, to redeem me back into His family, as His son, His heir, and joint heir with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him. He reminded me of several statements of reality from God about my new identity in Christ.

Here are a few of them.

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7.25
The greek word translated "to the uttermost", means completely, perfectly, and eternally.

So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8.36

My interpretation of the phrase "saved to the uttermost" is; we've been set free never to be bound again.

Let's look at some more statements of reality from God.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. 1 Thessalonians 5.23

The word sanctify means "to make holy." The new testament scriptures call the believers "saints" - "holy ones".

Christ perfect sacrifice on the cross saved the whole man, spirit soul and body.

It re-created our spirits.

Romans 8.15 explains;

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 children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ....

Let's look at a couple scriptures about the re-creating and saving our souls.

John 1.12 amp reads:

But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth—they are born of God—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. 2 Corinthians 5.17amp

Christ's supernatural sacrifice on the cross didn't just forgive our sins, make our spirits alive again to God, and re-create our souls. It affected everything about us.

Here are a few statements of reality from God about the saving of our bodies.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases. Psalm 103.2

Here's one about God's living word.

Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body. Proverbs 4.21

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8.11

The word translated as "life" in this scripture, is the greek word "zoe." Which means God's life.

There are so many more scriptures that confirm these points. But the main point is that God wanted to completely redeem His children back into His family as His sons, His heirs and joint heirs with Christ and citizens of His Kingdom.

Colossians 1.12 declares what God has already done for us, by Christ's perfect sacrifice.

For He has rescued us *and* has drawn us to Himself out of the dominion of darkness, and has transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption [because of His sacrifice, resulting in] the forgiveness of our sins [and the cancellation of sins' penalty].

The scripture continues in verse 21.

And although you were at one time estranged *and* alienated and hostile-minded [toward Him], *participating* in evil things, yet Christ has now reconciled you [to God] in His physical body through death, in order to present you before the Father holy and blameless and beyond reproach...

Paul exhorts them in the next verses to continue trusting in God's perfect work on our behalf - the supernatural Gospel of the Kingdom, that only God can do.

In the Old Covenant, the law made provision for God to atone for and cover His people's sins, until the Messiah would come to be the perfect sacrifice to set them free from them and "save them to the uttermost".

God did not want a whole kingdom full of forgiven sinners who continually struggle to discipline their flesh to try to be like Jesus.

The new covenant did not just forgive our sins. It completely re-created us to be able to possess and manifest God's eternal life to this entire world as His Ambassadors of His Kingdom. 2 Corinthians 5.18

It's a mystery to me, why we or anyone else would accept only part of this mind boggling inheritance created for us by God.

We need to accept for ourselves the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers.

So that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened
so that we will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. Ephesians 1.17

Then we can experience our salvation, "to the uttermost".

God bless you.

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