

Voice of Triumph

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"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." Isaiah 32:17

HOW FAR GOD STRETCHED HIS LOVE JUST TO REACH YOU

God's love is so incomprehensible that it can be so misunderstood. Frederick M. Lehman composed these lyrics to help us better understand the height, depth, length, and the breadth of God's love. "The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell; it goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin. Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure—The saints' and angels' song." Those words give us a lasting picture of just how far God stretched his love. Partnering that song with the following Scripture text indicates that if there were only one person left on earth, the Lord would not have changed his mind but would have sent his only Son—who knew no sin, to become sin for us—so that we were made righteous. You can't be unmade righteous, but the gift of righteousness can remain unrecognized in yours and others' eyes. In other words, God looks at us through—the perfect sacrifice for sin—Jesus so we would be accepted in the beloved, never once rejected by him. "When we were utterly helpless with no way of escape, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners who had no use for him. Even if we were good, we really wouldn't expect anyone to die for us, though, of course, that might be barely possible. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:6-8, The Living Bible. When we receive his love, we are no longer recognized as a sinner saved by grace, but we are reclassified as the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ to be heir of God and a joint-heir with Jesus.

NEVER CONDEMN GOD'S EDIFICE

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Romans 8:1. The Holy Spirit qualifies you to be the temple of the living God. Do not let anyone or anything disqualify you. He is the mirror you gaze into to see the image of Jesus Christ, so you can move from glory to glory. He will help you to diligently stay on your divine life path without making any unnecessary stops. With this association, there will also be an assimilation as you infuse the Word into your inner man—the incorruptible part. When you keep up with the Spirit of God, you won't be ruled by the flesh. The flesh will always keep you believing you should be punished by God, unworthy to receive his forgiveness therefore leaving your unqualified to experience his daily loaded benefits of salvation. Jesus was despised and rejected in your stead.

GOD DID ONE THING AND EVERYTHING ELSE CHANGED

With full-time employment, there are benefits you can receive just because you work for that company. That's the same with salvation, when you ask and receive Jesus Christ into your heart. The benefits are a part of the total package, whether known or left unknown. Sometimes saints take advantage of all of them, and sometimes we don't. Please know that God always wants you to tap into the benefits of salvation; here is the encompassing short list found in Psalms 103:2-7, The Living Bible. "Yes, I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things [benefits] he does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with lovingkindness and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things [words]! My youth is renewed like the eagle's! He gives justice to all who are treated unfairly. He revealed his will and [good] nature to Moses and the people of Israel." Always be mindful that God did one thing that changed everything else. Always be mindful of all the advantages you receive as well. Your life can't possibly stay the same.

HEAVEN'S BEST INTERCESSOR BRIDGES ANY GAP SO WE CAN ADVANCE

The devil can only take advantage of you when there is a gap that you breach. He does not focus his attention on breaking the hedge, but biting once it is broken. Ecclesiastes 10:8, "...whoso breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him." Because of Satan's nature, he is always positioned to attack without any enticement. That is why you and your loved ones require a strong defense, which means you are wrapped in God's impenetrable covering—Jesus. Because of God's love, Jesus is always positioned to defend without any enticement to save us to the uttermost—so that there is nothing left to be saved. Hebrews 6:19-20, The Living Bible says, "This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven. Where Christ has gone ahead to plead [intercede] for us from his position as our High Priest, with the honor and rank of Melchizedek," unchangeable so continues forever in that position.

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Thought for Transformation

How do we experience the same dominion Jesus did, even before the cross? The evil one—Satan—could not find anything in Jesus to use against him. Repentance and forgiveness for every and any sin, error, shortcoming, transgression and iniquity leads the way. Daily plead the blood over you, your family, possessions and your journey. The blood of Jesus is the solution to 1) keep you from falling; 2) uphold you in the midst of falling; and 3) recover all after any failure. In John 14:30-31, The Living Bible, Jesus said, "I don't have much more time to talk to you, for the evil prince of this world approaches. He has no power over me, but I will freely do what the Father requires of me so that the world will know that I love the Father..." Since Satan had no power over Jesus at any time, everything was subject to God's authority in the earth all the time, even when he faced death. Satan did not kill him; Jesus laid his life down. The grave could not hold him; Jesus picked his life back up through the power of the Holy Ghost. Now he lives forever and with him are the keys to death and hell. Don't give your power away to Satan. Jesus didn't so why should you?

Live in the Safe Mode

The blessing flows as far as the curse is found. It makes you rich, by adding no sorrow with it. That's safe!