

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Acts 10:43 **“ All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”**

*Blessed be to our Fathers master plan ,for the redemption of sin.
May all believing Christians find forgiveness for there sins,
in Jesus Christ who died for all the sins of this world!
May God's grace always be sufficient for sins redemption.*

FREEDOM FROM SIN *By Dennis Palma*

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 **the Lord says: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!** What was the Lord trying to tell us all, with this scripture ? Anyone who is born again in the shed blood of Jesus Christ should know very well what that means.

It means that once you have rededicated yourself to the Lord, and have asked our Almighty Father for forgiveness of your sins, you immediately become a new creation! This transition can only take place, when sincere repentance comes from your heart. You can talk to the Father up above until you are blue in the face, without true repentance from the heart, you are just wasting you time!

You see our Almighty and loving Father, doesn't play games. He is so pure of heart, kind, and loving that He will not settle for nothing less then a sincere repentant heart.

All of us mortal sinners, are always looking for our own way to justify our sins! We come up with all kinds of self serving justifications within our evil nature, to clear the way for more sins. After awhile, everything is okay to do, as long as we can find a happy medium within our own set of rules.

By having our own set of rules when it comes to our sin nature, we have no one to answer to, accept our evil selfish selves!

Our evil nature will continue to drag us down to the depths of hell from sin, until we brake the chains of sins bondage through Jesus Christ!

In Romans chapter 8 the Lord talks about life through the Spirit.

8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 8:2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, 8:4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.

This scripture is very powerful in the sense that it takes our inherited sinful nature that is so prone to sin, and transforms it to righteousness of God through the Spirit.

Through the Spirit of righteousness, we are now free from the law.

Freedom from the law, does not mean that we do not have to obey the law, it simply means that the law is impossible to keep on our own. But now when we sin, we all have an advocate in Jesus Christ!

Before when the law was the only thing we had to live by, repentance from sin was a sacrifice. It was a prescribed ritual in which animals or other possessions of worshipers were presented to God in expiation of sin or as gifts expressing thanksgiving (Lev.3:3; Num.6:17).

Today as believing Christians, we are so blessed to have a Savior who died for all our sins. We never have to feel guilty, unworthy, or up tight about our sins anymore when our heart is in the right place. The right place is and always will be, in Jesus Christ!

1John 2:1-2 The Lord says: **But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

In Jesus Christ we no longer have to feel unprotected when comes to all our sins. That scripture alone takes care of all our past, present and future sins. Even though we sin daily in one way or another, as long as we are in Christ and repent sincerely, we really have no sins according to God's Son!

If we are still on the outside looking in when it comes to sin, then we will always be burden with the guilt and punishment that comes from sin!

When I say on the outside looking in, I mean that we have not surrendered our sin nature to the Lord yet.

I believe in my heart that there is no other way to change or control our evil nature, but through God's Grace alone.

You see without God's Grace, we would all be on a one way ticket to hell. God so loves all His children and does not want to see one perish according to Bible. In John 3:16 the Lord says: **“ For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** John 3:16 is one of the most powerful and most quoted scripture in the entire Bible!

Well my friends in Christ I will close with this. We can go on struggling with all our sin demons for as long as are stubborn nature persist, or we can give up sins relentless bondage to the Lord. Only when we completely surrender to the Lord, can we be transformed from darkness to light!

Again, this transition from darkness to light can only take place with a genuine, sincere child like approach from the heart!

My prayer at this time is a simple one, I pray Father that all of your people here and around the world will come to know your unending forgiveness through your Son and our Savior, “ Jesus Christ”Amen

Lord My Prayer Today is For You To Soften Our Evil Hearts

HOPE FOR TOMORROW FOR JANUARY 2005

THE TRIUMPHS OF GRACE

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions.....Isaiah 43:25

When Charles Wesley experienced the joy of divine forgiveness, he told a Moravian friend of his new sense of pardon, and added, "I suppose I had better keep silent about it"

"Oh, no, my brother," came the reply. "If you had a thousand tongues, you should go and use them all for Jesus."

Charles Wesley went home and wrote the great hymn: "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing/ My great Redeemer's praise/ The glories of my God and King,/ The triumphs of His grace!"

To a burdened, benighted world, crushed under the weight of its own wickedness, God says, "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions" (Isaiah 43:25). This is glorious news, and it applies to all people everywhere-including you. Have you received God's gift of forgiveness? If you have, thank Him for it-and if not, by faith invite Christ into your life today.

Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Proverbs 13:6 **Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.**

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