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"And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Matthew 4:19

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Jesus Loves You!*

The Blood Cries Out



"I cried out to you, O Lord, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your truth? Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; Lord, be my helper!" Ps 30:8-10

In the book of Leviticus, God shows us the importance of the blood. It says that "the life of the flesh is in the blood" and also that the blood is for God; an "atonement for the soul." The blood "sustains life" without the blood, life - whether an animal or mankind, cannot continue (See Lev. 17:11,14). That being said, we are given a better understanding on the importance placed by God on the blood.

Hear what the Scriptures say. Righteous Abel was slain by his brother, Cain and when he was confronted by God for his sin, God says to him, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground." So our blood has a voice! Therefore, try to imagine the voice of Jesus Christ, who being God Himself shed His blood for the sins of mankind!

Abel's voice cries out for justice, perhaps even vengeance (see Is. 26:21; Rev. 6:10). Whereas Jesus' voice cries out for mercy (i.e. forgiveness). Notice what Jesus said when on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." (Lk. 23:34) In applying faith in Jesus' shed blood, as the atonement for our souls, is the only sacrifice sufficient to satisfy the justice and judgment of God because of our sin(s). In I John 1:7, it says Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin. In the Old Testament the sacrificial system established by God through Moses was set up to point to Christ Jesus who is the real propitiation (or payment) for our sins. (I Jn. 2:2; Heb. 9:11 through 10:4)

It is for us as it was on the Passover. Jesus blood is applied to us, by faith, is that the Angel of Death will pass by and not be able to harm us (Ex. 2:1-14; also all of Chapter 12).

So when God pronounced judgment on mankind for sinning against Him in the beginning in the Garden of Eden, He established the fact that sin will be judged. He then provided payment for that judgment in a way by which mankind can be forgiven and restored to fellowship with Him.

Remember what it says in Ephesians 2:8, 9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." So the means of applying the sacred blood of the lamb to our hearts is "faith."

So when God sees us, He sees the blood of Christ Jesus, and it says, "Father forgive this one." His blood cries out for us! And His voice is an eternal voice, an eternal sacrifice and, therefore an eternal atonement. We are, therefore, eternally saved by faith in Jesus Christ.

Saved by His Blood! Brother Walter

My Wish Oh Lord!
By: Brother Michael

Lord of my Lord,
God of my God,
Grant me the serenity where the Heavenly trod.
Lie me down in cool waters,
Where the righteous do sleep.
Shout glory to God,
May His blessings I reap!

Through every prayer spoken by breath,
True living testament of the power of faith's depth,
That I may live through your guidance, dear Lord,
Grant me one prayer,
That I may merit your favor with the promise to always be there.



Message from Momm



I am so thankful for those of you who wrote articles...you are the reason this newsletter keeps growing. For so many inmates, this is the only piece of mail they receive each month. Many have been rejected by their families and many others have no families at all. If God is urging you to share your experiences or minister to others through this newsletter, please answer the call. That is what Fishers of Men Prison Ministries is all about...inmates ministering to other inmates. Did you ever in your wildest imagination dream that you would one day be a minister? You are and your articles are needed to minister to those in need of the saving grace that Christ has to offer! Also, if you wish to share your testimony with others, please send it to me and it will be used as an article and added to the testimony page of the website for all the world to see.

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Love in Christ, Momm

A Prayer to My Lord
By: Brother Michael

Deep in the recesses of my heart, there is only pain,
A fertility of life, with nothing left to gain,
A strive for perfection that is never met,
A promise made in the moonlight never to be kept.
Agony of my soul, what is thy name?
Is this cross I bear my claim to fame?
Give me a reason, give me a rhyme.
Make my life worth living at least one more time,
My family is affected, where should I turn?
I must make repentance or forever I'll burn.
Show me the way Lord, give me a sign.
I place my life in your hands, Lord,
For it's peace with you I'll find.



A Call to Suffer

1 Peter 4:12-19

- Rejoice in Suffering -- Romans 5:3-11 (Purpose of testing - Psalms 119:71 – John 11:4)
Present Suffering – Coming Glory -- Romans 8:18
Privilege to Suffer -- Phil 1:29-30
- Suffering a Means of Learning -- Matthew 11:28-30
Patience Suffering -- Romans 12:12
Purpose of Trouble -- 2 Cor. 4:17-18
Attitude Toward Suffering -- 1 Peter 4:1-2
- Job 1:22; 2:10; James 5:10-11



When most people hear the word “suffering” they cringe and want to run. But we as Christians are called to suffer, not to be upset by it, only to take it as a means for learning and the testing of our faith.

The Lord has led me to this point because there has been quite a few lockdowns during the past several months. With my mind on the suffering I was experiencing, I was not recognizing that God had His hand on all things, evil and good, and that His will may be done and He would be glorified. For what is our role on Earth, but to glorify the Father? By denying ourselves the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life, we glorify the Father. This is one of the first acts of suffering as a Christian. Let’s be honest. When we were dead in our sins, we liked what we were doing. But when the Lord Jesus revealed Himself to us (Praise Jesus), we saw the truth and suffered to deny ourselves the pleasure of this world.

The purpose that I am writing this is that even though things may not go as smoothly as we want them to, I want you to realize that God is there with us, leading us, showing us to lean on Him and learn from Him. (Matt 11:28-30) We were never promised that this would be an easy life, but we will go through trials, tribulations and the testing of our faith. Job is one of the best examples of this that we find in the Bible. In all the different stages that he went through in suffering, we will go through as well. From having what we love most taken away, to having loved ones and family trying to get us to deny God, the suffering we may experience is similar to that of Job. We might not curse God, but we may say, “God would not let His child go through this.” But that is not true. Job told his wife (2:10), “Can we not receive good from God and rejoice, as well as evil?” Yes, because God has a purpose for everything, we can use those times to grow and mature in our walk and be better witnesses for Him to those who are lost.

How are we to witness unless we have experienced the things we are trying to talk about? So, when times of trials, tribulations and suffering come, we should humble ourselves to receive a blessing from God. What I am saying here is that we should look for His spiritual direction in the situation and try to understand what God is trying to show us. We must be ready to receive His knowledge and wisdom with thanksgiving and we must glorify Him in all situations.

Your Brother in Christ, Anthony

Editor’s Note: During this blessed Lenten season, let us join Anthony and Walter in remembering the suffering Christ endured for us when He gave His life on the cross so that our sins might be forgiven and our souls might be saved. If you don’t know Jesus as your personal Savior, pray to Him now to come into your heart, to forgive your sins and reign forever as your Lord. Amen!

*Letter to the Saints of Fishers of Men
(A Witness About the Power of Christ's Ministry in Prison)*



Lighthouse by Brother Ben

First, I want to say a word to all of my brothers and sisters in Christ who have been faithful in their writing and ministering through Fishers of Men over the years. Some of my deepest and darkest times during these twenty years of incarceration were when no one else was there. Just when I thought I had taken all that I could take and was in the pit of despair and the belly of hopelessness, God would send a Fishers of Men Newsletter and it always contained something that one of you saints shared through the grace of God that helped me to hold on and to preserve through whatever I was dealing with in my life. That has not changed. I still look forward to your articles and words of encouragement, even though I myself haven't been able to write much. But this is a new year, a new battle to be waged and new souls to be saved through the mercy and grace of God.

I want to say to the editor, your words of wisdom and unconditional love is like a lighthouse in the midst of my storms...no matter how far I run, through God's love, you were and still are always there. Thank you for being a willing vessel for God to use to reach all of his children.

My brothers whom I have come to know and love throughout the years, God has called us to a very wonderful and powerful calling. We are sealed until the day of redemption. As you can see, less and less people are coming into the prisons to minister anymore. It is God's will that we (inmates) be the salt of the earth for those around us daily. And my sister in Christ, God has given you a very powerful gift. "Just a Thought" is powerful. The Bible says that as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. So I encourage you to continue pressing your way through and keeping God first. One thing that is certain with all of us...our hurt and pain are real, our loss is great and our road ahead is not always certain. The only thing that is certain, is that the battle has been already won, all we must do is STAND ON GOD'S WORD, and I am the first to say that it's not always easy, but it is possible.

I pray that God will continue to open doors in your lives that no man can shut and close doors that no man can open according to His will for your life.

In His Love, Brother Larry

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