

Comforting Thoughts -

Our Emancipation signed in blood . . .

I would that every soul who sees the evidences of Truth (John 17:17 & I Thessalonians 2:13), would accept of Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. **Those who thus accept of Christ by faith are looked upon by God, not as they are in Adam, but as they are in Jesus Christ**, as the sons and daughters of God. The Lord will no more cast off the humblest, lowliest believer in Jesus than He will demolish His throne. **We are accepted in the Beloved**. We are members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

The church of God upon the earth are one with the church of God above. Believers on the earth, and those who have never fallen in heaven, **are one church**. Every heavenly intelligence is interested in the assemblies of the saints who on earth meet to worship God in Spirit and Truth (John 4:24) and in the beauty of holiness. In the inner court of heaven they listen to the testimonies of the witnesses for Christ in the outer court on earth, and the praise and thanksgiving that come from the church below are taken up in the heavenly anthem, **and praise and rejoicing resound** through the heavenly court because Christ has not died in vain for the fallen sons of Adam.

While angels drink from the fountain head, **the saints on earth drink of the pure stream flowing from the throne of God, making glad the city of God**. O that we could all realize the nearness of heaven to earth! When the earth-born children know it not, they have the angels of light as their companions; for the heavenly messengers are sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of Salvation (deliverance, freedom and healing). A silent witness guards every soul that lives, seeking to win and draw him to Christ.

The angels never leave the tempted ones a prey to the enemy, who would destroy the souls of men if permitted to do so. **As long as there is hope**, until they resist the Holy Spirit to their eternal ruin, men are guarded by heavenly intelligences. Let us all bear in mind that in every assembly of the saints below are the angels of God, listening to the thanksgiving, the praise, the supplication that is offered by the people of God in testimonies, songs, and prayers. Let them remember that their praises are supplemented by the choirs of the angelic host above.

As we journeyed homeward, my mind was called out in contemplation of these precious themes, and I was filled with an intense longing to pass along some of these precious thoughts to my brethren and sisters. **O that with pen and voice I could represent the privileges of the children of God** as they really exist! O that we who are pilgrims and strangers in this foreign country, seeking a better country, even a heavenly, might comprehend Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life! He says, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." The path He has marked out is so plain and distinct that the veriest sinner, loaded with guilt, need not miss his way.

Not one trembling seeker need to fail of finding the True path, and of walking in pure and holy Light; for Jesus leads the Way. The path is so narrow, so holy, that sin cannot be tolerated therein, yet access to the path has been made for all, and not one desponding, doubting, trembling soul needs to say, "God cares naught for me." Every soul is precious in His sight; "for God so loved the world," even in its blackness and disobedience, even with the heavy shadow of sin and Satan upon it, "that He gave His Only-Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life."

When Satan was triumphing as the prince of the world, when he claimed the world as his kingdom, when we were all marred and corrupted with sin, God sent His messenger from heaven, even His Only-Begotten Son,

to proclaim to all the inhabitants of the world: **I have found a ransom.** I have made a way of escape for all the perishing. I have your emancipation papers provided for you, sealed by the Lord (the Sovereign King) of heaven and earth.

Ref: Matthew 28:18-19 & Mark 16:15-20

You may have freedom upon the condition of faith in Him Who is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. A ransom has been provided at infinite cost, and it is not because there is any flaw in the title which has been purchased for lost souls that they do not accept it.

It is not because the mercy, the grace, the love of the Father and the Son are not ample, and have not been freely bestowed, that they do not rejoice in pardoning love, but it is because of their unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:10), because of their choice of the world, that they are not comforted with the grace* (G5485) of God. It is their love of disobedience, their pleasure in sin, their enjoyment of rebellion, that have blunted their perceptions until they fail to discern the things which make for their peace. If they are lost, it will be because they will not come unto Christ that they might have Life.

God waits to bestow the Blessing (Galatians 3:14) of forgiveness of sins, of pardon for iniquity, of the gift of righteousness, upon all who will believe in His love and accept of His Salvation. **Christ is ready to say to the repenting sinner:** "Take away the filthy garments from him. . . . Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair miter upon his head. So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments." "Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by." Zechariah 3:1-7. Christ is the connecting link between God and man. The blood of Jesus Christ is the eloquent plea that speaks in behalf of sinners. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin !

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