

Safe and Sanctified - Part 2

Hebrews 13:12: “*Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*”

Usually, when non-gospel-centred people hear me, or others like me, talk about grace, they say we are teaching that anyone can sin with impunity. We are not teaching that at all. All sin must be punished. What we are saying, however, is because of grace alone, we are in Christ and in Christ there is a superabundance of grace to cover us when we fall. Our sin has already been punished. It has already been paid for by Christ. This truth does not cause us to sin more but motivates us to hate sin ... the very thing that caused our Saviour’s death. We are sanctified, redeemed, purchased and legally set apart unto God by the blood. Neither we nor Satan can destroy that which God has accomplished.

We are safe!

Since believers are the recipients of eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12), we will neither be re-sold into the slavery of sin nor prised away from the loving, powerful hands of the Master.

Listen to Hebrews 10:14: “*For by one offering He has perfected for ever, them that are sanctified.*” We are sanctified, forever, because of His one offering. We are beneficiaries of the New Covenant. The blood has made us perfect and has set us apart in the sight of God. Isn’t it time to believe this from our hearts?

Adolph Saphir states; “The Holy Ghost Himself witnessed by the prophet Jeremiah that the New Covenant was connected with complete and eternal forgiveness of sin. The characteristic of the New Testament standing of believers is that they are free from sin in the sight of God forever and ever. “No more remembrance of sin;” because Christ is seated at the right hand of God. This is our sanctification; this is our standing before God.”

Adolph Saphir: The Epistle to the Hebrews: Kregel Publications: Page 645.

If a priest of Israel sinned (Leviticus 4:2-5), he did not begin working harder to justify himself. He did not say, “Now, wait a minute, I am not sanctified enough. I need to do more.” He did not look back, he didn’t look inside himself, —he almost didn’t do a thing. Instead, he brought a bullock to the Lord. But, even that required a little work. Bullocks are heavy beasts. A little, just a little, work was needed to bring that sacrifice ... this shows one of the flaws in the Old Covenant!

In the New Covenant, however, when a person sins, they bring their offering by faith. And what is their offering? The offering is Christ crucified. In Hebrews 10:10 we read; “*By that will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*” (NKJ). The sinner, by faith, brings the offering that has been presented 2000 years ago by Christ. Christ offered Himself. He is the offering we bring. We don’t have to carry Him, or lead Him, we simply, by faith, present Christ and His shed blood.

Someone asks, "How long do I have to wait to be restored after I sin?" The answer is simple ... there is no waiting time. While there may be time given in the church assembly, decreed for healing and restoration to service after a serious fall, there is no fellowship probation in Heaven's courtroom. Bring the blood and enjoy instant communion with the Father. We have already been purchased forever. He does not cast us off and spurn us.

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Jesus was numbered among the transgressors and publicly displayed on the accursed cross. As our sin offering, He was reckoned as being sin. To the unbelieving Jews, He was a curse. Indeed, multitudes of people yet find no beauty in Him. The Hymn writer speaks well of His death saying;

"O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!
J.W. Alexander 1830

However, this same, despised and rejected Saviour, who poured out His blood and died, rose from the dead, entered the holiest place with His own blood, ascended to His throne and has sanctified and perfected us forever. We look to Him and not ourselves. He is our only hope. He is our certain hope. He is our assured hope!

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Christ is all and in all. (Colossians 3:11).

He is our peace offering.

He is our burnt offering.

He is our meal offering.

He is our sin offering.

There's nothing in Christ's sacrifice that should be out of it and nothing out of it that should be in it. It is complete, and we are complete in Him. (Colossians 2:10).

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