

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN JESUS

John 3:18 “Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

Yesterday’s devotion was Gospel filled. Because of God’s love He sent His Son Jesus to pay the required price for the sins of all people. Jesus did this through His death on the cross of Calvary. God accepted His death as full, complete payment. Nothing more is needed.

Today, verse 18 says, “Whoever believes in Him is not condemned.” That means God counts Jesus sacrificial death as full and complete payment for the sins of all who believe in Jesus. There is also God’s Law in today’s verse. “Whoever does not believe is condemned already.” The next phrase says why, “. . .because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” Acts 4:12 is in full agreement with this statement, “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

God’s Law, as taught by Jesus, says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.” Then Jesus gives the Gospel, “So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:34-36) A sinner, left on their own to appease God, has no hope. A sinner, coming to God faithfully believing in Jesus and His atoning work on the cross for him, is set free from the guilt and condemnation his sins deserve. Jesus has set you who believe in Him free from eternal death and hell, which is the true payment sinners deserve. (Romans 6:23)

Your life now and for all eternity is all about Jesus. Only through faith in Him does Your heavenly Father adopt you as His own daughter or son. He alone has set you free to live in heaven forever.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, send Your Spirit to fill my heart with faith in You through which Your Father will declare me holy and sinless. In Your holy name. Amen.

From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and tribulation;

Bend down Thy gracious ear to me, Lord hear my supplication.
If Thou rememb'rest ev'ry sin, Who then could heaven ever win
Or stand before Thy presence?

Thy love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression;
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.
Before Thee none can boating stand, But all must fear Thy strict demand
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in mine own merit;
It rests upon His faithful Word To them of contrite spirit
That He is merciful and just; This is my comfort and my trust.
His help I wait with patience.

And though it tarry through the night And till the morning waken,
My heart shall never doubt His might Nor count itself forsaken.
O Israel, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spirit and the Word,
Now wait for His appearing.

Though great our sins, yet greater still Is God's abundant favor;
His hand of mercy never will Abandon us, nor waver.
Our shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

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