

Passage: Hebrews 9:16-28

Title: Jesus' Last Will and Testament

Summary: For a will to go into effect, the person must die. Jesus made a Last Will and Testament, it is the New Covenant that says I will take your sin upon myself, I will set you free from sin and death, I will write my Laws on your heart, and I will bring you into the Holy of Holies, into the presence of the Father. But first, in order to make it go into effect, I must die first. Jesus being the Fulfillment of the Old Testament law, when He died, the new will, the New Covenant came into effect. And when He rose again, He became the Executor of the New Testament, who, by the Holy Spirit, lives in our hearts and tells us how it is to work out in our lives. Fabulous! He not only is the Testator who gives us the New Covenant—but He is the Mediator who guides us in the New Covenant.

Today, we study more, and in some ways are recapping what we have studied as the Author wants to lock this deep into our hearts, as it is foundational for our faith, it is freeing to our fears, and it is a fire in our hearts (God Loves You!). We will recap, and then celebrate communion, doing this in remembrance of who He is and what He has done for us, and the reminder that He is coming back for His kids, and He has gone and prepares a place for us, because it is done!

John 14:1–3 (NKJV) ¹ "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

John 19:1–6 (NKJV) ¹ So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. ² And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." ⁵ Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!" ⁶ Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV) ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Our Passage Today

Hebrews 9:16–28 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you." ²¹ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. ²³ Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—²⁶ He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

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- It is Appointed for Man to Die Once, and then the Judgment (9:27-28)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)

- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*

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The wages of sin is death, someone must die, that is the Gospel.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) ²³ *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) ²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 5:8 (NKJV) ⁸ *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

John 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* ¹⁷ *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

In our society, and in heaven, the effects of the testament aren't released until the testator dies. Thus, before Jesus, God's promises were unattainable. They were tied up in probate, but now they're released to us in Christ. It's through the cross of Jesus that God's many blessings are now experienced.

Jesus' Last Will and Testament

Verse 16 – for a will to go into effect, the person must die. Jesus made a Last Will and Testament, it is the New Covenant that says I will take your sin upon myself, I will set you free sin and death, I will write my Laws on your heart, and I will bring you into the Holy of Holies, into the presence of the Father. But first, in order to make it go into effect, I must die first.

Hebrews 10:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"* ¹⁷ *then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."*

Jesus being the Fulfillment of the Old Testament law, when He died, the new will, the New Covenant came into effect. And when He rose again, He became the Executor of the New Testament, who, by the Holy Spirit, lives in our hearts and tells us how it is to work out in our lives. Fabulous! He not only is the Testator who gives us the New Covenant—but He is the Mediator who guides us in the New Covenant.

Whoever takes the Son

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they traveled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate. The widowed, elder man looked on with satisfaction as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed. The young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic.

Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Christmas holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season, a season that he and his son had so looked forward to, would visit his house no

longer. On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home.

As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hand. He introduced himself to the man by saying, "I was a friend of your son. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you." As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his, not to mention his father's, love of fine art. "I'm an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the son.

Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture over the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task.

True to his word, the painting went well above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars of paintings. And then the man sat in his chair and spent Christmas gazing at the gift he had been given. During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. He would soon learn that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart.

As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease the grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums around the world clamored. He told his neighbors it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation!

Unmindful of the story of the man's only son, but in his honor, those paintings would be sold at an auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Christmas day, the day he had received his greatest gift. The day soon arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many claim "I have the greatest collection." The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was the painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid. The room was silent.

"Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Minutes passed. No one spoke. From the back of the room came, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son. Let's forget it and go on to the good stuff."

More voices echoed in agreement. "No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now, who will take the son?" Finally, a friend of the old man spoke, "Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That's all I have. I knew the boy, so I'd like to have it."

"I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence, the auctioneer said, "Going once, going twice. Gone." The gavel fell, cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, "Now we can get on with it and we can bid on these treasures!"

The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced the auction was over. Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean it's over? We didn't come here for a picture of some old guy's son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars of art here! I demand that you explain what's going on here!" The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son...gets it all."

Puts things into perspective doesn't it? Just as those art collectors discovered on that Christmas Day, the message is still the same: the love of a Father, a Father whose greatest joy came from His Son, who went

away and gave His life rescuing others. And because of that Father's love, whoever takes the Son, gets it all. (– Unknown)

Life & Joy

Our inheritance; everlasting life and joy now and all eternity.

John 15:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*

Psalms 16:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

John 10:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

But..... Someone had to die, and it was none other than God Himself, in the Person of Jesus Christ. Which bring us to our next point.

Without the Shedding of Blood there is No Remission of Sin (9:18-26)

(Hebrews 9:18 NKJV) Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.

(Hebrews 9:19 NKJV) For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

(Hebrews 9:20 NKJV) saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you."

(Hebrews 9:21 NKJV) Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

(Hebrews 9:22 NKJV) And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Under the Old Covenant, people and objects were purified by blood, water, or fire (Num. 31:21–24). This was, of course, ceremonial purification; it meant that the persons and objects were now acceptable to God. The purification did not alter the nature of the person or object.

Remission means “forgiveness”.

Leviticus 17:11, says the Lord has given sacrificial blood to make atonement for human lives. There may be ritual cleansing that is bloodless, but there can be no forgiveness of sin without sacrificial bloodshed. These sacrifices typified the death of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who gave His life for the whole world.

Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'*

(Remission) *aphesis* (ἄφεσις, 859) denotes “a release, from bondage, imprisonment, etc.” (the corresponding verb is *aphiemi*, “to send away, let go”); in Luke 4:18 it is used of “liberation” from captivity (KJV, “deliverance,” RV, “release”).

Vine, W. E., Unger, M. F., & White, W., Jr. (1996). In *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Vol. 2, p. 157). T. Nelson.

We are not just forgiven, but we are released from its oppression and bondage (the word used for liberty in 4:18, same word used for remission in 9:22).

Luke 4:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty (aphesis) to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*

Without shedding of blood there is no remission: This is a foundational principle of God's dealings with men. Modern people think that sin is remitted (forgiven) by time, by our good works, by our decent lives, or by simply death. But there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood, and there is no perfect forgiveness without a perfect sacrifice. Man's ways, are no way – only God's Way (His Son – Whoever takes the Son, gets it all).

John 14:6 (NKJV) ⁶ *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

Matthew 26:26–29 (NKJV)²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

Mark 1:4 (NKJV)⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Luke 1:77 (NKJV)⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins,

Luke 3:3 (NKJV)³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

Luke 24:46–48 (NKJV)⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things.

Acts 2:38 (NKJV)³⁸ Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:43 (NKJV)⁴³ To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

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Hebrews 10:16–18 (NKJV)¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"¹⁷ then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."¹⁸ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

By the way did you notice how many times repentance and remission were woven together in our verses. Repentance means to turn away, and turn towards.

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Thomas Linacre was king's physician to Henry VII and Henry VIII of England, founder of the Royal College of Physicians, and friend of the great Renaissance thinkers Erasmus and Sir Thomas More. Late in his life, Linacre studied to be a priest and was given a copy of the Gospels to read for the first time. Linacre lived through the darkest of the church's dark hours under the papacy of Alexander VI, the Borgia pope whose bribery, corruption, incest, and murder plumbed new depths in the annals of Christian shame. Reading the Gospels for himself, Linacre was amazed and troubled. "Either these are not the Gospels," he said, "or we are not Christians."

—Os Guinness, *The Call* (Multnomah, 1998)

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I was doing some math, and I was reminded of the Jewish historian Josephus who recorded that he estimated 256,500 lambs were slaughtered at one of the Passovers he observed. Whether that number is correct, as this is not a biblical account, has been debated. But let's just say he meant it to be how he was calculating the number of people who came to the Feast of Passover, and that he meant 256,500 people, based on 1 lamb slaughtered for every 10 people, and thus he observed 25,650 lambs were slain. So let's just say times that number for the 3 mandatory Feast that were observed each year, and round up for the other days of the year there was animals being sacrificed, I think 100,000 sacrifices on the average is pretty fair guess on the low end. Times that by over 1,000 years of sacrifices, that is 100,000,000. That is a lot of blood. And they were and all, just a foreshadow of the final sacrifice, the once and for all sacrifice of God Himself, in the Person of Jesus Christ, the God-Man, who felt every piercing of those nails, and the shame of sin, so to execute the Will and Testament, that our sin may be put into "Remission", forgiven.

[War 6.9.3 422-427 The Numbers that Gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover](#)

Cestius, desiring to inform Nero, who was inclined to condemn the nation, of the power of the city, requested the high priests to take a count, if possible, of the entire population. So these high priests did so upon the arrival of their feast which is called the Passover. On this day they slay their sacrifices from the ninth hour until the eleventh, with a company [phatria] of not less than ten belonging to every sacrifice -- for it is not lawful for them to have the feast singly by themselves -- and many of us are twenty in a company. These priests found the number of the sacrifices was two hundred and fifty-six thousand five hundred; which, if we assume no more than ten feasted together, amounts to two million seven hundred thousand and two hundred persons; but this counted only those

that were pure and holy, for as to those that have leprosy, or gonorrhoea, or women that have their monthly periods, or persons that are otherwise polluted, it is not lawful to be partakers of the sacrifice, nor indeed for any foreigners either who come here to worship.

Judaism/Christianity is a bloody religion. Many people have a problem with that, they want a clean and sanitized religion, not a messy, let alone bloody religion.

The shedding of Jesus' blood is God's answer to man's problem of sin. In his sermon The Blood-Shedding, Spurgeon began by presenting three fools.

- The first is a soldier wounded on the field of battle. The medic comes to the soldier, and immediately the soldier wants to know everything about the rifle and the soldier that shot him.
- The second fool is a ship captain, whose ship is about to go under in a terrible storm. The captain is not at the wheel of the ship, trying to guide it through the crashing waves; he is in his room studying charts, trying to determine where the storm came from.
- The third fool is a man who is sick and dying with sin, about to go under the waves of God's justice, yet is deeply troubled about the origin of evil.

We should look to the solution more than to the problem. (Guzik)

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Moses dedicated the replica of God's throne, the Tabernacle, with the blood of bulls, but Heaven itself was dedicated with Jesus' own blood!

(Hebrews 9:24 NKJV) For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;
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(Hebrews 9:26 NKJV) He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

The Jewish Priest offered his sacrifice annually, but Jesus offered Himself, but once! In Revelation 5 when John visits heaven he sees "a Lamb as though it had been slain." Jesus, the Lamb of God, will bear the marks of crucifixion for all eternity.

Revelation 5:1-7 (NKJV) ¹ And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

On the cross all that needed to be done for our salvation was done - and it was done once and for all!

John 19:28-30 (NKJV) ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Here is something interesting, and it was recorded in the Jewish Talmud (another Jewish history book of type). This is not a biblical account, but it was recorded by the Jewish people:

The Talmud (/ˈtɑːlmud, -məd, ˈtæl-/; Hebrew: תלמוד Talmūd) is the central text of Rabbinic Judaism and the primary source of Jewish religious law ...

So here is an overview, and summation of what was written (and this ties back to our study last week regarding The Day of Atonement). The Talmud says that these miracles stopped happening during the last 40 years of the Temple's existence:

- "The Sages taught: During the tenure of Shimon HaTzaddik, the lot for God always arose in the High Priest's right hand; after his death, it occurred only occasionally; but during the forty years prior to the destruction of the Second Temple, the lot for God did not arise in the High Priest's right hand at all. So too, the strip of crimson wool that was tied to the head of the goat that was sent to Azazel did not turn white, and the westernmost lamp of the candelabrum did not burn continually." - Talmud, Tractate Yoma 39b, as translated by William Davidson.

This quote from the Talmud is part of a larger discussion, about the decline of public morality, and it attributes the cessation of the miracles associated with the sin-atonement ceremony to that decline in morality. Shimon HaTzaddik lived more than 200 years before the time of Jesus and was renowned for his sense of justice and morality. It was after his time that a decline in morality is said to have happened.

In other words, the miracles associated with the sin-atonement ceremony stopped happening, completely, in or about the year 30 AD, which would either be the year, or about the year, that Jesus' death became the permanent atonement of sin. It is unclear exactly which year Jesus was crucified, but it was around 30 AD.

Regardless of whether one acknowledges that Jesus as the Messiah, the odds that these two events would happen either during the same year or near the same year is incredible.

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It is Appointed for Man to Die Once, and then the Judgment (9:27-28)

(Hebrews 9:27 NKJV) And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, (Hebrews 9:28 NKJV) so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

A story is told of Peter Miller, a plain Baptist preacher of Pennsylvania, in the days of the Revolutionary War. Near his church, lived a man who maligned the pastor to the last degree. The man became involved in treason and was arrested and sentenced to be hanged. The preacher started out on foot and walked the entire way to Philadelphia roughly seventy miles away to plead for the man's life. George Washington heard his plea, but he said, "No, your plea for your friend cannot be granted." "My friend!" said the preacher. "He is the worst enemy I have." What!" said Washington, "you have walked nearly seventy miles to save the life of an enemy? That puts the matter in a different light. I will grant the pardon."

Sometimes we forget, just how offensive sin is before THE Holy God, and the price that was paid by God to redeem us, and the heart of God willing to forgive and redeem. We were enemies, we had offended, now we are befriended.... And loved eternally with an everlasting love, because of His Last Will and Testament.

Colossians 1:19-22 (NKJV) ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—

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The Gospel

Romans 3:22 (NKJV)²² *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)⁸ *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 10:9–13 (NKJV)⁹ *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.* ¹⁰ *For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* ¹¹ *For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."* ¹² *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.* ¹³ *For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

2nd Coming

Verse 27-28 - Jesus is not coming back to bear our sin. That was done once, and once is enough. No, He's not coming back bearing a Cross. He's coming back wearing a crown. He is not coming back to die for our sin, He is coming back to get His kids, and establish His Kingdom forever.

Communion:

John 19:1–6 (NKJV)¹ *So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.* ² *And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.* ³ *Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.* ⁴ *Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."* ⁵ *Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"* ⁶ *Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."*

John 19:17–22 (NKJV)¹⁷ *And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,* ¹⁸ *where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.* ¹⁹ *Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS* ²⁰ *Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.* ²¹ *Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"* ²² *Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."*

John 19:28–30 (NKJV)²⁸ *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"* ²⁹ *Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.* ³⁰ *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)²³ *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;* ²⁴ *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* ²⁵ *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* ²⁶ *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*