

## **Revolutions & Revivals**

The Offense of Jesus

Matthew 10:32-34 (NASB®)

<sup>32</sup> "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."

## I. A Way Open to God

Ephesians 2:12 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, **without hope and without God in the world**.

Hebrews 10:19-20 (NIV®)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

#### **Prayer**

I am a sinner, and I need a savior.

I believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God.

I believe that He died on a cross for my sins.

I believe He was raised to life again for my justification.

Almighty God, forgive me of my sins—I forgive all who have sinned against me.

Jesus, be Lord of my life, Lord of all that I have, Lord of all that I am, Lord of all that I will ever be.

I will serve You with my whole heart, mind, soul and body—amen.

## II. Purchased for God: A Tremendous Price



1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV®)

<sup>19</sup> You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> **you were bought at a price**. Therefore honor God with your body.

Acts 20:28 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, **which he bought with his own blood**.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Revelation 5:9 (NIV®)

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and **with your blood you purchased men for God** from every tribe and language and people and nation."

#### **Personal Proclamation**

I testify as to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for me;

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil;

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven;

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin;

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God;

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just as if I'd never sinned.

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed by the blood of Jesus;

Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

# III. Stone Was Removed: Barriers Broken Down

Matthew 28:1-6 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup> There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> **As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins**, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit



who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NIV®)

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### REPENT, RENOUNCE, RELEASE

\* Repent: New Thought & New Direction

Renounce: Separate Yourself from the Past

Release: Turn Loose of Any Hindrance

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

### **Prayer**

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with all who love Him and obey His commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. We have not listened to Your direction. Now, O Lord our God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your servants. For Your sake, O Lord, look with favor on Your people. Give ear and hear; open Your eyes and see the desolation of our day. We do not make requests because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, do not delay, because Your people bear Your name, amen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> **made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And **God raised us up with Christ** and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.