

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS
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A View of the Man in the Middle

An allegory of a sinner brought to the feet of his Saviour

As I approached this desolate place called Calvary, I saw three crosses on which hung three men, stretched at arm’s length on each cross; the cross on the right and on the left revealed broken limbs upon their bodies. Yet, the man who hung upon the cross in the middle had no limbs damaged, nor broken. There was an awesome sense of overwhelming sorrow that gripped my soul as I looked upon the man in the middle. His head hung limp and lifeless, his face wet from weeping eyes, as the tears yet dropped from his cheeks.

There was something different about the man in the middle, though his body hung without movement nor sign of life, his blood slowly continued to flow along his outstretched arms, down his chest, and streamed down to meet the flow from the nail-pierced wounds of his feet. In one flowing stream, his blood blended together and dropped to the earth, forming a pool of red, rich, royal blood.

As I looked within the small pool of this man’s blood, I saw some things that caused my life in this mortal realm to never be the same. I gazed upon this God-made basin in the soil below his feet and saw a LAMB, then I saw the MERCY SEAT of the holy of holies, then a VAIL torn from top to bottom which covered that sacred place. I saw two angelic creatures take this basin of blood which lay before me, carry it away and place upon the MERCY SEAT. There was a voice from the heavens that thundered like none ever heard by human ear, saying, “I AM APPEASED, FOR ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN FULFILLED, THE MERCY SEAT IS ETERNALLY SATISFIED, AND THE HOLY OF HOLIES IS NEVER TO BE ENTERED AGAIN BY THOSE OF A CARNAL PRIESTHOOD: THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, HEAR YE HIM.”

For this man JESUS the CHRIST had said in his final words, “IT IS FINISHED.”

The ultimate atonement application of sin-cleansing blood was vicariously applied for ALL the elect heirs of divine grace down through the ages of time, including the "Church in the Wilderness," as spoken by the Apostle Paul.

Oh! What anguish and pain mixed with the temporal rejection of the Father as his beloved Son BECAME SIN FOR US on that cross upon Calvary's mount. Oh! How he was forsaken for that brief season, separated from his Almighty Father as he became the SIN BEARER for ALL the predestined children of God, from righteous Abel to the last elect, appointed heir, who shall make the BRIDE complete. Yes, beloved of God, "He who knew no sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in HIM."

"What can wash away my sin? NOTHING but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." "Alas and did my Saviour bleed and did my sovereign die, would HE devote that sacred head for such a worm as I?" YES, God the Father devoted that sacred head (Christ) for worms, the lowly creatures under the curse of sin. Because of the blood of the God/man in the middle, I have access to the Father; Christ the God/man has become the INTERCESSOR, MEDIATOR, and ADVOCATE for all who are blessed to believe upon his lovely name.

If it were not for the Man in the middle, we would be left with NO hope, depraved, under the curse of the law's demands, sinfully helpless to be reconciled.

But, God in his divine mercy and sovereign grace, chose to redeem a people whose names are written in the "Lamb's book of life" before the foundation of the world, that these chosen in Christ would be the witnesses of the work of effectual sovereign grace, bringing salvation free of any merit, work or deed. They are chosen to be the wheat and sheep of the Lord's heritage, who make up the true Church Bride that shall be without spot or wrinkle when the Bridegroom comes to be joined with his Bride/Church once and for ALL TIME, ETERNALLY.

These heirs of divine grace are made NEW CREATURES through the work of the "Man in the middle," through enabling grace and caused by the Spirit, they become translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son by NEW BIRTH, and are effectually made to believe upon HIM of whom the Father has sent: Christ, THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE.

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