

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Christ, the seeker of sinners

“For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”

Luke 19:10

Oh, how I rejoice on this new morning the Lord has been gracious to give me, to arise once again from a night of slumber. To think that I have been blessed with the divine hope of salvation in time and eternity is such a wonderful revelation. Oh! that blessed hope that while living in the state of total depravity, bound by sin’s dominion and suffering the scars of such lifestyle, God had NEVER take his sovereign eye off my person. But, causing me to run as a wild dog to the end of that divine leash that spiritually was about my neck. And when the limits of wayward meandering in the realm of sin was determined, God by sovereign love and mercy drew me with the power of His cords of love towards Calvary’s tree. Caused me to see my undone and lost condition and behold the God/man Christ Jesus as my ONLY HOPE of being reconciled to the Holy God of the divine scriptures.

My will was bound, and a slave to sins power, my heart was deceitful and desperately wicked, my mind was defiled with natural selfish intent. Then GRACE came and revealed to my mind and heart and soul my depraved state and ONLY ONE antidote could deliver me from this dreadful condition of the soul.

Being revealed that ALL have sinned (Rom. 3:23) and that the wages of this sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ to all that shall be blessed to believe upon his divine advocacy and sacrificial love for wayward sinners had overwhelmed my sinful soul.

How can one such as I ever praise our sovereign head enough for so great salvation so rich and free? Knowing that I have been caused to love Him BECAUSE HE FIRST loved me. Apart from ANY effort of this creature, nor desire of a depraved WILL could have brought me into so great salvation. “For My people SHALL BE willing in the day of my

power.” Thanks be unto God that we are *MADE WILLING* to both *WILL* and to *DO* of his good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). And so it is with salvation in *TIME*, what part of the creature is able to perform righteous obedience in this pilgrim walk apart from Christ working in us *CAUSING US* accomplish gospel obedience? For He that has *BEGUN* (as *CHRIST* begun the work) a good work in you shall *PERFORM IT* until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil.1:6). I can never express enough of the divine revelation of Christ being the *PERFORMER* of Christian character in those that are blessed to believe. “And be found in *HIM*, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is through *THE FAITH OF CHRIST*, the righteousness which is by faith” (Phil. 3:9).

Yes, dear beloved, if our loving Saviour had not left the ninety and nine of *HIS* flock and came after me, I would still be an alien from the experience of grace and continuing down a sin cursed road. But, he has sought me, and rescued me by his act of sovereign love.

Oh! where could I go, Oh, where could I go, seeking a refuge for my soul, needing a Saviour, brother and friend to save me in the end, where shall I go but to the Lord.

For our Lord Jesus said, I am the *WAY*, the *TRUTH*, and the *LIFE*, no man cometh unto the Father but by me” (John 14:6). Blessed be our God and Father that sent his only Son to save *HIS PEOPLE* from their sins. To *HIM BE GLORY* and *PRAISE!*

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