



Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved **it is the power of God**" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

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Gotcha Covered!



h, how people believe God has them covered – and they can do whatever they

please, etc. It has been said to us, "God has my back covered. I am okay; I do not have to do that repentance stuff." No! If we are not covered with the Blood of the Lamb, we are not covered now nor for all eternity. How is it that a song goes, "I've been forgiven because he was condemned"? Oh, no, as one commentary writer of long ago wrote,

"As food in a rich man's store does not nourish the poor man that needs it, unless it be given him, and he receive it into his stomach, so the whole fountain of mercy existing in the bosom of God, and uncommunicated, does not save a soul: he who is saved by it must be made a partaker of it. Our Lord's meaning appears to be, that, unless they were made partakers of the grace of that atonement which he was about to make by his death, they could not possibly be saved" (Adam Clarke 1760 – 1832).

Revelation 1.5 reveals the Truth that the Lord Jesus Christ loved us and washed us from our sins by His own blood - and continues loving us.

We must be careful not to eisegete, take information out of context to make a teaching – as is done so often, sometimes out of ignorance, but sometimes out of a need to procure a following of one's erroneous beliefs, to lead people astray, and distract them from the Word of the Lord and what the Lord is saying to us. Be aware!

The Lord was condemned and crucified on the Cross of Calvary for our sins, shed His blood on the Cross for our sins; however, knowing that does not bring salvation to anyone. The Holy Bible is very clear that we must repent of our sins. No, not be sorry for the moment. No, not be remorseful. No, not be sorry you got caught. Repentance comes from the heart that deeply wants to be changed by the Master, to live a life of holiness unto the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a heart that repents and seeks forgiveness and desiring to be changed by the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Repentance is a compunction, an experiencing of the Holy Spirit pricking your heart and soul. It is a piercing by the Holy Spirit that hurts in your heart and soul - and you want to be forgiven, knowing it is by the Blood of the Lamb of God that you are forgiven when you repent unto the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus.

"When I see the Blood, I will pass over you!" I cannot begin to know what it must have been like in the days of Moses when the children of Israel were in Egypt. Oh, let me say, I believe the children of Israel would in no wise made such a statement that the

If you have repented of your sins, and asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, and are walking with Him daily, you must know that the Lord has called you to serve Him, has called you to have a servant's heart. Whatever it is that you are doing in your life, whatever your work is to which He has called you, is a ministry. There are many parts to the body which Paul reveals in I Corinthians 12.25-27

That there should be no schism in the body; but *[that]* the members should have the same care one for another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Stand in the might, the strength, of the Lord as the body of Christ Jesus.

Who have you encouraged to know that we are to take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ, to live for Him, daily?

Who have you encouraged to go on in the Lord, come what may?

With whom have you shared the Lord Jesus Christ this week?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Lord God had their back covered in the midst of what was going on all through the 430 years in Egypt and the terrible persecution they endured. I believe they, in their sinfulness, their disobedience, realized that they had brought themselves to this place in history. They sought salvation, a way out when the Lord God Almighty sent Moses to lead the children of Israel out from Egypt. It was not an overnight rescue for the children of Israel, for there was much they yet would endure as Moses, in obedience to the Lord God, sought release, under the guidance of the Lord God, from the Pharaoh over a long period of time.

When that time came, the children of Israel were given directives Read Exodus 12 – very carefully!

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *[are]*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *[you]*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exo 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD

Exo 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *[it]* in the blood that *[is]* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *[is]* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Exo 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *[you]*.

The Lord made it clear that when He saw the blood on the lintel and the two door posts that He would pass over the door. But notice what follows this statement, that the Lord would pass over the door, over that house. He goes on to say that He "will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."

When we walk in obedience to the Lord God, He will not let the destroyer, the enemy to come to smite us. We need to understand that God is God. If we want the enemy not to come to smite us, we must walk with the Lord and in His might. We must walk with the Lord endeavoring to live a life of holiness, walking in obedience to Him.

When I hear said that "God has my back covered, I don't have to concern myself about anything, repentance or . . ." I shudder as this life is not about us, as Job came to realize in Chapter 38. This life is not about us, about God following us around to "cover our backs."

Know that we are to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, walk with Him in obedience to His Holy Word. The Lord says in His Word,

And he said to *[them]* all, If any *[man]* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me (Lk 9.23).

The Lord makes it clear that this is a daily walk with the Lord, and it is a lifetime commitment to Him. I cannot believe that the love of God in Christ Jesus is taken so lightly - when He gave His only Begotten Son to die on the Cross of Calvary that we might have life everlasting if we but repent of our sins, and ask Jesus to come into our lives to live now and forevermore. And, if we not only repent, but commit our lives to Him and walk with Him daily, seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness – and all for His glory.

The words from the Word "When I see the blood, I will pass over you," is a time of judgment. The judgment is upon us, and I fear we are walking on as if all is well.

We have become so accustom to the ways of the enemy that we have accepted his ways and are oblivious to what is going on around us, and what is going on under the guise of godliness when it is the enemy leading people to walk in goodliness.

Oh, we are covered by the Blood of the Lamb when we repent of our sin, acknowledge our sinfulness.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *[our]* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us I Jn 1.8-100.

The writer of I John also wrote that we are to walk in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are to fellowship one with another, with the body of Christ, and walk the way of holiness.

IJo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

IJo 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Paul wrote that we are to edify one another in the Word of the Lord (Rom 14.19; I Th 5.11), that we might be strengthened in the Lord, that our faith in the Lord would be strengthened, and that we might go forth trusting in the Lord with all our heart. We need to learn not to lean unto our own understanding of this life, but to know that the Lord God Almighty loves us, but that His love calls us to a life lived according to the Holy Bible, according to His calling upon our lives.

Too long people have believed they can go their own way and walk in their sin, and all will one day be wonderful. But the Lord makes it clear that, that is not true. There is a judgment coming, and you and I must be ready to meet the Savior that we might live with Him forevermore.

We need to understand and know that the Lord God Almighty is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent. God in Christ Jesus knows all about us, knows us, knows our every thought. When Judgment Day comes, He will not be looking at us in that moment. He already knows who we are - and who we are not. We know not the day nor the hour of His return. Our lives must be lived for Him with joy and gladness of heart, loving Him for Who He is and His love for us, that is greater than we can begin to comprehend - a love we shall never understand.

There was judgment in the Old Testament against all those with their false gods, and that shall come to pass in these days that lie before us. Oh, how I pray, "Even so, Lord Jesus Christ, come quickly (Rev 3.11; 22.7, 12, 20).

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed *[is]* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *[is]* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.