

New Morning Magical – for 7-13-20

Don't get talked out of what Christ won for you!

Remember, we are following a line from the beginning of Yeshua's life to the end of Paul's for the purpose of setting ourselves free from the burden of sin and death, and of living in this present wicked eon with its abundance of clutter, confusion, and distraction, not to mention stratagems and the systematizing of the deception that Paul writes about in Ephesians 6. I'm sure we'll talk about those elements at another time.

Today, though, let's follow up on where we left off yesterday, let's go back to 2 Corinthians 5 and continue into the beginning of Chapter 6: **(in the Concordant Literal New Testament or CLNT)**

21 For the One not knowing sin, He [the Father] ***makes*** to be a sin offering for our sakes ***that we may be becoming God's righteousness in Him.***

This is the miracle of being included in Christ's death: ***that we may be becoming God's righteousness in Him.*** Is there some other righteousness higher than God's?

Look again at what the Father accomplished in Yeshua's sacrificial death: He placed you and me – all of us, and all humanity for that matter – on Yeshua. Yeshua carried us on His shoulders while He was being nailed to that Roman cross.

We died with Him, as we read yesterday. And, thankfully, we are alive IN Him today. Moreover, we ought to be alive TO Him today, not to ourselves and all that we want, but to Him and all that He wants, or all that the Father wants for us. In other words, our best energies, time and attention are invested seeking out the Father's purpose for our lives and His direction for how to fulfill it.

Chapter 6

1 Now, working together, we are also entreating you not to receive the grace of God for naught.

“Grace” means, *“that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness.”* So, don't receive the Father's joy, His pleasure, delight, and sweetness as if it means nothing! It means EVERYTHING!

2 For He is saying, "In a season acceptable I reply to you, and in a day of salvation I help you." **Paul is quoting from Isaiah 49:8 here, and then he adds,**
Lo! Now is a most acceptable era [or season], ***"This would be a really good time!"***
Lo! Now is a day of salvation!

Listen to what Paul instructed the ecclesia – the assembly – of believers in Galatia:

We're in Galatians 1:

3 Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,
4 Who gives Himself for our sins, so that He might extricate us out of the present wicked eon, according to the will of our God and Father,
5 to Whom be glory for the eons of the eons. Amen!

When you get a tooth pulled, it's called an extraction. Why did Yeshua die? To EXTRICATE – EXTRACT – PULL – OR YANK us out of this present wicked eon. We haven't transcended our corruptible humanity yet, but we're headed toward "That Day."

Something I said yesterday bears repeating: There is nothing you or I could do to cause God to turn away from you or stop loving you. You can't even make Him angry with you, and you cannot lose the salvation that Yeshua won for you – that is the deliverance of your mortal body out of death and into life in an immortal body like Yeshua's.

Here's Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:

51 Lo! a secret to you am I telling!

I just LOVE Paul's secrets! Hey, you guys, no one's ever heard this before! OK, so what is it:

We all, indeed, shall not be put to repose [we won't all die], yet we all shall be changed,
52 in an instant, in the twinkle of an eye, at the last trump. For He (Yeshua) will be trumpeting, and the dead will be roused incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

These are not figures of speech. This will happen:

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality.
54 Now, whenever this corruptible should be putting on incorruption and this mortal should be putting on immortality, then shall come to pass the word which is written, Swallowed up was Death by Victory.
55 Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?

This transformation from a body that can die any minute into one that is beyond the reach of death, pain, illness, and even unhappiness, is not just a hope – there’s nothing iffy about it – it’s an expectation – we can be certain of it and we’re just waiting for it.

But the people in Galatia were being talked out of their faith by others whose goal was to enslave for their own gain, not liberate. Almost everything you see in the world today, in some fashion, enslaves people to an ideology, a theology, or a world view that deliberately excludes God, or doesn’t understand His “purpose of the eons,” as Paul says it.

Barbara: tell the story of your 18-month road trip and what the Father asked you at the end of it.

Here’s Paul in Galatians 1, now verse 6:

6 I am marveling that thus, swiftly, you are transferred from that which calls you in the grace of Christ, INTO a different evangel,

7 which is not another, except it be that some who are disturbing you want also to distort the evangel of Christ.

8 But if ever we also, or a messenger out of heaven, should be bringing an evangel to you beside that which we bring to you, let him be anathema!

9 As we have declared before and at present I am saying again, if anyone is bringing you an evangel beside that which you accepted, let him be anathema!

10 For, at present, am I persuading men or God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I still pleased men, I were not a slave of Christ.

11 For I am making known to you, brethren, as to **the evangel which is being brought by me, that it is not in accord with man.**

12 For neither did I accept it from a man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you hear of my behavior once, in Judaism, that I inordinately persecuted the ecclesia of God and ravaged it.

14 And I progressed in Judaism above many contemporaries in my race, being inherently exceedingly more zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

15 **Now, when it delights God,** Who severs me from my mother's womb and calls me through His grace,

16 **to unveil His Son in me** that I may be evangelizing Him among the nations, I did not immediately submit it to flesh and blood,

17 neither came I up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but **I came away into Arabia, and I return again to Damascus.**

18 Thereupon, after three years, I came up to Jerusalem to relate my story to Cephas, and I stay with him fifteen days.
19 Yet I became acquainted with no one different from the apostles, except James, the brother of the Lord.
20 Now what I am writing to you, lo! in God's sight, I say that I am not lying.
21 Thereupon I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
22 Yet I was unknown by face to the ecclesias of Judea which are in Christ.
23 Yet only they were hearing that "He who once was persecuting us, now is evangelizing the faith which once he ravaged."
24 And they glorified God in me.

Chapter 2

1 Thereupon, after the lapse of fourteen years, I again went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also along with me.
2 Now I went up in accord with a revelation, and submitted to them the evangel which I am heralding among the nations, yet privately to those of repute, lest somehow I should be racing or ran for naught.
3 But not even Titus, who is with me, being a Greek, is compelled to be circumcised.
4 Yet, it was because of the false brethren who were smuggled in, who came in by the way to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus, that they shall be enslaving us-
5 to whom, not even for an hour do we simulate by subjection, that the truth of the evangel should be continuing with you.
6 Now from those reputed to be somewhat-what kind they once were is of no consequence to me (God is not taking up the human aspect)-for to me those of repute submitted nothing.
7 But, on the contrary, **perceiving that I have been entrusted with the evangel of the Uncircumcision,**
8 according as Peter of the Circumcision (for He Who operates in Peter for the apostleship of the Circumcision operates in me also for the nations),
9 and, knowing the grace which is being given to me, James and Cephas and John, who are supposed to be pillars, give to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we, indeed, are to be for the nations, yet they for the Circumcision-
10 only that we may be remembering the poor, which same thing I endeavor also to do.