

Happy Birthday This Week:

Kammie Barfield - Feb.25

Excerpt from "The Shadow Of Calvary"

"If Peter could have gotten his own way, he would have been on the transfiguration mountain still, and there never would have been the agony of Gethsemane. He would have made tabernacles and dwelt there enjoying the glory, and shrinking from the shame. But then this proposed arrangement of his would have cost the world's salvation; for it was not amidst the glory and the radiance of the holy mount, but amidst the darkness and anguish of the garden and the desertion of the cross, that redemption was achieved and sealed. Thus the foolishness of God is wiser than men."

Hugh Martin (1821-1885)

Are You Saved?

Often, someone will speak of having been "saved" at a particular time and place, referring to some profession they have made, resulting in a personal sense of deliverance. The question is, What does the Bible mean by the word "saved"? Here are **three uses** of the word in the Bible:

1. *SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN*- The Lord Jesus Christ accomplished salvation, by His life and death, on behalf of those that God the Father chose in eternity and gave to Him as their Substitute and Representative, Eph. 1:4-7. So complete was the work of the Lord Jesus for His people that because of it, God looks on Redeemed sinners as fully forgiven and justified before Him- Col. 1:14.

2. *SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN* - Those whom Jesus Christ saved from the penalty of sin, by His death, He does in time save (deliver) from the power (authority) of sin. The Holy Spirit delivers them from the blindness and deadness of heart, and opens their eyes to see and believe on Christ who redeemed, justified, and sanctified them, John 5:24.

3. *SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN*- Those who believe on Christ, through the work of the Spirit, shall yet be saved from the presence of sin in glory, as the ultimate effect of His work on the cross, Rev. 20:6.

In all aspects it is Jesus Christ who does ALL of the saving!

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Call To Worship

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your Maker lies.
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! the Son of God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.

Let not conscience make you linger,
Not of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him.

(Words by Joseph Hart)

(Tune: "Jesus Calls Us," pg. 374)

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Tyler Wheeler; Judy Ward; Cathy Cobb; Cindy Brantly;
Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams;
Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick; Phylis Payne

A Date To Remember

Women's Fellowship Meal and Bible Studay

Next Sunday - Feb.26th

From William Mason's "Morning Thought"

"That IN ME YOU SHALL HAVE PEACE, IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION: But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

Such is Christ's legacy to all his brethren: peace in Him: tribulation in the world. Every disciple shall receive these bequests. The former, a triune God of truth and faithfulness is engaged by promise and oath to give. The latter, from the combined trinity, the world, flesh, and the devil, every follower of Jesus will be sure to receive. But, alas! how apt are we, when in the mount of peace with Jesus, to cry, '*Tribulation shall no more affect me!*' On the other hand, when in the dreary valley of tribulation, then we are ready to conclude, '*O there is no end to my troubles; I shall see peace no more.*' This was the case with David. One while we find him triumphing: "*In my prosperity I said I shall never be moved.*"—Psalm 30:6. At another, mournfully complaining, "*Thou hidest thy face, and I am troubled.*"

Too, too apt are we to judge of God's love to us by his providences, instead of his promises. Tribulation in the world is as necessary for the soul as peace in Jesus; or our loving Saviour would not have appointed it for us. One is not incompatible with, nor destructive of the other. Nay, is it not oft the case with thee, O Christian, as of old, that "*as sufferings abound, consolation abounds also*"? (**2 Cor. 1:5**) Hast thou access by faith into the same grace with the church of old? dost thou with them "*rejoice in hope of the glory of God*?" learn the same note which they sung: "*We glory in tribulation.*" Why? Because they knew that "*all things work together for good.*" Therefore they found by experience these soul-reviving effects: "*knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given unto us.*" (**Rom.5:2-5**)

Thus as Christ is ours, all things are ours. Tribulation and distress in the world are ours, as well as hope, patience, peace, love, and joy in Jesus. Sweet is it to observe how our dear Saviour words his legacy: it is like a cross richly ornamented with jewels of infinite value. Tribulation in the world stands encompassed with **PEACE** in the front, **GOOD CHEER** and **VICTORY** in the rear. "*Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*" (**1 John 5:5**)