

Devotions

The purpose of any devotional text should be the glorification of the Lord Jesus Christ, by Whose Blood we have been sealed and pardoned. Devotionals should guide and direct the minds and hearts of the Christian to concentrate on those matters pertaining to the following of the plan God has for our lives. This can only be accomplished by the realization that on our own, we are totally and unequivocally helpless in the quest for the true answer to the meaning of life.

As sinners, we are faced with the problem that given our just due, we would in fact be condemned to death. "All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God", and "the wages of sin is death". This creates a problem faced by all mankind wherein there is seemingly no resolution that can bring us into a satisfactory relationship with our God and Creator when we rely on our own resolve and devices.

The beauty of a relationship with Jesus Christ is that He carries us into the relationship with God the Father by the providing of redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation for the state of sin which drives a wedge between us and the Father's Love. Sin forces us away from a relationship with Christ and toward the alienated state of the Devil who uses us as expendable pawns in his war chest as he wages war against God.

Jesus picks us up at the point of our failure to escape on our own, and provides us with freedom from sin by paying the blood sacrifice for it by His Death on the Cross of Crucifixion. This sacrifice pays the price for our sin, eliminates the alienation of man with God the father, and satisfies the wrath of God for the sin state in which mankind is found.

With Christ's sacrifice, we are in a position wherein we may commune with God as true children. Sin has been forgiven and forgotten by God, and it is though the sin was never there in the first place. This means that the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ must be all encompassing and unlimited in any way. There is nothing which cannot be forgiven through the Blood of Christ: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". This also means that we may turn to Him Who died that our sin might be forgiven, and for future forgiveness when we inevitably transgress and fall short once more.

The purpose of these devotions is therefore two fold. First, to assist in the realignment of our priorities with God's priorities so we can more fully appreciate God's power and Glory not only through the forgiveness of our sin, but also through the enjoyment of His Creation; second, to assist in the promotion of a better relationship with God as our Heavenly Father and with Jesus as the incarnate God. Christ will walk with us if we but let Him. This walk will open our hearts and minds to allow the Holy Spirit to descend upon us and turn our lives totally over to Him. "I urge you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 8:1

Romans 12:1