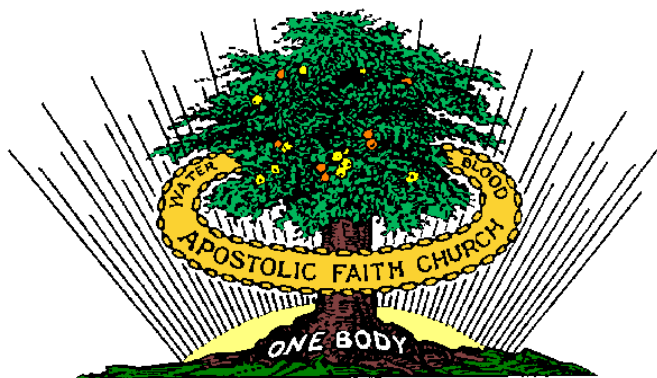


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The Kingdom Of God

[The following is taken from a leaflet written by the late Pastor J. Hutchinson-Dennis.]

In 1938, during an interview with the Paramount Chief of Swaziland at his kraal, the African king put this question to me:

Why did Jesus have to die to save His people from their sins?

His questions were asked in sincerity, and with an intelligent inquiry which was surprising: for two hours I endeavoured to answer them in explanation.

Redemption - The Necessity

I began my reply to him by saying that God had always required a price to be paid for the redemption of His people from sin. **That price was the blood, which is the life.** Man inherited the sin nature from his first parents, who through disobedience were cast out from God's presence. Mankind had to be bought back, and the only acceptable purchase price was the sacrifice of the life, the blood. This was recognised by command of God in the Law of Moses, and was clearly demonstrated by the shedding of the blood of sacrificial animals. Hebrews 9:22 states: *And without shedding of blood is no remission.* And Lev. 17:11, *For it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

This foundation doctrine is found throughout God's holy writ, beginning in Genesis with the acceptance by God of Abel's sacrifice of a slain lamb, whilst the offering of his brother Cain of the fruits of the ground was rejected. Gen. 4:2-5.

In the last book of the Bible, Revelation, the Lamb is quoted in eleven chapters; and in Rev. 5:6, *He is seen as a Lamb as it had been slain.* Even the heavenly things are purified by the sacrifice of the blood of Christ. Heb. 9:22-28. John said:

“BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD which taketh away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29). Jesus was that Lamb, and He, once for all, took the place of the multitude of sacrifices offered by Israel for their sins once every year on the Day of Atonement. *For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,* (1 Cor. 5:7), and all who accept this truth are freed from the law of sin and death, to walk in the light of Christ, and are guided by His Spirit. That applies both to you and to me.

Jesus Is The Way, The Truth, And The Life

By believing, and receiving Him, His Spirit will bring a new birth within you.

Thus it is revealed that the **Kingdom of God is within you**, and will spread from within you to others. It does not come by outward show, but by an inward conviction; by the acceptance of Jesus, and by yielding and obeying His promptings. **THE LIFE HE PROMISED HAS COME: THAT MORE ABUNDANT LIFE.**

Hail, everlasting spring!
Celestial fountain, hail!
Thy streams salvation bring,
Thy waters never fail.
Still they endure and still they flow
For all our woe a sovereign cure.
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Healing For Body And Mind

Healing for body and mind is also yours as a result of the life of Christ within the heart. The whole ministry of Jesus demonstrated this; and it is further confirmed by the works and teachings of the Apostles in the New Testament church, in which a ceremony of anointing with oil was instituted, to be performed by the Elders in ministering to the sick. James 5:14-16. Indeed, we are encouraged to believe that in the full RESTORATION OF GOD'S COVENANT DAY OF PEACE there will be an absence of sickness and disease. For to Israel the Lord said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord Thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26.

Thus we read in Matt. 9:35, *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages . . . healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever, is willing, and His Word is as powerful today to cast out demons and to bring full deliverance to you, of body, soul and spirit.

So I say to you, HAVE FAITH!

With what a wealth of faith and hope
Thy Word is grasped - the weak are strong,
We stretch our hands to touch Thy robe,
And healed and blessed, Thy praise prolong.
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Pray Every Day

The famous evangelist R.A. Torrey said two of the greatest secrets to effective prayer lay in: 1) Studying the Word of God and finding His will as revealed in the promises. 2) Taking these promises and spreading them out before God in prayer, with the unwavering expectation that He will do what He said. Don't tolerate prayerlessness in your life. Don't allow the stress of so-called progress to dictate how much time you will sit at the feet of your Saviour. Crave those times. Schedule those times. Protect those times. Grace L. Naessens puts it like this in her poem, The Difference. 'I woke early one morning, and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish, that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me," I wondered; He answered, "You didn't ask." I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak. I wondered why God didn't show me; He said, "But you didn't seek." I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock." I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.' If you are wise you will stay 'prayed up' and prepared for the inevitable crises of life. It's foolish to wait until trouble shows up at your doorstep to begin this essential spiritual discipline.

