

Wages of sin

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6, 23.

To talk about sin has become highly unfashionable these days. In the last days people flock to hear what their itching ears want to hear. But the first and the qualifying step of the Christian walk begins with sin, the awareness of being a sinner and the need to be forgiven. Salvation begins with believing with all the heart that the blood of Jesus Christ alone has the power and authority to forgive our sins and set us free from the bondage of sin. If there is no repentance there is No salvation. The wages of sin is Death.

God did not create death. His first creation, Adam and Eve were not created to die, they were created to live in close companionship with their Creator forever. It was their willful disobedience that brought sin into the world and sin naturally brought death. I am always amazed when the all-knowing ignorant people of this world at the slightest discomfort shake their fists against God and say why did you do it? Let us remind ourselves it was not God it was our first parents who did that. We ought to be shaking our fists against them.

And yet God is still gracious, that He wanted to rescue us from the awful onslaught of death. Max Lucado puts it so beautifully that when the first crunch of the apple was heard there in the horizon appeared the shadow of the Cross! We disobeyed, we rebelled, we murdered, we sinned and we brought death into the world and here the very same tender hearted El Shaddai details another plan to rescue His own creation from eternal death. It cost Him His beloved Son Jesus Christ. There was no other way. The law (which was given through Moses) which was a foreshadow of Jesus did not release people from sin. One law led into another and they were so entangled. Then came Jesus! "For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering." The law was powerless over sin and so the Son of Man became a sinful man and took sin on Himself and defeated it completely on the Cross.

When sin was defeated, so was death. That is why Paul proclaims proudly O death where is your sting? And O grave where is thy victory? Because Jesus conquered and defeated sin and death we are freed from its vicious grip when we believe in the Lord Jesus. Now eternal life is the gift of God, a gift which cost Jesus the Calvary agony, so that the merciful and compassionate Father would give us a chance to live eternally through the Cross of His Son. This gift is Grace which we can only receive and we can never earn this Grace how much ever we work for. It takes humility to accept that we are sinners and even more that we stand in need of the Grace of Jesus to be cleansed. Only and only at this point can we ever start being saved. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO BE SAVED. WALK THROUGH THE CROSS WITH REPENTANCE THEN YOUR SALVATION BEGINS AND SO ALSO YOUR ETERNAL LIFE, YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS HEAVEN.

Dear Lord open our eyes to our own sinfulness and our desperate need to be saved. Lord we pray that you wash us with your precious sinless Blood shed on the cross of Calvary. Thank you Father for the Cross. Thank you for the work of salvation you have begun in me. Keep me safe under your Blood till I see you face to face.

In Jesus name, Amen.