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sweating blood!**

By John Flavel 1627–1691

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life!" John 3:16

Let it be considered, to what the Father gave His only begotten Son:  
even to death, and that of the cross;  
to be made a curse for us;  
to be the scorn and contempt of vile men;  
to the most unparalleled sufferings that were ever inflicted or borne by any!

It melts our affections, it breaks our heart, to behold our children striving in the pangs of death. But the Lord beheld His Son struggling under such incomparable agonies. He saw Him falling to the ground, groveling in the dust, sweating blood—and amidst those agonies turning Himself to His Father, and with a heart-rending cry beseeching Him, "Father, if You are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from Me!" Luke 22:42

To wrath, to the wrath of an infinite God without mixture; to the very torments of Hell was Christ delivered, and that by the hand of His own Father!

What kind of love is this, which made the Father of mercies deliver His only Son to such miseries for us!

In giving Christ to die for poor sinners, God gave the richest jewel in His cabinet!

This is a mercy of the greatest worth and most inestimable value.

Heaven itself is not so valuable and precious as Christ is! Ten thousand thousand worlds, as many worlds as angels can number—would not outweigh Christ's love, excellency and sweetness! O what a lovely One! What an excellent, beautiful, ravishing One—is Christ!

Put the beauty of ten thousand paradises, like the garden of Eden, into one; put all flowers, all pleasing fragrances, all colors, all delicious tastes, all joys, all sweetnesses, all lovelinesses into one—O what a lovely and excellent thing would that be! And yet it would be less compared to that loveliest and dearest well-beloved Christ—than one drop of rain compared to all the seas, rivers, lakes, and fountains of ten thousand earths!

Now, for God to bestow this mercy of mercies, the most precious thing in Heaven or earth, upon poor sinners; and, as great, as lovely, as excellent as His Son was—what astonishing love is this!

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**\*\*Our Prayer List\*\***

*"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17*

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, Bill Gossett, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children.

**\*\*Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works\*\***

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

## **"A Message from Pastor Johnson"**

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you,  
taking the oversight thereof..." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2*

### ***Being made free from sin, is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

*Romans 6:22 - 23 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

What does it mean to be "free from sin"? Is it possible for any human being to be free from sin? The true answer is that there was only one living soul to ever without sin, the Lord Jesus Christ who was also God's own Son. So, the question must be asked "how can God tell us, sinners by nature that we are "made free from sin"? God does not mean that we will not sin but that we are no longer bound to sin, that is we are no longer are under sins power which is the power of Satan. But it does not end there, God also meant that we are no longer chargeable for sin. As Christians the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. When Jesus told the adulterous woman in John 8:11 "go and sin no more" He was saying go and stop doing the sin you were doing. As Christians we have been blessed to have the chains of sin released, its hold on us has been broken. And because of this we can "*become servants to God*". Lost people are not servants of God and cannot be, because they are at enmity with God and God gets no glory from them. People who are chargeable for their sins are dead to God, therefore there is no good in them. However, we that are saved, washed in the blood of Jesus, and are holy through His Holiness are indeed God's servants. It is only through our salvation that we have "*have your fruit unto holiness*". It is implied here that our fruits are holy because of Jesus Christ and that makes our service to the Lord holy. In other words, as children of God we walk in righteousness, live in righteousness, and serve God in righteousness like unto Jesus. God ended verse 22 with these words, "*and the end everlasting life*." Not only is this a blessing but it is also the Truth, this is our end because God no longer condemns us for the sin that Jesus shed His blood for. God will not accept sin that is unpaid for because "*the wages of sin is death*". Death is the results of sin and hell will be its eternal home. God promised that without the forgiveness of sin you are already condemned. "*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*" John 3:18

## **Pastor Johnson, Continued**

Therefore, God in His mercy and grace has given us "*the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*." It is only possible to have our sins forgiven through the blood of the "*...Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*." Rev. 13:8 As Christians we owe God much for electing us as His own children and electing our path of eternal life through Jesus Christ His Son and our Lord and Saviour. Since sin no longer holds us prisoner, chained and bound, we ought to use our freedom in Jesus Christ to follow Him, as our desire is to serve the Lord who saved us from eternal damnation. And to do this with all our heart.

## **Church Information and Happenings.**

1. **Pastor Johnson** will be absent from the pulpit on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> He will be speaking at Northside Baptist Church in Oakdale, La. on that morning. Please pray for this Conference. Brother Justin Bookout will handle our service here.
2. **Our Bible Conference** this year is scheduled for September 13 & 14 Please decide on whom you want to invite this year because we need to send invitations around June 01.

### **Galatians 6:1-10**

*"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."*