

A Meditation for Your Week

By Author Unknown

"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee." Isaiah 43:1-3

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name—you are Mine. When you go through deep waters—I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty—you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression—you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior!"

The people of God are not promised exemption from trial—but support under it!

The Lord does not engage to lead His children by a smooth path—but to furnish them with shoes of iron and brass, that they may safely walk the rugged and thorny road.

He does not promise to bridge over the waters of sorrow and the rivers of tribulation—but assures them of His presence as they pass through them. "I will be with you!" He says, "When you go through rivers of difficulty—you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression—you will not be burned up."

Christian pilgrim—will not this suffice?

Support in trial, will suit you better than exemption from it.

Affliction and sorrow, in the hands of the great Physician—are medicine for the soul!

The wounds He inflicts—are for the healing of the spirit!

The fire He may lead you through will not burn—but only purify and brighten you!

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Welcome to the Sovereign Grace Missionary Baptist Church

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing,"

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, 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, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, and Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Mark and Kathy Johnson, Baby Jud, Sister Rebecca Johnson, Missionary Dan Sullivan and Sister Sunny, Vickie Adkins, Mateo Lorenzo Vero, Doug Newell III, Nicholas – Madison and Emory Patty, Sarah Henderson.

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." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

“A Thought From Our Pastor.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

How shall God not freely give us all things?

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” Romans 8:32

God asked in v. 31 *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* Looking at the context of this chapter God is telling us that through His electing us, and His *“predestinating us to be conformed to the image of his Son”* v. 29 God has made us into the image of His Son, Jesus. God did not just redeem us, but also “conformed” us to be like unto His own Son. That is a total changing us from a wretched lost and dying sinner to be like unto His Beloved Son. The process of this change was costly to God because it was essential that God choose the perfect source of our change. Therefore, the only way for God to be molded in the image of His Son was to sacrifice His own Son. Therefore, God elected us, predestined us, called us, and in Christ He justified us, and in the end, He will glorify us. This means God, in His finished work will make all believers in heaven to be fashioned like His own Son Jesus. God through all this, brought to view His glorious love for us, because He sacrificed His own Son to accomplish this work of change in us. If God was to form us like unto the image of Jesus, then Jesus had to pay the price for our redemption. This is what God did for every Christian throughout time and until this change is complete. We, in this flesh will never understand what God has done for us in our redemption until we are in heaven. The love it took for God to allow His own Son in Jesus to crucified by Satan and those wicked and sinful hands that sacrifice Him. We will never in this life ever understand nor appreciate the love and sacrifice of what God has done for us. If we did, just our smallest and most insignificant sin would cause us to fall on our face and ask God for forgiveness. Our human mind cannot understand the reality of heaven and hell and the glorious love that God has given to us. In heaven we will surlily understand the true meaning to these words *“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.”* God, *“spared not his own Son,”* God put on Jesus the entire burden of sin for every soul that He is going to redeem. Then God said, *“...how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”* The words “all things” does not include our every wish in this life, God did not say this for our selfishness, but for His grace given. Let us remember the gift of grace God had just given, *“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all....”*

Pastor’s Thought Continue.

Isn’t this more than we would or could ever ask for? What else could we ever ask for that overshadows our gift of salvation? *“All things”* are our spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to us along with our salvation. God said, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* James 1:17 God is not a giver to selfishness; God is the giver of grace and mercy. God knows our needs before we ever ask, *“for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”* Matt. 6:8b. Therefore, Jesus warned us in the same verse *“Be not ye therefore like unto them...”* that is *“thou shalt not be as the hypocrites.”* The greatest gift that God has ever given to a sinner is salvation through redemption by His sacrificed Son, **how dare we ever be selfish.** Therefore, God has given us everything He has chosen for us, let us rejoice and be glad, let us enjoy everything God has given to us. We that are saved have the greatest gift because there is none greater, every other gift just adds to that joy. **Thank you, Lord!**

Church information and Happenings

- Missionary Dan Sullivan is having eye surgery here in the USA.
- Please continue to pray for our church!!!
- Our Pastor will be out of town from June 2 – 7 There will be no service on Wednesday night June 4th
- The church will have a special church meeting Wednesday Night. Please make every attempt to be here.

Psalm 12:6-8

Psalm 12:6-8 *“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted”*

