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Forgiven in Christ

And God will wipe away every tear from your eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

The above prophetic word is written to the Bride, the risen Body of Christ, who has for two millennia or two days been buried in religious traditions. Religion nails Jesus to the cross for past sin. Its progression into the Holy of Holies is a process that is repeated over and over again because the 'act of repentance' became the goal– not the 'finished works' of Christ. Their pilgrimages are limited to continually approaching the cross, never understanding that what we truly desire to come into is not back there at all ... but is unveiling before us in the father /son order promised to David as the *House of God made without hands*– not a work or a place, but the risen Body of Christ. The cross becomes the benchmark for

where they are in Christ. Regrettably, religion's children are still kept under the law instead of overcoming all things to rule and reign in the Kingdom of the Father.

One of the tragedies of religion is the lingering shame that overshadows the possibility of achieving prophetic purpose. Past shame will always veil your hope of reaching *the goal of the prize of the upward call of God through Christ Jesus*. Yet, the message of the Kingdom of God is that your past is cast into the Sea of His Forgetfulness by lawful decree - never to be remembered again by the King! ... And, if not by the King, then you cannot be reproached by anyone! *He has made you alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against you ... having nailed it to the cross.* He disarmed the powers aimed against you so that you triumph in Him! It is the transfer of power to His Christ! *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made you free from the law of sin and death. Sin may have robbed you of your innocence but being forgiven renders you 'blameless.'

Jesus is looking for a Bride that is blameless - not necessarily one who has never sinned, but rather a Bride who has been forgiven. *And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the Body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above*

reproach in His sight. The vantage point is '*in His sight*' - in His sight, an overcomer is above any reproach.

Man sees things differently than God. We have difficulty remembering the old man as anything but a real 'stinker.' Even Martha begged Jesus not to open the tomb of her brother Lazarus because of the stench or *the aroma of death*. We all '*stinketh much*' unless Jesus calls us to come forth out of our past, and the new man in Christ arises in us. Yet, like Lazarus, sometimes we too are bound and held back by the garments of our past. Jesus simply commands, "*Loose him, and let him go.*" Lazarus was set free by divine command but it was the men who heard Jesus that unbound him ... enabling him to walk into the light of a new day.

We likewise will know if we are experiencing the third dimension if we see each other through His eyes of mercy and forgiveness— not holding their past as a garment of bondage that causes our brothers in Christ to stumble, but rather, loosing them by our forgiveness to walk anew *in His marvelous light*, unhampered by their past. *Now thanks be to God who always leads you in triumph in Christ, and through you diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.* You stand forgiven in Christ *for you are to God the fragrance of Christ!*

Jesus calls you out of your past *darkness into His marvelous light*; you *who once were not a people ... are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy ... now have obtained mercy*. Beloved, you are forgiven by the merciful decree written by the King of kings that cannot be rescinded! *And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears*

from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. The throne of grace is the same as His Mercy Seat in the Tabernacle of Moses. Yet, unlike being under the law, we are imbedded in a glorious new dispensation of personal intimate relationship with our God who has justly declared *the merciful shall obtain mercy*. Essentially, we are 'forgiven' according to how we forgive one another. Since glory is the opposite of shame ... we, who are called out of the darkness and shame of our past, stand forgiven to boldly walk unashamed into His marvelous light - manifesting His glory in the earth!

In this dawning of a new day, we glimpse the unfolding of His eternal plan ... that the Blood of the Lamb that was applied to each of the articles of furniture in the Tabernacle has *once and for all* removed the penalty and guilt of our sins. We are forgiven and the power of Christ is tabernacled within us! *The old has gone, the new has come!*

We see a shifting in the heavens as God transfers His power to His Christ in the earth. We are forgiven and our shame over our past is completely and unequivocally removed. Therefore, we boldly lift our eyes to look to His appearing ... and in connecting our generations, we see eye to eye- having His vision and purpose ... and once again the written word is fulfilled *on earth as it is in heaven* through the Body of Christ.

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