

SORROW IN THE MIDST OF HOPE - 1THESS4:13

Multitudes pass through life in this world with little or no concern over their mortality. Without exception, all must die under God's curse on sin (Gen2:17;1Cor15:22) and all have an unavoidable appointment with death (Heb9:27), yet there are few, if any, who 'layeth it to heart' (Isa57:1). They don't think about it; they have not sought the wisdom of God so as to (Ps90:12) 'number our days', that is, to learn that we are mortal in the flesh yet with a soul which shall never die, a soul which shall eternally know the just and dreadful consequences of passing into eternity alienated by sin from God our creator and judge. We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2Cor5:10) to face God who is 'angry with the wicked every day (Ps7:11)', who is a 'consuming fire (Heb12:29)' against sin, into whose hands it is 'a fearful thing to fall (Heb10:31)'.

Is there anything that can save a sinner from that reckoning? - Yes! One way and only one way (John14:6) - and that is the redemption accomplished for his beloved multitude by Christ their Substitute who paid the debt to justice of his people's sin and took it away (Psalm103:12).

If you believe the God of the Bible revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ it is because you are one of the sheep for whom he laid down his life to save them from their sins (John10:26,27), and therefore you have no sin debt to pay at the bar of divine justice (Rom8:33,34). You only have a glorious Kingdom to inherit (Matt25:34). And so, when a dearly loved one departs this life believing in Christ, we sorrow for our loss, but not as those who sorrow for folk who die without Christ, without hope of heaven, naked before strict justice. We sorrow, but we rejoice that our departed, believing, loved one, now beholds the glory of the Saviour and enjoys 'pleasures for evermore (Psalm16:11)'.

Think on these things and 'lay it to heart'. AJ

A PRESCRIBED MEANS OF WORSHIP

Cain came to God with a bloodless sacrifice, the fruit of his own effort, and God rejected him. Abel came to God with the blood of an innocent lamb, a type of Christ, the Lamb of God, and God accepted him. Blessed be God, it is possible for fallen, sinful man to approach God and find acceptance with him! But the only ground upon which anyone can come to God and find grace in his sight is by the blood of Christ. We are sinners. His blood is propitiation! We are guilty. His blood is pardon! We are defiled. His blood is cleansing! We are naked. His blood is righteousness! We are separated from God. His blood is reconciliation! If you would be accepted of God, your only means of access to him is the precious blood of Christ. D S Fortner

NOT THE RIGHTEOUS BUT SINNERS - MARK2:17

The first link between my soul and Christ is, not my goodness, but my badness; not my merit, but my misery; not my standing, but my falling; not my riches, but my need. He comes to visit His people, yet not to admire their beauties, but to remove their deformities; not to reward their virtues, but to forgive their sins. C H Spurgeon

REMINDER

Sam's funeral is scheduled for Monday 19th October at 12:30 in Christchurch Baptist Church, in Bargates, BH23 1QT. All are welcome to attend but if possible let us know if you intend to come using this form : <https://forms.gle/Xm7Exs5S7bVAKCTG8> Alternatively the service will be live streamed and available for some time afterwards via this link: <https://youtube.com/live/DVzMaSPMPOw> Note the stream will be muted while copy protected music is played before and after the service.

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Sunday 18th October 2026

10:30 am (GMT+1h) Service

Isaiah 57:1-2

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2 Corinthians 5 :1-8

527 to 239

W Gadsby

1 What a divine harmonious sound
The gospel-trumpet gives;
No music can with it compare;
The soul that knows it lives.

3 It speaks of pardon, full and free,
Through Christ, the Lamb once slain;
Whose blood can cleanse the foulest soul,
And take away all stain.

4 The vilest sinner out of hell,
Who lives to feel his need,
Is welcome to a Throne of Grace,
The Saviour's blood to plead.

6 Nor will he send them empty back,
Nor fright them from the door;
The Father has in Jesus stored
All blessings for the poor.

Prayer

Revelation 7:9-17

Prayer

267 to 464

J Cennick

1 Children of the heavenly King,
As ye journey, sweetly sing;
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways.

2 Ye are travelling home to God
In the way the fathers trod;
They are happy now, and ye
Soon their happiness shall see.

5 Fear not, brethren, joyful stand
On the borders of your land;
Jesus Christ, your Father's Son,
Bids you undismayed go on.

6 Lord, submissive make us go,
Gladly leaving all below;
Only thou our Leader be,
And we still will follow thee.

Sermon

468 to 231

W W Horne

1 Death is no more a frightful foe;
Since I with Christ shall reign,
With joy I leave this world of woe;
For me to die is gain.

2 To darkness, doubts, and fears, adieu;
Adieu, thou world so vain;
Then shall I know no more of you;
For me to die is gain.

3 No more shall Satan tempt my soul,
Corruption shall be slain;
And tides of pleasure o'er me roll;
For me to die is gain.

5 Sorrow for joy I shall exchange,
For ever freed from pain;
And o'er the plains of Canaan range;
For me to die is gain.

6 Fain would my raptured soul depart,
Nor longer here remain,
But dwell, dear Jesus, where thou art;
For me to die is gain.