

The Power of the Gospel *Mark 10:32 -52*

He says that the Son of Man came to give His life a ransom for many. This is one of those expressions which ought to be carefully treasured up in the minds of true Christians. It is one of the tests which prove incontrovertibly the atoning character of Christ's death... It was the public payment by an almighty Representative of the debts of sinful man to a holy God. It was the ransom which a divine Surety undertook to provide in order to procure liberty for sinners, tied and bound by the chains of their sins... When He died, He died for our sins. When He suffered, He suffered in our stead. When He hung on the cross, He hung there as our Substitute. When His blood flowed, it was the price for our souls.

Let all who trust in Christ take comfort in the thought that they build on a sure foundation. It is true we are sinners, but Christ has borne our sins. It is true we are poor helpless debtors, but Christ has paid our debts. It is true that we deserve to be shut up forever in the prison of hell. But thanks be to God, Christ has paid a full and complete ransom for us. The door is wide open. The prisoner may go free. May we all know the privilege by heartfelt experience and walk in the blessed liberty of the children of God.
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- I. The gospel message shouts loudly to a world full of the noise of godlessness. We know that the whole world is under the control of the evil one (1 Jn. 5:19). In fact, because of the increase of wickedness the love of most is growing colder day by day (Matt. 24:12). The warmth of Christ's love on other hand, is the only power that can shout over the noise of our sin and the noise of a sinful godless world. That's why he came to be mocked, spit on, flogged and put to death as a sacrifice for our sins. Praise God he drew us and gave us ears to hear.

Mark 10:32-34

Lev. 16:20-22,26

Romans 10:17 *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the words of Christ.*

- II. Upon salvation, little did we realize at the time what following Jesus would mean for us, how that moment of repentance and acceptance of him as our Lord and Savior would change the course of our lives. Ultimately, he set out to teach us his outlook on life. An outlook that is to be representative of his humility and willingness to serve others through the power of his love, grace, and mercy. It seems, according to Scripture, that this is the kind of fruit that is highly valued by him. Fruit that represents the crown of righteousness (2 Ti. 4:8), the crown of life (James 1:12), the crown of rejoicing (1 Thess. 2:19), and the crown of glory well (1 Pe. 5:4).

Mark 10:35-45

Mark 14:36

Acts 12:1-2

Mark 9:33-35

Luke 22:24-27

Rom. 8:14-17

Heb. 9:22

Eph. 1:7

Eph. 1:4-5

Rom. 3:21-22

Rom. 8:29-10

Jn. 8:32

Rom. 6:22

Rom. 8:2

Phil. 2:4-11

δοῦλος doûlos *metaph., one who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing his cause among men, devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests. Strong's Concordance*

- III. Jesus never seemed to grow weary of people asking him for things. He came to serve, and that is exactly what he did. Bartimaeus unabashedly asked Jesus to give him his sight back. He shouted over the noise of the crowd to be heard and was rewarded richly for it. His cry for mercy got Jesus' attention because the man knew that he was the Messiah who had power to save him from his blindness. It only seemed natural then for him to want to follow him upon receiving his sight. It's a beautiful picture of salvation for those of us who were once blind. We cried out, he saved us, and we too are following him to wherever he takes us.

Mark 10:46-52

Roman 10:13