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He came to set the captives free...

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No One Is More Important Than the Other by Bro. Brinkley

In the eyes of the Lord, no one is more important than the other. The simple fact is this, to be saved, one needs Jesus. There is no other way. If one can come to this conclusion, then that one understands that we all stand together as sinners.

If each one of us needs the Blood of Jesus for redemption, then we are all equal before salvation. Those who receive Jesus are saved from spending eternity separated from God. Those who reject Jesus will spend eternity separated from God. These are simple thoughts, simple facts, & simple reality. So we have come to the conclusion that everyone has to have Jesus for salvation. Everyone includes the poorest of the poor, the richest of the rich, the wisest of the wise, & the dumbest of the dumb. In the eyes of God we are all equal. A question might come up, why? Simply because, to enter into the presence of God, one has to be Blood bought and Blood cleansed. Therefore everyone that is in the presence of God has been Blood bought, & Blood cleansed. At that point everyone is equal.

[Galatians 3:28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

[Col. 3:11] Where there is neither

Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

To understand that as believers we are all equal, will shed a great deal of light on what I truly believe in. God wants His believers to rise above anything they ever thought they could. For too many years believers have not experienced all that God has for them, and wants them to receive. There are too many believers today living a defeated life. They are living a life of no hope, no expectations, and no victory. But the time is changing; there is a speckle of light shining through the heavy clouds of doubt. A lone ray of sunshine directly from the throne room of God is starting to appear. Hard-hearted hearts are slowly starting to melt. View points of dogmatic standing are starting to be reviewed. Opinionated believers are starting to question their views that their way is the only way. Those believers of an arrogant nature are starting to see things in a different light. Self importance is making way to the importance of all believers.

Now let me be perfectly clear at this point. My definition of a believer is one who has put their faith in Jesus, and have faith in all of Jesus' teachings. These believers are disciples of Jesus.

[Romans 10:9-10] That if thou shalt

confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

One issue I believe needs to be addressed, and it is a very important one. That one cannot think more highly of themselves than they do of others. And the same thing can be said for those who find themselves thinking that they are not as good as some others. There is a danger in both of these thoughts. I believe that God wants believers to come together in humility and with a broken heart. There is no place for pride within the body of believers.

[Psalm 51:17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

No one is more important than the other. As believers, we all have the same Father. As believers, we all have the same Holy Spirit living within us. As believers, we all have been Blood bought, Blood cleansed.

And on judgment day we all shall bow before the righteous judge Jesus Christ.

Laughter... Medicine for the soul

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across a big deep hole. "Wow, that looks deep." "Sure does! Toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is." They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait, but there is no noise.

"Jeeez. That is really deep. Here, throw one of those great big rocks down there. That should make a noise."

They pick up a couple of football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait. They wait, and wait, but again hear nothing. They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey, over here in the weeds, there's a railroad tie. Help me carry it over here. When we toss that in, it's got to make some noise!" The two drag the heavy tie over to the hole and heave it in. Not a sound comes from the hole.

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Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, then right past them, running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly it leaps in the air and into the hole.

The two men are astonished with what they've just seen.

Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over. "Hey! You two guys seen my goat out here?" "You bet we did! Craziest thing I've ever seen. It came running like crazy and just jumped into this hole!"

"Nah," says the farmer, "that couldn't have been mine. My goat was chained to a railroad tie."

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she

whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up from his coffee, "I am just remembering when we first met 20 years ago and started dating. You were only 16. Do you remember back then?" he asks solemnly. The wife is almost reduced to tears herself, just thinking how caring and sensitive her husband is. "Yes, I do" she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continues. "Do you remember when he shoved that shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years?" "I remember that, too" she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says...

"I would have got out today."

MORE MEDICINE FOR THE SOUL.....

A couple had two little boys ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, and asked to see them individually. So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

They boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging open. The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?" Again, the boy

made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in big trouble this time! God is missing and they think we did it!"

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly Mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our Mother." The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver." The third smiled and said, "I've got you

both beat. You remember how Mom enjoyed reading the Bible? And you know she can't see very well any more. I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took Elders in the church 12 years to teach him. He's one of a kind. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot recites it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote one son, "the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel any more. My eyesight isn't what it used to be. I stay most of the time at home, so I rarely use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!"

"Dearest Donald," she wrote to her third son, "you have the good sense to know what your Mother likes. The chicken was delicious!"

Why Me Lord? By Inez Brinkley

Jonah fled from God

Jon 1:1 *The LORD gave this message to Jonah son of Amittai:*

Jon 1:2 *"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh. Announce My judgment against it because I have seen how wicked its people are."*

Jon 1:3 *But Jonah got up and went in the opposite direction to get away from the LORD. He went down to the port of Joppa, where he found a ship leaving for Tarshish. He bought a ticket and went on board, hoping to escape from the LORD by sailing to Tarshish.*

God sent a storm - sailors knew not the true God but worshiped false gods

Jon 1:4 *But the LORD hurled a powerful wind over the sea, causing a violent storm that threatened to break the ship apart.*

Jon 1:5 *Fearing for their lives, the desperate sailors shouted to their gods for help and threw the cargo overboard to lighten the ship. But all this time Jonah was sound asleep down in the hold.*

Opportunity missed to witness to others (God brought a divine appointment & Jonah failed to use it!)

Jon 1:6 *So the captain went down after him. "How can you sleep at a time like this?" he shouted. "Get up and pray to your god! Maybe He will pay attention to us and spare our lives."*

Verse 7: This was not a coincidence.... God will reveal our true na-

ture in every circumstance.

Jon 1:7 *Then the crew cast lots to see which of them had offended the gods and caused the terrible storm. When they did this, the lots identified Jonah as the culprit.*

Verse 12: Suicide.... the easy way out

Jon 1:12 *"Throw me into the sea," Jonah said, "and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault."*

Verse 14-16: They called on Jonah's God in spite of Jonah missing the opportunity. God will always use another if we are not willing.

He will often put us in a situation where He will use the circumstance as a witness instead of us.

Jon 1:14 *Then they cried out to the LORD, Jonah's God. "O LORD," they pleaded, "don't make us die for this man's sin. And don't hold us responsible for his death. O LORD, You have sent this storm upon him for Your own good reasons."*

Jon 1:15 *Then the sailors picked Jonah up and threw him into the raging sea, and the storm stopped at once!*

Jon 1:16 *The sailors were awestruck by the LORD's great power, and they offered Him a sacrifice and vowed to serve Him.*

Verse 17: God's protective armor. In spite of his attitude, God provided a safe haven while He dealt with Jonah.

JONAH'S TRUE SELF - HIS UN-REPENTED HEART

4:1-2 bad attitude!!!

Jon 4:1 *This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry.*

Jon 4:2 *So he complained to the LORD about it: "Didn't I say before I left home that You would do this, LORD? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that You are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people."*

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE LOVE, THEN JESUS DOESN'T EVEN KNOW US.

V.3 Jonah's 2nd suicide thought

Jon 4:3 *Just kill me now, LORD! I'd rather be dead than alive if what I predicted will not happen."*

V:5-6 God gave him time to repent - even provided comfort in the meantime. But God knows the heart of man. We can smile & go on just as happy as a lark - fooling all the people around us - but we can't fool God. He is still in charge.

V.7-8 God removes His blessings
V.10-11 God summed it up
RESULT: Jonah gave a bad witness & he was never again mentioned in the Bible. The last we hear of him, he was bitter & wanting to die. His story ends on a negative note. How will yours end?

Obadiah 1:15 *For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have it, it will be done to you...*

Your dealings will return on your own head.