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*Christian Fellowship
Is Essential To Spiritual Growth!
We Invite You To Come Fellowship With Us &
Be Blessed By The Word!*

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ASAP PLEASE!!!

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet; you've got no time to spare, but as you hurry and scurry- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares and He will respond to all your needs - A.S.A.P. -

ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN

David did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Kings 15:5

One of the problems that writers face is the challenge of being honest about evil. When I write, I want the good guys to always be right. But even the best people have flaws. So to be credible, writers must be honest about the evil that lurks in good people.

One reason I believe the Bible is true is that the Author did not cover up the flaws of His chosen people. God was honest about the failures of those He hand-picked for leadership positions. He didn't excuse their bad behavior, minimize their failures, or look the other way. He reported it, judged it, measured out the consequences, and forgave it.

The most prominent example in Scripture is King David. Not only did he take another man's wife, he then took the man's life to cover up his adultery. Yet despite his despicable deeds, when he was confronted, David repented. He became the standard by which future kings of Israel were judged because his heart was "loyal to the Lord" (1 Kings 15:3,11).

God knows the heart of everyone, and He is no respecter of persons. Although the truth of sin can be painful, when it's confessed and forgiven, it can be used to turn our hearts toward God.

You cannot hide your sins from God, He knows what's in your heart. Confession is the quickest way to make a brand-new start.

You can't put your sins behind you until you are willing to face them.

Old Testament

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy
6. Joshua
7. Judges
8. Ruth
9. 1 Samuel
10. 2 Samuel
11. 1 Kings
12. 2 Kings
13. 1 Chronicles
14. 2 Chronicles
15. Ezra
16. Nehemiah
17. Esther
18. Job
19. Psalms
20. Proverbs
21. Ecclesiastes
22. Song of Solomon
23. Isaiah
24. Jeremiah
25. Lamentations
26. Ezekiel
27. Daniel
28. Hosea
29. Joel
30. Amos
31. Obadiah
32. Jonah
33. Micah
34. Nahum
35. Habakkuk
36. Zephaniah
37. Haggai
38. Zechariah
39. Malachi

New Testament

1. Matthew
2. Mark
3. Luke
4. John
5. Acts
6. Romans
7. 1 Corinthians
8. 2 Corinthians
9. Galatians
10. Ephesians
11. Philippians
12. Colossians
13. 1 Thessalonians
14. 2 Thessalonians
15. 1 Timothy
16. 2 Timothy
17. Titus
18. Philemon
19. Hebrews
20. James
21. 1 Peter
22. 2 Peter
23. 1 John
24. 2 John
25. 3 John
26. Jude
27. Revelation

I am an imperfect being,
living in an
imperfect world,
Loved by a perfect God,
Who sees me
as complete in Him!
How can I go wrong!

I am just a Body,
Trying to tell Everybody
About Somebody
Who can Save Anybody!

Happy Birthday
MAY Saints!



THE ASCENDED CHRIST

May 17, 2007 - *Ascension Day*—a day that is often neglected. Coming 40 days after Easter, it marks the occasion when the risen Christ ascended to the Father in glory.

W. H. Griffith Thomas writes in The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia: *"The ascension is not only a great fact of the New Testament, but a great factor in the life of Christ and Christians, and no complete view of Jesus Christ is possible unless the ascension and its consequences are included."*

Thomas then summarizes what the ascension means to believers. It speaks of an accomplished redemption (*Heb. 8:1*), the Savior's high-priestly work (*Heb. 4:14*), His lordship over the church (*Eph. 1:22*), His intercession for us with His heavenly Father (*1 Tim. 2:5*), the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (*Acts 2:33*), the Lord's presence with us today (*Matt. 28:20*), and the expectation of His return to this earth (*1 Thess. 4:16*).

Think of it! Jesus not only died, but He rose from the grave, went back to the Father, and is interceding for us right now. And **HE IS COMING AGAIN**

May this Ascension Day be a time for special rejoicing and thanksgiving to God.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, one day the stone rolled away from the door; then He arose, over death He had conquered; now is ascended, my Lord evermore.

JESUS WHO DIED TO SAVE US NOW LIVES TO KEEP US.

Hebrews 4:9-16: *There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must*

give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

PAID IN FULL

After living what I felt was a "decent" life, my time on earth came to the end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a courthouse. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around, I saw the "prosecutor." He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen. I sat down and looked to my left and there sat My Attorney, a kind and gentle looking man whose appearance seemed so familiar to me, I felt I knew Him. The corner door flew open and there appeared the Judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as He moved across the room I couldn't take my eyes off Him. As He took His seat behind the bench, He said, "Let us begin." The prosecutor rose and said, "My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this woman belongs in hell." He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole, and In the past when I cheated others Satan told of other horrible Perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own Attorney, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about. As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at My Attorney who sat there silently not offering any form of defense at all. I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life - couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I'd done? Satan finished with a fury and said,

"This woman belongs in hell, she is guilty of all that I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise." When it was His turn, My Attorney first asked if He might approach the bench. The Judge allowed this over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned Him to come forward. As He got up and started walking, I was able to see Him in His full splendor and majesty. I realized why He seemed so familiar; this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior. He stopped at the bench and softly said to the Judge, "Hi, Dad," and then He turned to address the court. "Satan was correct in saying that this woman had sinned, I won't deny any of these allegations. And, yes, the wage of sin is death, and this woman deserves to be punished." Jesus took a deep breath and turned to His Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed, "However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and she has accepted Me as her Savior, so she is Mine." My Lord continued with, "Her name is written in the Book of Life, and no one can snatch her from Me. Satan still does not understand yet. This woman is not to be given justice, but rather mercy." As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, looked at His Father and said, "There is nothing else that needs to be done." "I've done it all." The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed the gavel down. The following words bellowed from His lips... "This woman is free." The penalty for her has already been ***Paid In Full. "Case Dismissed."*** As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, "I won't give up, I will win the next one." I asked Jesus as He gave me my instructions where to go next, "Have you ever lost a case?" Christ lovingly smiled and said, "Everyone that has come to Me and asked Me to represent them has received the same verdict as you, ~**PAID IN FULL**~

"Stop telling God
how big your storm is.
Instead, tell the storm
how big your God!

