

The *genuine* have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

With the upcoming commemoration of “Good Friday”, the Holy Spirit would not give us any emotional rest until we sent another email to encourage the *genuinely* born again. It’s vital that you commemorate what our Lord Jesus has done on your behalf by appreciating this remembrance from our Lord’s perspective of His victory over sin. It has sickened our hearts as the Spirit of our Lord revealed to us many years ago how Satan used anti-Semitic theologians, both Catholic and Protestant, over the centuries to undermine and even obliterate the Passover foundations of our Lord’s atonement. By focusing on our Lord’s bloody sacrifice as a time of somber sorrow, they are obscuring the love-motivated victory over sin which His substitutionary death achieved on that Cross. By calling Christians to mourn over the crucifixion rather than celebrating His victory on our behalf by His perfect and one-time Sacrifice, they are casting aside the very reason He chose to suffer — to bring about eternal triumph over death in which the *genuinely* born again can confidently trust.

† We want to encourage the *genuine* to reflect on the backdrop for our Lord’s sacrifice and why celebrating His completed achievement is so significant. As recorded in the Older Testament, Passover commemorates the Israelites’ liberation from slavery in Egypt. This victory came about as each household of Israelites was commanded this by God: to sacrifice a lamb and smear its blood on the lintel and doorposts of their homes on the specific night in which all firstborn would be killed by the destroyer, the firstborn of all who weren’t “covered” by a lamb’s blood. By this blood, God “passed over” the houses of the Israelites, and they proceeded out of bondage into freedom.

Keep in mind that Passover foreshadows the death and resurrection of Jesus, the *Lamb of God* (see John 1:29,36 and numerous Revelation references). Passover also symbolizes spiritual victory over the penalty of death which is required for our sins. For the *genuine* who sincerely experienced the depth of their own sinfulness and need when they placed their trust in the shed blood of our Lord, our Father has passed over your sins. Good Friday should be a time of grateful celebration!

The *genuine* focus their hearts on what our Lord accomplished on our behalf as the only acceptable substitutionary Sacrifice. Don’t let the condemning voice of your inner sin nature rob you of your joy. Instead, take to heart what the Holy Spirit affirms to us concerning our Lord’s completed

Jesus’ Greatest Day!
Our Father Celebrated
His Son’s Victory!



We need to celebrate too!

atonement for our sins: "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). The prophecies which concerned His sacrifice in the Older Testament were fulfilled by our sacrificial "Passover Lamb" (1Corinthians 5:7). Paul, citing the Hebrew prophets Isaiah and Hosea, exulted in the joyful significance to the *genuine* of what our Lord accomplished: "Death was swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? But thanks be to God, the One giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1Corinthians 15:54b,55,57).

Roman Catholic and many Protestant theologians stress somber sadness regarding the crucifixion as though there really isn't a remedy for the sinful human condition. But our Lord IS the divine remedy. So cast aside any regret on Good Friday in favor of joyful appreciation for both our Lord's sacrifice *and* His resurrection. **The penalty for our sins has been paid, and our future has eternal hope!** Hold tightly to the promise that "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, becoming on our behalf a curse because it has been written [in Deuteronomy 21:22-23], 'Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree'" (Galatians 3:13). ♦The "curse of the law" isn't that the law is a curse. Rather, the curse of the law is that we deserve death for our sins. But out of love for us, our Lord redeemed us from the curse of having to die ourselves for our violations against God. Thus He gave us victory!

✚The *genuinely* born again are never justified as we put into practice His righteous commands in our lives as He wills and empowers us to do. If we did think we could be made acceptable to God through keeping His good and righteous laws, we'd be perverting their purpose the way the Judaizers in Galatia were touting. So, *why* do we apply our Lord's commands to our lives? Because we love Him (John 14:15). God's commands and instructions reflect His character and will as expressions of love for both Him and for one another. Through yielding to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us, the *genuine* are guided in living a righteous life that pleases our Lord and brings our Father glory (see Ephesians 5:6-10).

Our Lord Jesus has given to the *genuine* the victory we couldn't have ever achieved through our own efforts or by observing particular traditions or rituals. A specific responsibility for you that's carried over from the Older Testament, however, is often overlooked today in nominal Christianity. Yet this intentional personal act connects closely with Christ's atonement: "Purge out the old leaven [your tolerated sin] in order that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For Christ our Passover lamb was sacrificed" (1Corinthians 5:7).

- The nominal will observe this upcoming "Good Friday" with sorrow as if Jesus really didn't complete in victory the goal for which He was sent.
- And the reprobate will continue to tolerate sin in their lives as if Jesus' sacrifice is irrelevant to how they choose to live.

"We write this to make your joy complete" (1John 1:4).

How was the jubilant celebration of our Lord's sacrifice on our behalf abolished within institutional Christianity? Through the teachings and influence of anti-Semitic theologians, many Protestants have embraced without question a mournful view of our Lord's sacrifice which they've adopted from Roman Catholicism. The Roman Catholic-sponsored Council of Trent (held from 1545 to 1563) decreed that anyone is accursed who trusts in the finished work of Jesus on

the cross, by grace alone. Again, this unbiblical doctrine emphasizes that if you trust that you are justified by faith in Jesus' death on the cross, then you remain cursed by God. This is why the Roman Catholic crucifix continues to have Jesus hanging on the cross: to remind Catholics that His sacrifice to justify humanity before His Father is incomplete. Participation in the sacraments and performing good works are also necessary in order to obtain salvation.

If many Protestant theologians hadn't been as anti-Semitic as they were, they would have embraced the Older Testament's foundation of our Lord's sacrifice. They also would have emphasized for Christians the crucial importance of living repentantly because they fully appreciate the life-giving merit of Christ's death on the cross. Then Christianity would be filled with people celebrating "Good Friday" for the victory which Jesus achieved on their behalf by that momentous event. Please, if you're *genuine*, then both our Lord's death *and* resurrection should be joyfully significant to you. Don't let yourself be influenced in any way by either nominal Christians or anti-Semitic theologies. They only devalue our Lord's consummate victory.

We certainly aren't espousing a different form of Christianity. Rather we are focusing on Christ Himself, the Son of God. Our Father commanded us while we were still in Israel, ***"Contend for My Son!"*** By His grace we are contending...

Mike & Sue

PS. We deeply appreciate your ongoing prayers on our behalf. Intense spiritual warfare is being waged against us as we continue to expose the theological deceits that have entered Christianity. And our spiritual enemy is determined to keep us from continuing to reveal to the *genuine* the way of our Lord. It's taking a great toll on us! But it's truly our hearts' desire that through your prayers you'd experience your own participation with the ministry work our heavenly Father has given us.