

DEBT RESCUE=HOLY

Colossians 2:13-14

The Message: “Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God raising you from the dead, as He had Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ. Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ’s cross.”

Baptism, debt relief, and Springtime of New Beginnings signify the hope people grasp in the dark three hours of Good Friday (Matthew 27:45). During Christ’s agony hanging on the cross, we worship Him as Savior, Priest, and King.

While adults recognize that material indebtedness reflects badly on their credit report, sin-debt is a much worse problem. Those who live in the “flesh” (See *Spiritual Hierarchy* devotion: Flesh Man, category 3), are constantly tempted to rebel against God. This affront to the Father’s Holy nature translates into debt we owe—debt that we cannot repay without believing in Christ and accepting His forgiveness. This permanently cancels sin-debt—past, present, and future.

Before Jesus came to earth, the ancients sacrificed perfect animals in sin-payment. This sacrifice would absolve an entire nation’s sins for a year. Only the Priest could enter the Holy of Holies room—where God dwelt—in those days.

Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection changed everything. He became our High Priest, whose sacrificial death made holy anyone who trusts in Him as Savior.

Although Jesus never has to repeat this atoning sacrifice for our forgiveness, He currently sits at the Father’s right hand and intercedes on our behalf (Hebrews 7:24-25). Permanently. Twenty-four/seven. Jesus’ debt payment reconciled (REK-on-siled, means accepted, joined) Holy Father to His believing children.

Although the cost to our Savior was enormous, He freely paid the price we owed. Taking upon Himself OUR SINS, He rescued us from permanent death by paying our debt in full.

HALLELUJAH!

Take Home Nugget

The moment we receive Jesus as Savior, His atoning work is credited to our account. We become God's kids, co-heirs with Christ. In an instant, we're changed from debtors to inheritors (1Peter 1:3-4).

May this truth saturate your soul, and influence your thoughts, attitudes, and choices.

Won't you pledge with me, the sentence, below?

J.D. Griffith

"Oh Lord, I now admit my guilt,

And I accept Your grace;

Transform my life and help me grow

Until I see Your face."

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