

## **ABC's The Building Blocks of Faith**

The Last Will and Testament of God, called "The New Testament". Our foundation and starting point.

The New Testament is a Will and Testament. Like with any Will, for it to be in force, there must be a death before the heirs receive the families treasures. That after the death, the goods are dispersed.

That death took place with Jesus Christ at the cross. He took not just our bad things people call sins to the cross, but our whole old nature. Scripture says "on Him was laid the iniquity of us all, and by His stripes and death we are healed. It was at the cross that all the judgment to every human being to ever live was laid on that man. You see the judgment due each person there, because sin is a self imposed sentence.

When someone rejects God, they don't get the next best thing but the opposite, so they are self condemned. <sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God". The arms of Christ at the cross are wide open to everyone.

This is why as believers we are to associate once with His death and ours through Baptism where you take a vow to be buried with Him, to be raised in newness of life. The fear and the threat of death should have no power over you.

Christ died once so that we wouldn't have to and to never approach Him again and talk about sin, because sin in Gods eyes is unbelief, and puts you back underneath the cross.

Just like a faucet the has been hooked to a new water source the pipes have to be cleaned, but when the new source of water flows all residual dirt gets washed away. Multiple confessions don't do that, the cross does and the continual work of the Holy Spirit does. Your only real sin now is to not believe. Faith is the tool given to quell doubt and fear.

Hebrews say "how much more the blood of Christ through the eternal spirit purge your conscience from dead works (sin focused thinking) to serve the living God". To be un-detoured by the boogie men of the day.

All conversation of sin becomes a denial of the cross and a distraction for mature believers. You become what you focus on, so we focus not on the cross like many religions who worship that Jesus.

All the world's Marvel's, be they good or bad become distractions for you from the gift of God.

They do not know the resurrected, risen savior. That is the one saving act for all humanity where we who put our faith in Him, the life that He gave us is who He is now and who He was before "He became flesh and dwelled among us". Any other such saving or Savior rejects the Savior of the cross. There are many reasons to seek a cures and a solutions, but Jesus/Yeshua is the cure and the solution for all of mankind. He bought, paid in full and redeemed humanity with the cross, and now offers a full pardon to ALL would be believers as a result of that payment rendered on your behalf.

And however thankful we are for that moment, we are called to move forward, to maturity in the faith, to learn of what we have been given as a result of that death, then to impliment it and own it. He gave us Himself. A self like His Self for us to have an Eternal life. In this way we are the children of God.

As Paul put it to those in Corinth "<sup>16</sup> Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the (old human nature called) flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh (in a form like us), yet now we know *Him like that* no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone *is* "in Christ" (and not your old Adamic nature), *they are* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. <sup>18</sup> Now all (these) things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself (and all that He has) through Jesus Christ, and has given us this ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not <sup>[d]</sup>imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation." This is THE gospel.

If you are waiting for another Jesus to help you or save you (savior), we reject His one time saving act of the cross, our inheritance and the storehouse where we get all our goods for Godly living, so don't look back.

You see there is no mention of a third covenant or another death or payment for you to receive your reward but the one we are gifted by faith. For this reason it says in Hebrews 11. <sup>6</sup> But without faith *it is* impossible to please (and receive from) God, for those who come to God must believe that He is, and *that* He rewards those who diligently seek Him.

For this reason scripture says that "we are joint heir's of the things that are in Christ Jesus. That "in Him dwells the fullness of the God Head Body, and you are complete (have the whole package of who He is) in Him". And "<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup> He came to His <sup>[e]</sup>own, and His <sup>[d]</sup>own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup> But **as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** (John 1)

This power we have been given is called Gods Holy Spirit, for daily Godly living and constant association with the living God who says "I will never leave you or forsake you".

2 Peter says that "2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, **that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature (now)**, having escaped (by giving you these tools) the corruption *that is* in the world through lust". Lust being the passion of acquiring and possessing safety mechanisms to protect you from death.

Death no longer has a hold of those who received this promise of a new life.

This is really quite amazing given the fact that right now the world looks like it's going to Hell in a hand basket. But Gods building project is going on quite well and "the gates of Hell will not prevail".

You see creation serves the creator just fine. It all pans out in the end. For now trade your fear for faith, God is in control.

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Do not let anybody Rob you of this reward.