

What is Freedom from Sin?

The central objective of Behold the Lamb books is to say exactly what the Bible (KJV) says concerning Jesus Christ and the purpose of His death on the cross. One of the most asked questions by new recipients of these books is "What is freedom from sin?"

Although I can point to the many scriptures that proclaim freedom from sin, if God does not reveal them, no one can receive them. The true answer is found in the simple understanding of who Christ is, and what He came into the world to accomplish.

John the Baptist introduced Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, saying, "*Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*" John 1:29. Can you hear John's message? Millions of lambs had been offered over a period of fifteen hundred years, but not one of them could cleanse the human heart. Jesus was different. He was the "*Lamb of God*." His blood was holy blood, and when it was shed on the cross it was sufficient to wash sin from the heart of every person throughout all the ages who would simply "believe" and "trust" in Him for salvation. The washing of sin from the heart through faith in Jesus Christ is the only thing that can make a person "free from sin."

Sixty years after Jesus was crucified and resurrected, the Apostle John, who was almost a hundred years old, wrote, "*And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins...*" I John 3:5. Notice he said to his congregation, "You know!" To them, his words were not a doctrine but a reality. They "knew" because faith in Jesus Christ had taken their sin away, and they were "*free from sin*" to serve God in "*righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*" Romans 14:17.

The Apostle John continues, describing the result of being made free by Christ, saying, "*...Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: ...whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. ...He that committeth sin is of the devil; ...Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin...*" I John 3:6-9.

This work that Christ came to accomplish was first revealed to the prophet Daniel through the angel Gabriel. Gabriel told of one called "*the Messiah the Prince*" who would come into the world "*...to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity,*" and "*to bring in everlasting righteousness*" Daniel 9:24. "*The Messiah, the Prince*" in the Hebrew language of the Old Testament and "*The Christ, the Son of God*" in the Greek language of the New Testament speak of the same person. So powerful was the salvation which

Christ accomplished on the cross that the Apostle John said, "*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.*" I John 5:1

Some people believe these things I write are "too hard" or even "self-righteous." One person withstood me for simply quoting exactly what the apostle John said. He said to me, "That's just your interpretation," but no, it was what God actually said in the Bible through the Apostle John.

Warring against something evil in your heart is a never-ending struggle. Having your heart washed from evil brings rest unto your soul. Jesus made a promise to everyone who would come to Him, saying, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" Matthew 11:28. He spoke to the average man or woman who were under the oppression of religion (the Law of Moses), and those who enforced it. Jesus promised rest from the oppression of the Law, and freedom from the oppression of sin.

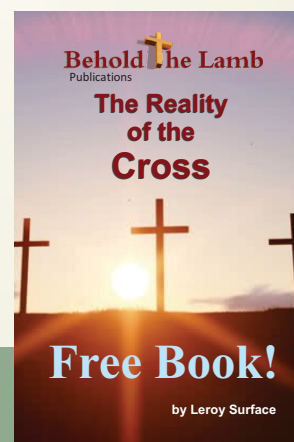
The modern church has a confession many make every Sunday morning as they begin their services with the "sinners' prayer." Their confession is "We are all sinners; we sin every day; we will continue to sin as long as we live in this body of flesh." The apostle Paul instructed us to have an opposite confession. He wrote, "*For in that he (Jesus) died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" Romans 6:10-11. The proper confession for a Christian is that "Christ has taken our sin away."

According to the Apostle Paul, the gospel of Christ is based upon the fact of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and by faith, our death and resurrection in union with Him. He wrote, "*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with (in union with) him, that the body of sin (the sin nature) might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead (in union with Christ) is freed from sin.*" Romans 6:6-7

Freedom from sin is not a labor; it is the "*glorious liberty of the sons of God*"

Romans 8:21. It is "*clean hands and a pure heart*" Psalms 24:3-4. Let me tell you more about this wonderful freedom from sin which Christ has provided for those who believe and trust in Him. I invite you to request this free Behold the Lamb book today.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Romans 6:22



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