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"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."
(1 Corinthians 2:2)

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
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When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace; In
every high and stormy gale, My anchor
holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet
sound, Oh, may I then in Him be
found; In Him, my righteousness,
alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Brothers and Sisters,

I desire to express my appreciation to each of you for your contribution to this ministry's efforts to reach the lost and the hurting with the Word of God and its power to save, heal, restore, and encourage the downcast.

So many times our Christian walk wanders away from the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and we become involved in many other activities even though they may be noble and seemingly charitable to ourselves and the human race around us. Has church become a place of just pleasing to the carnal flesh and not experiencing the shame and guilt of what our Lord went through to purchase the offer of salvation for all humanity? Have we, as His children, forgotten and neglected the price Jesus paid to offer forgiveness of sin to those who will accept responsibility for His crucifixion personally and walk the road of repentance and obedience to His Word as we make our way home?

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

Have we forgotten the suffering the Lord endured that we may have the hope of eternal life? Have we forgotten that we as true followers of Christ are not our own and have the responsibility to talk and walk as He commands us in His Word? Is He alive in us or is He still in the tomb of fleshly desires and dead religion? We must not neglect that there must be a resurrection after the crucifixion process to be complete in Christ! Read what Jesus went through to pay for the sins of all mankind before he came forth from the grave as Victor!!

“And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” (Luke 22:41-44)

“As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:” (Isaiah 52:14)

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” (Isaiah 53:3-10)

<To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.> *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”* (Psalms 22:1-18)

“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.” (Romans 8:10-12)

How long has it been since you have heard about Jesus' suffering and your commitment to follow in His steps? Christianity is not fun and games; it is a walk pleasing to God! A daily walk with the companion Jesus left us with: Repentance!

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

God be with each of you,
Brother Jack M. Skinner