

SEVEN APPEALS TO THE UNSAVED

TEXT:

Hebrews 9:27: As it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the Judgment.

Isaiah 53

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

3 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.

4 Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 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.

6 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.

7 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.



8 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.

9 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.

10 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.

11 He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.

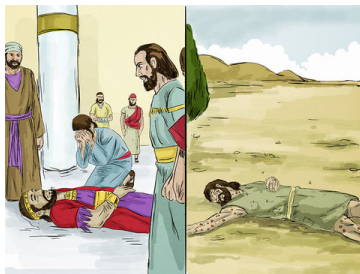
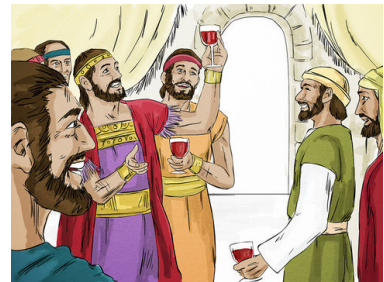
12 Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Luke 16:19-31:

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.



22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.



27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The atonement of Christ is the sign post that determines our pathway toward eternal life. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. Jesus opened the way for sinners to find peace and deliverance from sin. Christ died because of the love of God. **John 3:16** is the foundation for the atonement of all mankind.



John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

Christ shed His Blood — the Just dying for the unjust — to bring us to God, to live forevermore in Heaven.

1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the Just

for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Colossians 3:1-6:

¹ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the Right Hand of God.

² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

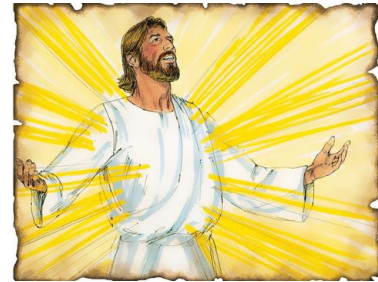
³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory.

⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.

We are raised from the death of sin to walk in the newness of life, saved from the lusts of the flesh and from death's terrors by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We have a living Saviour who gives us the power to live righteously in this present world. Jesus' resurrection is our hope of being also raised from the grave, and it is our assurance of deliverance from sin. If Christ be not raised, we are yet in our sins and of all men most miserable.



Philippians 3:10: That I may know Him, and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death.

Oh, that I may know Him in the power of His Resurrection. It is Jesus' victory over death and Hell and the grave that assures me of the same . . . and it is promised to me in the Gospel of Christ.

Oh, sinner, friend, dead in your trespasses and sins . . . let Jesus give you a spiritual resurrection and a new nature, and let Him make you a new creature in Christ.

Here is the miracle of the ages: Jesus has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Christ is the first fruits e.g., He was the first to rise from the dead. Afterward, they that belong to Him at His Coming — when He returns — will rise, too. Are you His today?

"I can't believe," said a man to Terry.

"Whom can't you believe?" he replied.

"Well, I guess I can't believe Christ."

"Why not? Has He ever done anything unworthy of confidence?"

"No, I believe He was good, and a great person."

"But do you know Who He is?"

"Well, not exactly"

To know who Jesus is, what He did, and how He lived produces faith and confidence and leads men to repentance when they once behold their sin. God's Son will come to those who seek Him for Salvation.

Romans 3: 32: For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God.

You cannot save yourself. Your sins have slain your soul. It is dead in trespasses and sins. Evil passions are as unquenchable as the fires of hell. You need a Saviour to atone for sin; to give you victory over its power, and assurance of forgiveness within your soul.

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Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Our sins have blinded our minds, deceived our hearts, and turned us from God – from the Church – from Christ, to eternal night, ruin, and Hell. You cannot afford to reject Christ on the basis of sins committed; they will haunt you forever in judgment.

It took four nurses and two doctors to hold a dying gangster in Illinois recently. His sins caused his terror when he saw judgment coming right before his eyes.

An infidel wanted to argue with a minister. Over and over again the minister gave just this verse:

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the Judgment.

The infidel left in a rage, but that Scripture kept ringing its way into his heart. He couldn't sleep. He arose early and came to the pastor, arousing him from sleep. He wanted relief from the hell in his soul.

O soul, forsake your sins, flee unrighteousness. Come to Jesus for cleansing. Follow holiness. Escape the awful punishment of judgment to come. Escape for thy life.

The rich man in Hell awakened too late.

Christ is able to save, recreate, deliver, and able to keep — even today.

Hebrews 7:25: Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 Timothy 1:15: This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Trust Christ now and see Him work in your heart,

Matthew 10:37-38:

³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

³⁸ And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

Hosea 10:2: Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.

Unrestrained, unreserved love and devotion to Christ is what He requires. When you have it, you will be chided by your supposed brothers and sisters in Christ. They may say you have gone mad.



But, as in the natural, a man without an ear for music would never appreciate Handel's "Messiah", and other inspired oratories. The blind do not become ravished by the beauties of the landscape. We pity the blind - the color blind - the impaired hearer. So, likewise, I pity those who do not see Jesus, the Altogether Lovely One.

But, can one be pitied for very long when he has crept into hiding from Jesus by unconfessed sins, like Adam and Eve

did?

My lovely Saviour came searching and digging them out of hiding with His unspeakable love. Have you sought out Jesus of Nazareth Who is passing this way today?

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