

## THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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**Ephesians 1:7** the Lord said; In Jesus we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance to the riches of God's Grace.

## **THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD**

*By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma*

Father God, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we give You thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son Christ Jesus. Father, may we never lose sight of what Jesus has done for us! Lord, please help us to be more aware of the price Jesus paid for our sins. Father, please teach us how to better serve You Lord. Father, please help us to better understand Your Will for Your people. Father, I ask this prayer in Jesus Name, Hallelujah.....Amen.

As we approach the celebration of Easter this month, I like to take this time to reflect on the death and resurrection of our Savior, Christ Jesus. No other time in the history of the world, except for the birth of Christ, has anything been so eventful as the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Why is the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus so profoundly important? Because of the death and resurrection of Christ, we have all been given an opportunity to receive the free gift of eternal salvation. According to the Bible, whoever truly believes in Christ sacrifice on the cross for our sins, has been blessed with the gift of eternal salvation. Also thanks to Jesus, the bondage of sin has been broken. Furthermore, the Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

God's purpose back then for the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus, was to offer the perfect sacrifice for all the sins of the world. Jesus is the one and only Savior of the world! When your life seems chaotic, rest in this Truth: Jesus is Lord and God is in control. God's purpose to save us cannot be thwarted, no matter what evil Satan may bring. To speak of Jesus' shed blood, was an important first century way of speaking of Christ death. His death on the cross points to two wonderful truths—redemption and forgiveness. Redemption was the price paid to gain freedom for a slave. For more on this see **Leviticus 25:47-54**. Through His death, Jesus paid the price to release us from slavery to sin. Forgiveness was granted in the Old Testament on the basis of the shedding of animals' blood.

In **Leviticus 17:11** it is written; **For the life of a creature is in the blood, an I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.**

Now sin is forgiven on the basis of the shedding of Jesus' blood—He died as the perfect and final sacrifice for our sins. In **Ephesians 2:13** God says;

**But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.** Why does forgiveness require the shedding of blood? This is no arbitrary decree on the part of a blood thirsty God, as some have suggested. There is no greater symbol of life than blood; blood keeps us alive. Jesus shed His blood, gave His life—for our sins so that we would not have to experience spiritual death, being eternally separated from God. Jesus is the source of life, not death. He gave His own life to pay our penalty for us so that we might live. After shedding His blood for us, Christ rose from the grave and proclaimed victory over sin and death. Jesus has the power over Life as well as the power to forgive sins. That is because He is the Creator of life. Jesus tells us in **John 14:6** **“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.** He who is Life can surely restore Life. Whoever believes in Christ has a spiritual life that death cannot conquer or diminish in any way.

When we finally realize His Power and how wonderful His offer to us really is, how can we help but commit our lives to Him! To those of us who believe, what wonderful assurance and certainty we have: “Because I live, you also will live”. In **John 14:19** Jesus said: **Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.** What was Jesus trying to tell us in this scripture when He said; before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me? Jesus was referring to not seeing His Physical Presence on earth anymore. But when He said that you will see Me again, He was talking about seeing Him in His spiritual sense, His Holy Spirit. When we continue to trust in our flesh and not Christ Jesus, we are making a big mistake. For without the Holy Spirit’s Divine Indwelling in us, we are on the road for failure. Without the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we become a target for attacks from Satan and his league of demons. Also, without the covering of God’s full Armor of Righteousness, we don’t stand a chance! In closing here are a few more things to focus on. No other religious teacher could die for our sins; no other religious teacher came to earth as God’s only Son; no other teacher rose from the dead! Our focus at this time should be on what God offers us, as a way to have an eternal relationship with Him. So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ, please try and remember the true purpose of Jesus’ first mission on earth. It was not to judge people, but to show us all, the way to find salvation and eternal life!!! Hallelujah, Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.....Amen.

Let us bow our heads in prayer: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, may we again give You thanks and praise and bless You Lord, for another inspired message this month. Lord please help us to stay close to Your Divine Presence. Father, please teach us to better understand the true meaning for the Life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. Lord, please continue to be our Light and Hope in this dark and evil world. Father, may we continue daily, to put on Your **“Full Armor of Righteous.”** Lord, please continue to guide us and bless us with Your Love, Grace, and Mercy. Father, I ask this prayer in Jesus Name.....Amen.

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**Jesus Calling**  
*By Sarah Young*

**POUR ALL YOUR ENERGY** into trusting Me. It is true trust that you stay connected to Me, aware of My Presence. Every step on your life-journey can be a step of faith. Baby steps of trust are simple for you; you can take them with almost unconscious ease. Giant steps, are another matter altogether: leaping across chasms in semidarkness, scaling cliffs of uncertainty, trudging through the valley of the shadow of death. These feats require sheer concentration, as well as utter commitment to Me.

Each of My children is a unique blend of temperament, giftedness, and life experiences. Something that is a baby step for you may be a giant step for another person visa versa. Only I know the difficulty or ease of each segment of your journey. Beware of trying to impress others by acting as if your giant step are only baby ones. Do not judge others who hesitate, in trembling fear, before an act that would be easy for you. If each of My children would seek to please Me above all else, fear of others' judgments would vanish, as would attempts to impress others. Focus your attention on the path just ahead of you and the One who never leaves your side.

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**PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR MARCH 2013**

**Proverbs 14:27: The fear of the Lord is the fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.**

**Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves Knowledge, but who hates correction is stupid.**



**THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST**

*Please join hands with this ministry and pray for;* Ira Jones, Joe Lakes, Dennis Wilkinson, Patty Palma, Joy Valerie, Marian and Al Wilson and family. Anne Palma and Family, Denise Lathrop, Janelle Owens, Bill Schlupp, Anne Marie Hess, Edward Young, Rose Robinson, Sal Talama, Christine Palma, Jonathan Baker and family, Mary Pierantozzi and family.

*Also a prayer for;* the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the broken hearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the angry, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the unrest, the greed, the corruption, the fornications, the selfishness, the prideful, etc.

*Furthermore a prayer for* the future of the United States of America. A prayer for forgiveness and repentance from it's evil ways!!!

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