

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



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Romans 6:11; [In the same way, count yourselves dead in sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.](#)

GOD'S REDEMPTION
By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You, bless You, and love You Lord, for being our true Abba Father.

Father, please continue to full up this ministry, with Your Words of Divine Wisdom and Hope. Lord, please refresh us each day with Your Holy Presence. Father, please keep us grounded in Your Eternal Word.

Lord please lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. I ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus, Hallelujah.....Amen.

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Hello my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly inspired journal for July 2014. The inspired message for this month is titled, God's Redemption. What does the word redemption mean? Redemption is the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil. Also, it is the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment or clearing a debt. Jesus is the One and only Redeemer of sin! He paid our debt! Christ Jesus was crucified and died on the cross for us. He saved us from our sins and cleared our sin debt with God the Father. Also, through His resurrection from the dead, Jesus gives all who believe in Him the free Gift of Eternal Salvation. Since creation until now, there is or never will be another redeemer like Christ. He is our Infinite Lord and Savior of the world. Jesus is our Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. God loves us so much that He sent His One and only Son to die for our sins, not His; because Jesus had no sin! The Bible tells us that He is Holy!

John 3:16 tells us that; **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** Some people are repulsed by the idea of eternal life because their lives are miserable. But eternal life is an extension of a person's moral life; eternal life is God's life embodied in Christ given to all believers now as a guarantee that they will live forever. In eternal life there is no more death, sickness, enemy, evil or sin. When we don't know Christ, we make choices as though this life is all we have. In reality, this life is only an introduction to eternity. Ask God for redemption, and receive this new life by faith and begin to evaluate all that happens from an eternal perspective. In **John 3:17** the Lord goes on to say: **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.**

In this verse, the Lord is very clear about another reason for Christ's brief visit on earth. He did not come to condemn us sinners, He came to save us all from our sins. Lord Christ Jesus is the Savior of the world! How do we know that Jesus is the Savior of the world? The Bible tells us so!!

In **John 3:18** the Bible also tells us that; Who ever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

People in general, often try to protect themselves from their fears by putting their faith into something else. Things like, good deeds, skill, or intelligence, money or possessions and so on. But God is the only one who can redeem us from the one thing that we really need to fear – *eternal condemnation*.

To avoid eternal damnation we must believe in Jesus! How can we believe in Jesus? We can believe in Jesus by recognizing the insufficiency of our own efforts to find redemption-eternal salvation. Also, by humble repentance for our sins and asking for God's Holy Spirit's Indwelling.

When Jesus talked about unbelievers, He means those who totally reject Him or ignore Him completely, not those who may have monetary doubts. Many people don't want their lives exposed to God's Light, because they are afraid of what will be revealed. They don't want to be changed! Don't be surprised when these same people are threatened by your desire to obey God and do what is right in the Eyes of the Lord. Reason being, is that they are afraid that the redemptive Light in you, may expose some of the darkness in their life. It is so much better to seek God's Redemptive Light, then to settle for darkness and eternal condemnation. Although, our desire to overcome sin in our life seems impossible, God gives us hope through Redemption.

In **1 John 2:1-2** it is written; But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only ours also for the sins of the whole world.

Hallelujah praise God, for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has redeemed all who believe in Him! Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He is our ever present Redeemer. Also, He is the only one who can stand before God the Father, as our sin Mediator. Christ death on the cross satisfied the wrath of God against sin and paid the death penalty for our sins. Thus Christ both satisfied God's requirements and He also removed our sins. In Him, we are both forgiven and purified. In **Acts 13:38** it is written; “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.” This is the good news of the gospel that forgiveness of sins and the freedom from guilt are now available through faith in Christ Jesus. God's Redemption is available for the world to receive!

So my brothers and sisters, in closing there are a couple thoughts to keep in mind. (1) When it comes to redemption for our sins, only through Christ Jesus can we be redeemed! (2) God so loved this world that He sent His one and only Son Christ Jesus down to earth, to die for our sins and the sins of the world! (3) Jesus rose from the grave so that those who believe in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (4) Lord Jesus did not come down to earth to condemn us for our sins; instead he came to save us from our sins, through **God's Redemption!!**

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CONDEMNATION

By Sarah Young

WHENEVER YOUR HEART CONDEMNS YOU, CALL OUT TO ME: "JESUS, HELP ME!" My friends, our hearts and minds are battlefields: targets for the evil one's flaming arrows of accusations. In order to extinguish those fiery missiles, we must use our shield of faith skillfully. When you cry out to Me for help, you demonstrate genuine faith and at that point, I join you in the battle. I remind you that I have already paid the full penalty for all our sins. It is crucial to understand that your conscience is imperfect. Many of its accusations are based on lies. You need to listen less to those evil thoughts and more to Me through My Holy Spirit and My Word. We will all continue to sin until we leave this world, but I have provided an effective way of dealing with sin---Godly sorrow. The Bible tells us in **2 Corinthians 7:10** that; **Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but worldly sorrow brings death.** So my friends in the Lord, when your heart condemns you, please remember that I am greater than your heart and I know all things. Come confidently and gratefully into My Loving Presence!

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A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT: Proverbs 13:24 tells us; **[[He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him.]]**

It is not easy for a loving parent to discipline a child, but it is necessary. The greatest responsibility that God gives parents is the nurture and guidance of their children. Lack of discipline puts parents love in question because it shows a lack of concern for the character development of their children. Disciplining children can avert long range disasters. Without correction, children grow up with no clear understanding of right and wrong and with little direction in their lives. Don't be afraid to discipline your children, it is an act of true love! When in doubt: (Pray to the Holy Spirit for parental guidance.)

SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR JULY 2014

Proverbs 8:10-11; Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH

Proverbs 8:34-36: Blessed is the man who listens to Me, watching daily at My doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds Me finds life and receives favor from the Lord. But whoever fails to find Me harms himself; all who hate Me love death.”



THE MINISTRY’S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for: Amy Moscello, Jonathan Baker, Janet Young, Marie Barros, Anne Marie Hess, Janet Smeltz, Brad McNamara, Janelle Owens, Page Parker, Joe Lakes, Warren Wisdom, Anthony Palma Jr., Michael Santarpio.

Well my friends in the Lord, that’s about it for this month’s inspired message. Thank you for taking the time to read this month’s journal. It is always a privilege and a pleasure to share God’s Inspired Word with this ministry. If you are getting spiritually fed each month, please share these messages with friends, family members, and so on! So until next month’s Journal with God’s help, may the Good Lord continue to richly bless you and your family!!

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