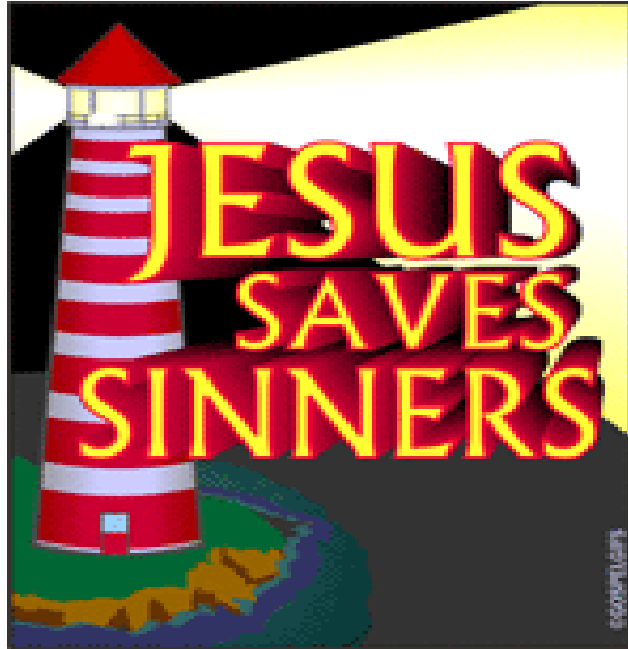


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Romans 6:11; In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

FREEDOM FROM SIN
By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for another Inspired message this month. Lord, may Your Inspired message, bring hope and joy to the lost and weary. Father, thanks for Your never changing Love, Grace, and Mercy that you bestow upon your people. Lord may Your Light shine bright in the darkness of this fallen world. Father may the Your Holy Spirit be a beacon of hope for the hopeless, and a “Bright Light” of joy for the hopeful. Lord, please never leave us or forsake us through this dark and challenging journey, to eternity. Heavenly Father, I ask this prayer in Jesus name....Hallelujah.... Amen!!

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Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection’s monthly Journal for November 2014. This month’s Inspired message has to do with freedom from sin. What is freedom from sin mean? Freedom from sin means, that through the death of Christ Jesus on the cross, sin’s debt has been paid in full. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! The Bible tells us in **1 Peter 2:24** that; [He Himself bore our sins in His Body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed.](#) Also in **1 John 3:5** it is written; [But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him there is no sin.](#) Christ died for our sins, in our place, so we would not have to suffer the punishment we really deserve as sinners. In this fallen world, we may suffer for many reasons. Some suffering is a direct result of our own sin; some happens because of our foolishness; some is a result of living in a fallen world. There is also suffering that comes as a result of doing good; for example, Christ never sinned, and yet He suffered so that we could be free from sin. Jesus suffering was a part of God’s plan. (**Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47**) and was intended to save us. (**Matthew 20:28; 26:28**) All who follow Jesus must be prepared to suffer. (**Mark 8:34,35**). Our goal is to face suffering as He did—with patience, calmness, and confidence that God is in control of our future, not us. All suffering has meaning in God’s Kingdom. Pain and problems are opportunities to demonstrate our trust in God. Bearing our circumstances bravely----even thanking Him for them, is one of the highest forms of praise.

Do not try to run from pain or try and hide from your problems. Instead, accept adversity in My Name, offering it up for My purpose; thus, your suffering, gains meaning and draws us closer to God. (**James 1:2-4**).

In order for God to forgive our sins, we must confess our past and present sins, with a contrite heart. After we have confessed our sins sincerely, we should feel a sense of relief from carrying the heavy burden of sin.

In order to be free from sin, we must be spiritually transformed from within. Once we have been transformed spiritually, is when the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. This process is called the **“Indwelling of the Holy Spirit”**.

In **1 John 1:9** it is written; **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

The Lord longs for us to confess our sins to Him, so He, can sanctify us from within. The Lord wants us to not be afraid to confess our sins honestly--in His Divine Presence. Do not try to run away from God, or try to shift the blame to some one else, that’s not going to work! Try and remember, God is all Sovereign possessing supreme and ultimate power; God, is Omnipotent, He has unlimited power, able to do anything; also, God is Omnipresent; He is present everywhere at the same time. As the Scripture tells us above, once God has forgiven us from our sins, He will then cleanse us from within, of all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:7** tells us; **If we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son purifies us from all sin.**

Freedom from sin also means that, once we have been sanctified by the blood of Christ, we should be dead to sin and alive in Jesus. Because God has forgiven our sins, does not give us the right to go on sinning. It is written in **Romans 6:1-2**; **What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?** If God loves to forgive, why not give Him more to forgive? If forgiveness is guaranteed, do we have the freedom to sin as much as we want? By no means! Such an attitude----deciding ahead of time to take advantage of God---shows that a person does not understand the seriousness of sin yet! God’s forgiveness does not make sin less serious, Christ death for our sins shows us the dreadful seriousness of sin. Jesus paid with His life so we could be forgiven. The availability of God’s mercy must not become an excuse for careless living and moral laxness. If we truly love God, and we happened to sin, we should be anxious to repent; and if we are anxious to repent, we should ask the Holy Spirit for more discernmentAmen!!

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So my brothers and sisters, try and always remember that God's unwarranted forgiveness for our sins, is a blessing of unfathomable proportions. Through God's Love, Grace, and Mercy, we all have an equal opportunity to be forgiven from all our sins from the past, present, and future. We all have a once in a lifetime chance to start a new direction and a new life in Christ Jesus. This is the best gift that a man or woman could ever receive in a lifetime! Just think, the Creator of the Universe so loved the world that He sent His one and only Son down to earth to die for our sins! Through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave, Christ is able to lift us up from darkness into His Light. Reason being, His greatness is profound. He has done mighty acts across many generations. He is full of glorious splendor and majesty. He does wonderful and awesome works. He is righteous. He is gracious, compassionate, patient, and loving. He rules over an everlasting kingdom. He is righteous and loving in all His dealings. He remains near to those who call on Him. He hears our cries and saves us. In closing, please try to remember, if we sincerely confess our sins to God, He is faithful and just and will forgive all our sins. Also, He will purify us from within, of all unrighteousness. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, for He is Alive and has taken away the sins of the world!!!!.....Amen.

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME

By Sarah Young

When waves of adversity are washing over you, you feel tempted to give up. As your circumstances consume more and more of your attention, you are losing sight of Me. Yet I am with you always, holding you by your right hand. I am fully aware of your situation, and I will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear.

Your gravest danger is worrying about tomorrow. If you try and carry tomorrow's burdens today, you will stagger under the load and eventually fall flat on you face. In order to survive, we must discipline ourself to live within the boundaries of today. It is the present moment that I walk close to you, helping you to carry your burdens. Keep your focus on My Presence in the present. (**Psalm 73:23; 1 Corinthians 10:13**)

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR NOVEMBER 2014

The Holy Bible tells us in **Psalm 21:7-8** that; **The Lord will keep you from all harm-He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever.**

My brothers and sisters, we can depend upon God for help. If we sincerely believe in Christ Jesus as our Savior and Lord, we have the assurance and hope in God's protection day and night. He not only made the hills but heaven and earth as well. We should never trust or settle for a lesser power than God Himself. He is Sovereign and all-powerful, He also watches over us. Nothing diverts or deters Him from His promises. We are safe! We will never outgrow our need for God's untiring watch over our lives.

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SPIRITUAL WISDOM

Proverbs 5:22-23; **The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him, the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die from lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.**

Proverbs 6:16; **There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to Him; haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.**



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Anne Marie Hess, Jonathan Baker and Family, Marie Barros, Tom Messick,
Brad McNamara, Paige Parker, Warren Wisdom, Joe Lakes, Russ Holman,
Anthony Palma Jr., Vince Moschello, also Richard Keller and family.

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