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Mark 15:38-39; The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood in front of Jesus, heard this cry and saw how he died, he said “Surely this Man was the Son of God!”

THE VEIL

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Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, thank you Lord for another inspired message this month. May we all give our Savior Lord Jesus thanks and praise for His Death on the cross for our sins; Also, for His Resurrection from the grave, and His free Gift of eternal life, for all believers. Thank you Christ Jesus, for being our Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; joyful are those who dwell in your Holy Presence. May we all renew our minds this Easter season, waiting patiently for His final return for His people! Lord Jesus, may you soon come and sit on Your Throne of Judgment, to pay back both good and evil! Father, I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus...Hallelujah.....Amen!!

Hello again my brothers and sisters, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's Easter Journal for April 2015. This month's inspired message has to do with the Veil of separation between God and us. In the Old Testament, the Veil of separation, was a multi-colored curtain that separated the Holy of holies from the holy place in Israel's tabernacle and Temple. It was actually the inner court where only the High Priest could pass this barrier and then only on the Day of Atonement when carrying sacrificial blood. The most Holy place was a small room that contained the Ark of the Covenant. (A gold covered chest containing the original stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written, a jar of manna and Aaron's staff). The most Holy Place was the most sacred place on earth for the Jews. At that time, their only access to God was through the High Priest who would offer a sacrifice and use the animals blood to first atone for his own sins, and then for the peoples sins. The other priest and common people were forbidden to come into the most Holy Place, for fear that God's Wrath would come upon them. The animal sacrifices had to be continually repeated by a Priest, and they offered only temporary forgiveness. Can you even imagine how hard it was back in those days, every time you sinned, you were required to find a Priest and an animal (without defect), to offer up a sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sins! If it wasn't for Jesus death on the cross for our sins and His rising from the dead, there would not be enough animals around to sacrifice for all the sins of this broken world. However, Hallelujah, praise our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, for being our New Covenants Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world; once and for all!

When Jesus came down to earth and paid our debt once and for all to the Father for our sins, this was the beginning of the New Testament. Immediately after Christ death on the cross, and His resurrection from the grave, **the Veil of the Old Testament was finally taken down forever!** According to God's Holy Bible, after the Veil of the Old Testament's Law was taken down forever, at that moment, we no longer had to live by the Law. Instead we are to live, by the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Indwelling of His Divine Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, man could not live by the Law (The Ten Commandments), it was impossible! That is why God the Father knew that we would need a Savior from our sins permanently, through God's Grace, Love, and Mercy.

The Lord tells us in **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**; **But when anyone turns to the Lord, the Veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's Glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.** Back in those days, those who were trying to be saved by keeping the Old Testament Law were soon tied up in rules and ceremonies. Today this same bondage of sin is still going on! There are still some so called Christian religions, that have not accepted the fact that the Veil of the Old Testament's Law, was taken down; this happened when Jesus died on the Cross and Rose from the Dead on that Easter morning almost 2000 years ago! What do you think that God's reason was for creating the Law of the Old Testament in the first place? The Holy Bible tells us the reason in **Galatians 3:24-25**; **So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we may be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.** Our new High Priest, Christ Jesus, is all loving, all knowing, all caring, all sharing, all graceful, all merciful, and so on! God is totally Infinite, totally Sovereign, totally Omnipotent, and so on. He is our A to Z! He is our Alpha and our Omega! He is our every thing! Everything we see, hear, and touch, are from God! There is nothing in this whole world, or the universe, that He does not have complete control of! I guess you get the point I am trying to make, Jesus Christ is our Lord of lords, and our King of kings! As believing Christians, Jesus Christ is our Living Stone and we are His Chosen People. God tells us in **1 Peter 2:4-6** that; **As you come to Him, the Living stone-----rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him---you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Do you notice in this Scripture that God calls all believing Christians, to be a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ; not animal sacrifices like back in the Old Testament. I will say it again, with the Law of the Old Testament people could not approach God directly. Instead, a High Priest had to act as an intermediary between God and sinful human beings, for the forgiveness of sin back then!

Because of the importance of this spiritual point I am trying to make, I will say it again; everything changed with Christ's victory on the cross, Hallelujah, thanks to our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus!!

When we sin now, as born again believers, we can now come boldly into God's Holy and Divine Presence without a priest! Reason being, according to the Holy Bible, all born again believers are priest and ministers, and are summoned to preach God's Word with confidence! **Hebrews 4:16** tells us that: [Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.](#)

You must be saying to yourself at this time, how can I approach God's throne of grace? Answer, the same way the priest of the Old Testament did; through prayer, and repentance, without having to offer a living sacrifice! Through my years in ministry, I have observed in certain Christian religions, that they are afraid to pray directly to the Lord, to meet their needs. Some believe that they are not worthy enough to ask God directly for forgiveness; instead they pray to statues and saints, and whatever!! Others pray flippantly, giving little thought to what they say. My friends in the Lord, may we always come in prayer to the Lord, with reverence and boldness first, because He is our risen King. However, the Lord also tells us to come before His Throne of Grace, with confident assurance, because He is our King, Lord, Friend, Counselor, and Savior, Hallelujah.....Amen!!!!

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, I would like to conclude this month's inspired message with some important spiritual points.

These spiritual points are important, because they are an important part in growing spiritually in our faith, and understanding God's Wisdom and Truths. The only other alternative is to stay spiritually unconnected with God's Holy Spirit; never really knowing the Truth about what God has planned for those who believe and follow His Will. However, without God's Truth, you will always be wrapped in the chains and bondage of sin; never having the freedom to grow spiritually! It is important to remember these 3 Spiritual points. (1) Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes the sins of the world! **(John 1:26)** (2) Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest of the New Testament! **(Hebrews 4:14-16)** (3) Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and our Life, and no man gets to the Father, except through Him! **(John 14:6)**.

My friends, once again, try to always remember, according to God's Infallible Words in the Bible, once one is Born Again through the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus, they are no longer under the Law of the Old Testament; but are now under the New Covenant with Jesus Christ our Savior and King!! So from now on when you sin and need to repent, pray directly to Jesus for forgiveness, not a priest, a saint, a statue or whatever!! According to the New Testament in the Bible, praying to anyone other than Jesus is a sacrilege!!! Last thought! My brothers and sisters, please do not take my word for it, read all about the New Testament and discover for yourself, the real truth; this way you will be finally spiritually free from all controlling religions! I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen!!

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A SPIRITUAL CONFESSION FOR EASTER

May we take the opportunity this Easter week, to confess all our sins to our Risen Lord! Rejoice because He has already paid the full penalty---taken the whole punishment---for all our sins. Joyfully receive the forgiveness that Jesus bought for you with His own blood. When Christ forgave you, He also cleansed you from all unrighteousness. He will even clothe you in His own perfect righteousness. Do not be afraid to confess your sins with honesty, knowing that God already knows all your sins. It would be foolish to leave any sins hidden deep from within. Hidden sin will tend to keep you in a state of shame and guilt. This shame and guilt, only the Lord can understand and forgive. Jesus did not suffer and die for our sins for us to keep these sins to our self. By keeping these kinds of sins to ourselves, they can and will keep you in chains and make you a slave to any un-confessed sin or sins. These sins, may feel uncomfortable to think about, but that's where God comes in. Do not try to run away or shift the blame. Instead, leave them with the Lord. As you walk in the Light with Jesus, there is a continual cleansing going on within you. This purifying work of His Blood helps you stay close to Him, and to others who walk in His Light!! So my brothers and sisters, there is no better time then now during this Easter Season, to make a full confession to the Lord Christ Jesus; to commemorate His victorious Death on the Cross and His Resurrection from the grave, for our sins. May we all give Him thanks and praise for what He accomplished for all us sinners. I ask this in Christ Jesus name....Hallelujah.....Amen!



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Well my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, it is my hope that you enjoyed this month's inspired message. I thank the Lord for the blessing He bestowed upon this ministry, to share His Divine message each month since September 2002. If these monthly messages are helping you to better understand the Word of the Lord Christ Jesus, please pass it on!!!!

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