

# The Bishop's Corner

## *I needed a Savior*

Praise the Lord Saints,

Jesus saved us from the power of sin, and I needed a savior that was holy in mind, desires and emotions. “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. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens” (Hebrews 7:25-26).

We need everything the Holy Spirit gives us. We must stop preventing the Holy Spirit from doing his work in us. We are only as saved as we allow the Lord to change us. He wants us to be mature. We should want all the saints in the house of God to grow up. We would have so much more if we allow the Holy Spirit to do a complete work in us. “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (II Corinthians 3:18).

Some people like to have those around them who will not reveal their sins. I needed someone (a preacher) who could reveal God's holiness to me. I needed to be saved to the point where I could see a break between my old life and my new life. God had to deal with my affections so that I could love the Lord and His word. The problem was not what I was holding onto, but what I needed the Lord to work out of my affections. It is not about what we are going to give up when we are saved, but what we are going to gain.

When God saves us, He has to give us the mind to see how sin destroys us so He can deliver us. After I came out of sin, I needed life. God has a problem with sin because Jesus died for sin. God does not dwell in the places in our mind that have darkness. I do not know of anyone who has never committed a sin after salvation—that is why we need the blood of Jesus. “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (I John 2:1).

The greatest blessing that we have is salvation. When I was a sinner, I needed peace, but I did not know it; I just knew something was wrong. Jesus is the only one who can give us peace. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

I am saved not because I am running from hell, but because I am running toward heaven!

God bless all of you,

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