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O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!
2. My gracious master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

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“Divine Interruption”

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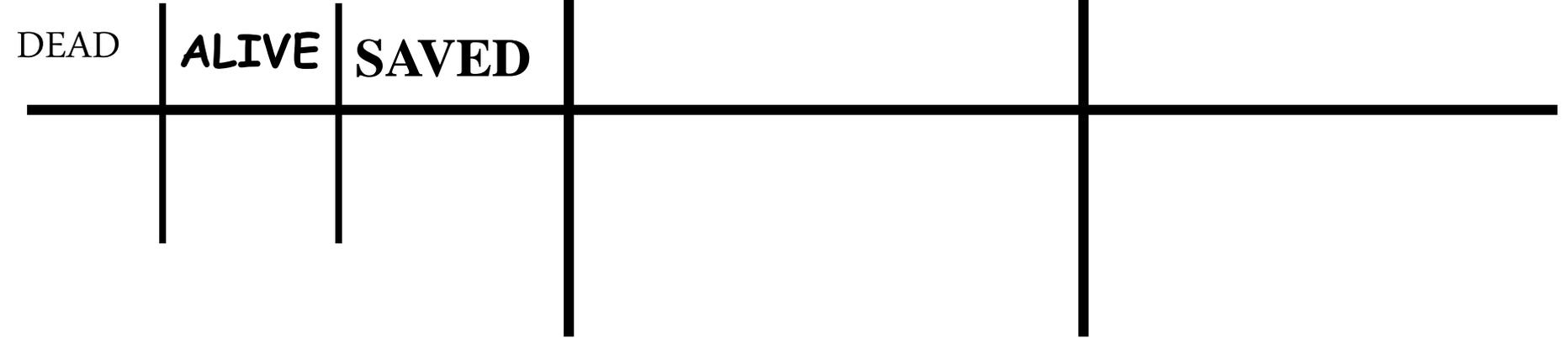
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Salvation

JUSTIFICATION

SANCTIFICATION

GLORIFICATION



Matt 8:21-22

21 Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

Matt 23:27

27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

DEAD



ALIVE → SAVED

- Alienated – Col 1:21
- Children of wrath – Eph. 2:3
- Devil is their father - Jn.8:44
- Helpless – Rom. 5:6
- Enemies of God – Rom 5:10
- Hostile toward God – Col. 1:21
- No life – Eph. 2:1
- Everything is done in the flesh – Rom. 8:8
- None righteous – Rom. 3:10
- None capable of understanding spiritual truth – Rom. 3:10, 1 Cor. 2:14
- None seek God – Rom. 3:10
- No spiritual inclinations – Rom. 8:5
- Dead to obedience, alive to disobedience – Titus 3:3
- Dead to submission, alive to rebellion – Rom. 8:7
- Dead to faith, alive to unbelief – Rom. 14:23
- Dead to righteousness, alive to unrighteousness – Rom. 6:12,13.
- Dead to holiness, alive to sin – Eph. 2:2,3
- Dead to freedom, alive to bondage – Gal. 4:3

Implications:

1. Man has no spiritual living nature to incline him to do anything for the glory of God and in reliance on His power to do so.
2. Man is therefore dead to righteousness, dead to holiness, dead to obedience, dead to faith.
3. Whatever thoughts man thinks, or whatever feelings man feels, or whatever deeds man does, they were not the thoughts, feelings and deeds of the Spirit but of the flesh.
4. Nothing man thinks, feels, or does is spiritual because man is spiritually dead.
5. In this state of death, man is utterly unable to respond to any spiritual stimulus and therefore is unable to love God, obey God, please God or do any good in any way that would merit salvation.

Isa 64:6

6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;

***"God will never find in us anything which
He ought to love,"***

- John Calvin

If you do not understand how hopeless and helpless our condition was, then you diminish what God did in His Son and you fail to fully glorify Him.

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!

At this point, immediately after the Fall, from man's view, here is where we are as a human race:

1. Man is condemned.
2. Man is dead spiritually.
3. Man has no life, no ability.
4. Man will live his life in sin and will physically die.
5. Man will live under a curse - hard difficult work, strained relationships, pain and suffering.
6. There is no hope.
7. No Bible or presence of the Holy Spirit.
8. Sin will run rampant.
9. Religion (man's efforts to save himself) will follow in the same paths as the efforts of Adam and Eve.
10. Man will attempt to live out his life for what he can get out of it, only to die, face judgment, condemnation and an eternity in Hell.

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Witnessing is giving a clear, biblical presentation of the gospel, and leaving the results with God.

- ***Aggressive***
- ***Low pressure***

ALIVE →

Eph 2:4-5

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ

Titus 3:4

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind **appeared**,

John 16:8

8 "And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

John 3:3

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Rom 8:29-30

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, **He also called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Acts 9:1-6,15

1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly **a light from heaven flashed** around him;

4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."

15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a **chosen** instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

Acts 16:14-15

14 A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and **the Lord opened her heart** to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

15 And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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One two letter Greek conjunction ($\delta\epsilon$ –de) changes the fate of mankind from certain eternal death to the potential for eternal life!

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χρηστοτης - kindness - reflects the tender concern of God, providing for helpless man what he never could have provided for himself. It is genuine goodness and generosity of heart.

"state of being that includes the attributes of loving affection, sympathy, friendliness, patience, pleasantness, gentleness, and goodness. Kindness is a quality shown in the way a person speaks and acts. It is more volitional than emotional."

- Tyndale Bible Dictionary

THERE IS GLORY IN MY SOUL

(Grace Davis)

Since He cleansed my heart, gave me sight for blindness,
There is glory in my soul!
Since He touched and healed me in loving **kindness**
There is glory in my soul!

WHAT SHALL I RENDER TO MY GOD

(Isaac Watts)

What shall I render to my God
For all His **kindness** shown?
My feet shall visit Thine abode,
My songs address Thy throne.

Rom 2:4

4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

****God's kindness** does not excuse men of their sin but convicts them of sin and leads them to repentance.

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,

2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

Eph 2:7

7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

φιλανθρωπια – philanthropy – “love of humanity” – describes God's compassion, especially the eagerness to deliver someone from pain, trouble, or danger. If you are a believer, it happened because of God's inclination to bless humanity.

**He saw me ruined by the fall,
Yet loved me notwithstanding all;
He saved me from my lost estate,
His lovingkindness, oh, how great!**

—Medley

επιφαινω - to become visible, to appear.

How did the kindness and love of God become visible? In the person of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

** “God the Savior” flows from “God the Philanthropist”.

Paul points to the incarnation of Christ Jesus Who stepped out of eternity, into time, in the form of a man, **shining forth** openly and making known His **grace, kindness** and **love** and making salvation available to all men.



Charles Wesley

1707-1788

December 18, 1707, Epworth, Lincolnshire, England.

March 29, 1788, London, England.

St. Marylebone Parish Church, London.

- Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns.
- In addition to hymn writing, Charles & John founded the movement which became the Methodist denomination.

AND CAN IT BE THAT I SHOULD GAIN?

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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2. He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
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3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
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4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
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Application

- 1. Man's lost state is much worse than any of us can imagine:**
 - *Man is not in the doghouse with God, he is in the morgue.*
 - *Man is not in the hospital, he is in the cemetery.*
 - *Man is not sick, he is dead.*
- 2. If you are a believer, being dead is in your past. If you are an unbeliever, this is where you are right now – you're dead.**
- 3. So at salvation God does a new work, He creates something new. (2 Cor. 5:17)**
- 4. Without the work of God in the life of the unbeliever –**
 - *making him alive*
 - *convicting of sin*
 - *shining the truth of Jesus Christ in his dark heart*
 - *calling him to repentance*
 - *causing him to be born again***witnessing is futile and worthless.**
- 5. It is only the kindness and love of God that is the reason any of us here are saved.**