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Why Not Accept The Offer of Salvation?

Introduction

It is a heart breaking situation for the mother, husband and daughters of my niece who is 54 years of age and dying with cancer. There is nothing more which can be done for her. The family has lived with this soul agonizing sorrow for several years now. If it were possible for a medication to be found that would completely destroy every cancer cell in her body assuring she would be completely healed and leave her as healthy as she was before and offered to her with no payment required, do you think she would casually accept the offer, or have to take time to think about it and leave it until a later time? She would grasp the opportunity as swiftly as possible.

Yet, that is exactly what thousands are doing with God's offer of spiritual healing. There are those who do not feel the compulsive domineering of sin, it's just a habit. It's entertainment when preachers say, "they are dead in sins", they do not understand what that means. Part of the reason why this is so is because a dead person cannot feel anything, and being dead in their sins they have no awareness of what or whose they are spiritually. God wants to free them and give them life, and it is a life higher than anything of earth can give, and will last for all eternity. Because this is so, God asks one question: "Why should ye be stricken any more?" (Isa. 1:5) and then He tells each individual their true spiritual condition but in physical bodily terms: "the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores" (Isa. 1:5-6).

The remediation God prescribes

Not only does God prescribe the medication, He has also paid for it and offers it completely free of charge. No works, no expression or religious ritual, no being a good neighbour etc. There are no conditions for its reception, it is simply by putting ones faith and trust in the Lord and believing that He died for our sins and that God hath raised Him from the dead (Rom. 10:9). Furthermore, His pledge is it will work, and unlike earthly medications, it will be effective immediately and for eternity.

God informs every individual that whosoever accepts His offer of salvation, it is a package deal. That offer contains the following blessings and many others:

- a) A recipient of the gift of God is eternal life (Eph. 2:8-9). People spend massive amounts of money on cryogenic treatment which freezes the body to very low temperatures. The foolishness is that it is contrary to God, there is no guarantee it will work and they will come back to life. God guarantees eternal life that begins now, and death does not end its duration but is simply the continuance of it on a higher level.
- b) Each individual who accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour is born of God. That is, such a one is born into God's family (1 Jn. 3:9). If we consider a moment when a child is born into a family, it can never be unborn. In ideal

situations, that child is a child of that family as long as life lasts. When born into God's family one can never be removed or take themselves out of it.

- c) Another item in this package is the knowledge that the sins committed before salvation and after salvation will never be brought up again, for God has blotted them out of all records. Never again will there be any casting up of my sins or failures (Col. 2:14).
- d) A glorious blessing that flows from the awareness of my sins being cleansed from my record of guiltiness is, "I have peace with God" (Rom. 5:1). No more striving by my earnest endeavours to be acceptable to God, no more hoping I had done enough, no more hoping my good deeds would outbalance my wrong doings. God and the individual are fully and eternally at peace with each other. What a blessing.
- e) This is all backed up with the promise of being held in the pierced hand of the Saviour and in the hand of God (Jn. 10:28-29).

With all these proffered blessings, one question remains: "Why would anyone assured of dying and going to hell eternally not grasp with outstretched arms the gift of salvation? I can only assume it is due to one of several main reasons:

- a) The individual does not believe there is a Hell which they are righteously deserving of.
- b) The individual does not believe God when He makes it clear that nought that defiles shall ever enter Heaven.
- c) The individual is sufficiently foolish to delay accepting the offer and run the risk of dying in their sin and being banished from every blessing of God eternally.

"O that they were wise, *that* they understood this, *that* they would consider their latter end!"

Deuteronomy 32:29

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