

To live as an Christian

John 19:28-30

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Heb 10:14-18

¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."^[b]¹⁷ Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."^[c]

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

(Extra: Matt 26:28)

The sacrifice of Jesus is enough for all sin (past, present & future)

It is fulfilled, - Tatalhastai = It is paid in full.

This means that there is nothing that anyone can add, no more sacrifice needed.

So what do we need to do to revive this gift of forgiveness?

1 John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Col 1:13-14

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

We only need to admit our need and confess our sins to get forgiveness and be cleansed from all our unrighteousness. The Bill is paid in full!

How should we then live once we have been freed, let see what the Bible say:

2 Tim 2:22

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Ps 46:1-2 & 10

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

We get to seek shelter under the cross, where forgiveness cleanses us. There we have protection and can rest. There we get to be still and know that God is God and only he is perfect.

By being purified in the blood of Jesus, or judgement are overturned.

Rom 8:1-2

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you^[a] free from the law of sin and death.

Salvation is free, but becoming like Jesus will cost you everything.

Salvation comes by us saying yes to his gift, and then we become children of God. Members of His family and siblings to one another.

John 1:12

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Ps 36:6-8

⁵ Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. ⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

God's mercy and love is all that we need since God loves us as we are, but loves us too much to leave us like we are. He calls us to be sanctified, that means to become more like Christ.

1 John 4:11-18

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We need to love one another with His love, then we can live honestly and vulnerably before one another and truly have communion. We are created to live with our siblings in faith, and in that environment God can form us to be more like Him.

Heb 11:1-3

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Faith is the key that opens our understanding of God, and all that we can not see with our physical eyes. Faith is what makes it possible to function in the gifts of the Spirit.

Faith clears the mist and lets us see the truth clearly. It makes us heirs with Christ, and His friends. God even gives us the mind of Christ.

John 15:15

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

1 Cor 2:9-16

⁹ However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"^[b]— the things God has prepared for those who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by

human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.^[c] ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”^[d] But we have the mind of Christ.

Does this mean that we are perfect and like Christ? No I'm not, nor are even Paul. But we get to work on our sanctification and have him form us more and more, and say with Paul.

Phil 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

So let us therefor give ourselves to God so that he can make us more like Christ.