

Armistice Day

Today is Armistice day (a formal agreement between two countries or groups at war to stop fighting for a particular time signed on 11am/on 11/11/18 when WW1 ceased and there was peace) and we remember those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. It's been a 100 years since the the End of WW1.

Without taking the sentiment and the value of our fallen soldiers I would like us to remember the biggest and most valuable treaty that was signed with the blood of Jesus Christ against all the powers of sin and death and the enemy of sin the Devil which stopped the effects of eternal death and destruction.

It was a battle for Him too against forces of darkness, against society and the pharisaic establishment who were constantly opposing Jesus.

Isn't that amazing.... One act of Jesus Christ delivered us eternally from Satan's power of sin and death! Hallelujah! (Rom5:18-19)

Because of what Jesus did we have These things:

A New Covenant. - *Heb 7: 20-22. The old priesthood of Aaron perpetuated itself automatically, father to son, without explicit confirmation by God. But then God intervened and called this new, permanent priesthood into being with an added promise: God gave his word; he won't take it back: "You're the permanent priest." This makes Jesus the guarantee of a far better way between us and God—one that really works! A new covenant.*

Before Jesus, the Levitical priestly order was transferred from father to son. In Jesus we have God's signature and authenticity and guarantee of a better and new Covenant.

The New Covenant (or New Testament) is the promise that God makes with humanity that He will forgive sin and restore fellowship with those whose hearts are turned toward Him. Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant, and His death on the cross is the basis of the promise *Luke22:20 This cup is the new covenant written in my blood, blood poured out for you.*

A Covenant is for life. It cannot be broken or revoked. It has no limited liabilities. I.e. Not based on how good or bad we are or do' and don'ts or our performance because it is in the blood of Jesus. *Heb 8:6 (Amp) But as it is, Christ has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is more excellent [than the old Levitical priestly ministry], for He is the Mediator (Arbiter) of a better covenant [uniting God and man], which has been enacted and rests on better promises*

This is similar to the covenant that a man and a woman make when they get married where they state the promises which are for better for worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and in health and the duration is for life - that's Covenant

We have Forgiveness and inner healing - many are looking for freedom and inner healing which can only come through forgiveness. There is power in forgiveness and release in forgiveness. You choose to live when you choose to forgive. Many today are bound with sickness and long term conditions

because of their not wanting to forgive the person who had wronged them. It's not God who does that but the Devil, as he has a hold or a claim on your unforgiveness towards your fellow man. Harboring unforgiveness only gets you more in knots and twists and makes you bitter and twisted and you begin to hate people, life, church and even your own family.

Ps 103:3 who forgives all your sins / iniquities and heals all your diseases. Notice which comes first. When your conscience is clear that you have been forgiven by God and have forgiven yourself you can receive inner healing.

- Let go of those things that hold you back.
- Let go of people by forgiving them of the wrong they did to you.
- Forgive yourself for taking matters into your own hands and for refusing to forgive.
- Let the past go.
- Let the mistakes go.
- Allow yourself to be free.
- Stop hurting yourself by tying yourself with knots because Jesus has wounded and hurt for all your sins.
- Stop beating yourself up and putting yourself down by constantly referring to the issue.
- Deal with past issues and move on in freedom.

Jesus took all your punishment and shame on your behalf. You cannot earn God's forgiveness and acceptance because it has been paid for already by the blood of Jesus and settled 2000 years ago. That war was settled. God accepts you through Jesus.

If you gave someone a gift because you loved them and they insisted on paying for it how would you feel? Hurt? Upset? Imagine us trying to do that with God our Father when He has already made a way for our salvation through the one and only Son Jesus Christ who gave everything up for us by dying a cruel death on the cross paying that debt we owed!

1John 1:9 ; Eph 2:8; Eph 2:13 says we who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Jesus.

Would God feel hurt or insulted that in spite of the free gift of salvation we are trying to earn it through doing penance or self righteous deeds? That is how God feels when we try to earn His forgiveness, healing and righteousness.

All we have to do is receive it by faith - you have heard much about Jesus but have not seen him, yet you choose to believe in Him because he is the only way the truth and the life.

Today can be your Armistice day, where you experience that freedom already settled with the blood of Jesus that has destroyed the power of sin and death over your life.

Today you can receive your inner healing, physical healing.

Ask the Holy Spirit to shine his light on any dark areas so that it can be dealt with.