

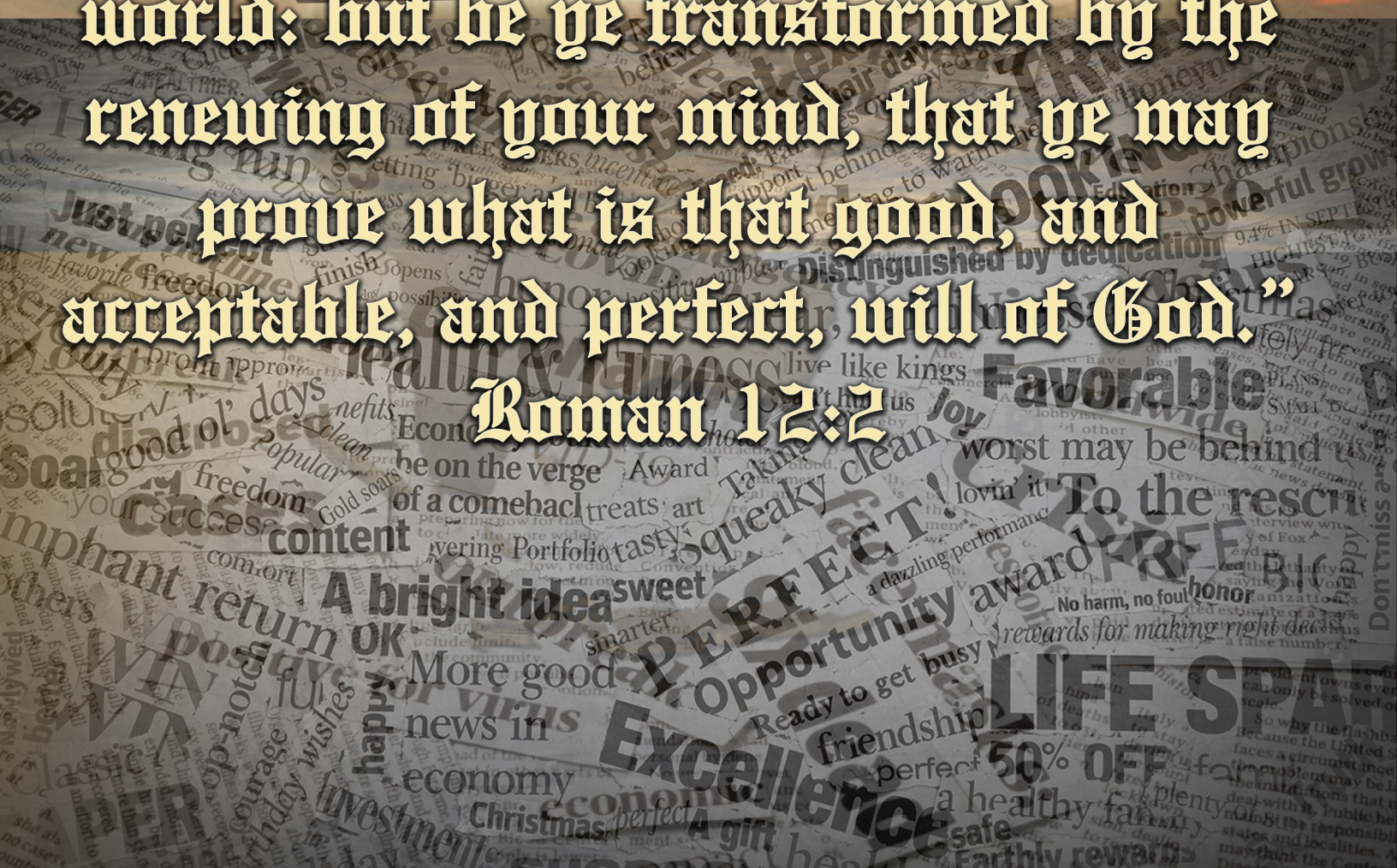
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Roman 12:2





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Salvation Is Free

Conformity is NOT Free!

True salvation (also called deliverance or redemption) is the saving of human beings from sin and its consequences, which include death and separation from God. (Isaiah 59:1-2) But by Christ's death, burial and resurrection we have the justification needed to obtain salvation.

Somehow conformity has been interpreted as a passage way into Salvation. We have forgotten the songs sung in the heat of the day, the prayers uttered night after night that carried so much weight through obedience, faith and long suffering that we were not consumed by the enemy's devices. **The wages of SIN is still DEATH!**

The free gift that GOD offered to us should compel us to live in a manner that is pleasing to GOD and not to Mankind whether it is a boss, preacher, teacher, evangelist or politician. We have a blueprint that was provided in the scriptures, yet we continue to conform to the traditions of a company, denomination, organization, or manmade doctrine.

Obedience is better than sacrifice. It is commanded in (John 4:24) to worship our GOD in spirit and in truth. Not the traditions of the church. We all must learn the essential things that please GOD;

- Hear the Word of GOD (provides Faith)
- Believe the Word of GOD (demonstrated by actions)
- Repent of Sins committed (turn from worldly things)
- Confess JESUS (the good news) to others
- Be baptized unto salvation (for the remission of all sins).

The divine side of Salvation is forgiveness, justification, reconciliation, redemption, sanctification, newness of life and "adoption". All because JESUS took our places on the cross. These things should remove the desire to conform to anything other than the will and way directed by TMH GOD. Focus on these things. Make your Salvation personal, working out your own soul's salvation!! Don't you know that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved! (Romans 10:9). What a Precious Gift.

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From Cross to Cross

Dr. Horace Brooks

We are headed into this Christmas season. Where there will be many gifts given. Some of these gifts will be given to mothers, fathers, brothers, or sisters. Some will be given to people at a Christmas exchange party, others at a church gathering. All of these gifts have something in common. The person that's receiving it will be receiving a free gift. Because salvation is a gift, it's free.

John 3:16 tells us "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." This is one of the most memorize verse in the Bible. It's from this verse that we see the free gift to eternal life.

God Himself gave the most expensive gift that could ever be given to mankind. This free expensive gift is so expensive, that all the money in the world, from the time money exchange began, to the passing away of this world whenever it comes, couldn't buy it. Yet, it's free for the having. Romans 10:9-10 lets us know if a person confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in their heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead, they will be saved. That with the heart a person believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A person don't have to work for it, it's by God's marvelous grace that we are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. God's grace made a deposit into everyone's life, some people used their faith and made a withdrawal, into everlasting life.

When we receive this free gift of salvation, Jesus lets us know that there are also requirements. He tells us that we need to pick up our cross and follow Him. By doing that we are going from His cross to our cross, we all have a cross to bear.

In carrying our cross we are continuing to build on our personal relationship with Christ. However, our cross comes with a cost. Jesus tells us if anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

Other Scripture tells us to love our family, so how do we interpret this word "hate." It is the language of embellished contrast. Looking at Matthew 10:37 helps to explain this. "The one who loves a father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; the one who loves a son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

These statements does not mean we are to hate or not love our families. They are emphasizing that Jesus must have first place in our hearts. Jesus is telling us without a doubt, we are not qualified to be His disciple if He is not priority number one in our lives.

Many have walked away from picking up their cross and following Christ. Because they have been blinded by the light of darkness. But for those who have seen the radiant glow of Christ and have truly tasted of His goodness, pick up their cross not worrying about the price. Knowing in our weakness, He will make us strong...we can't do it without Him.

Dying to self is very vital, we cannot follow and lead at the same time. We have to repudiate self and acknowledge Christ as head. By carrying our cross we will be persecuted by people outside and inside of the church. Just know taking a stand for Christ bring out the Devil, and he shows up in the church and outside the church.

The cross speaks of the sacrifice of one's life. To be a true disciple of Christ it can cost you some family members, friend, co-workers, a job, comfort, time, and money.

Jesus said follow Me: The tense of this verb indicates that it means to continually follow. Jesus tells a man who promised to follow Him after saying good-bye to his family, that no one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

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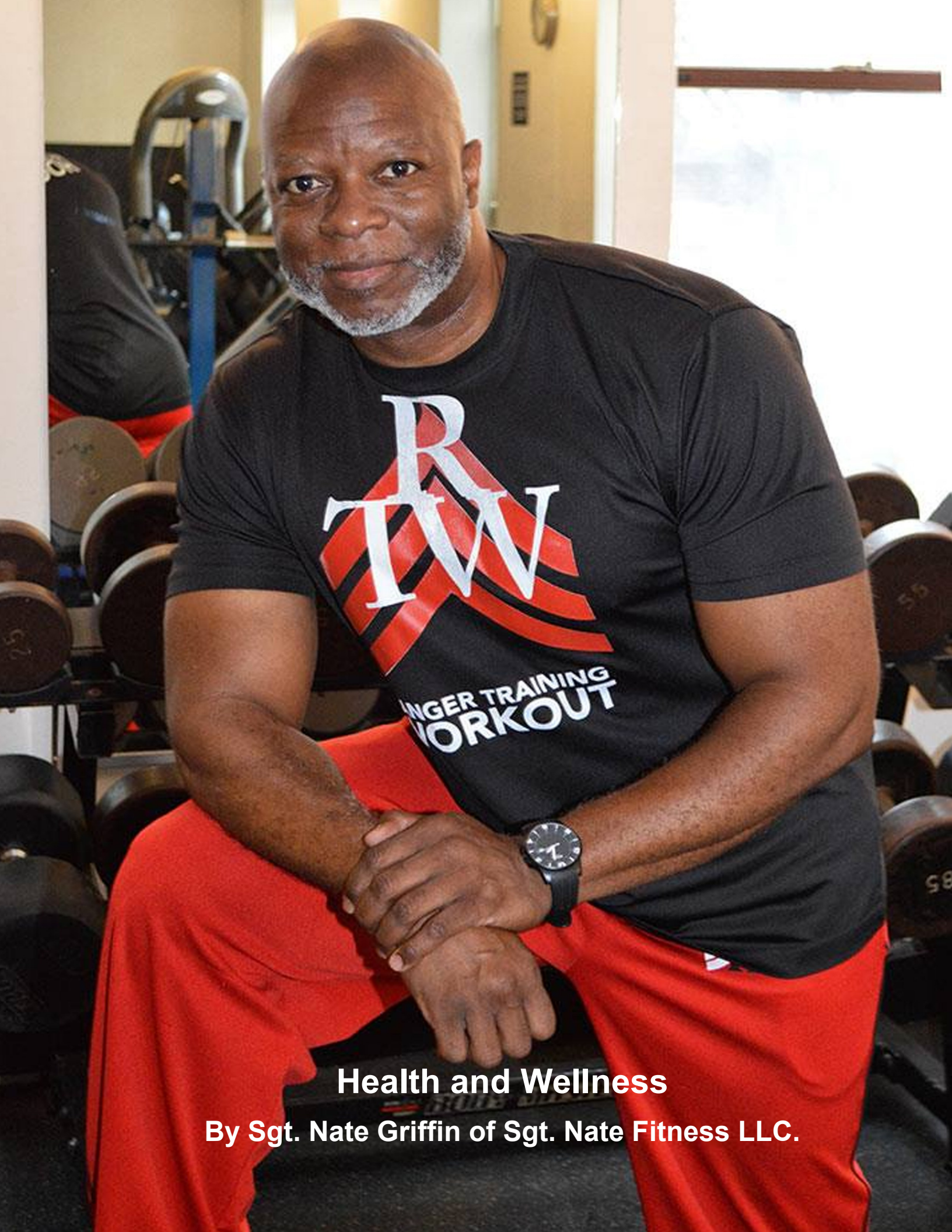
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Least We Forget

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We are living through a season of embolden arrogance and entitlement of pride from those who are bent on pushing their agendas and selfishness onto the masses and the innocent for self-gain. It is amazing that they go against the very principles that those who study the Word of God can see and recognize clearly with the understanding that their reign is short lived. Due to their blindness and self-centered views, they don't recognize or see their own demise heading directly at them. Due to the actions that they themselves organize to gain or maintain a power that's forced upon others through unjustified means.

Their words at times can be crude, impolite, and disrespectful as they push their agenda forward. However, their ignorance and prideful nature coupled with blindness, they never truly see the collapsing of the walls of their so-called empire as it starts to crumble with intensity. They have elevated themselves so high, they fail to understand they have completely exposed themselves and when the light is completely turn on all will see and there will be an awakening of understanding to the real truth and not a fabricated lie as it has been.

The wonderful thing about the Word of God it continues to and proves itself as Truth to artificial power and always, always prevails. The historical records continue to prove these facts over and over again. If we study the Word of God as we have been instructed, we too can eliminate any conflicts and embarrassment we bring upon ourselves. However, when we allow pride, arrogance and deceit that consume us, the outcome is devastating and very destruction. Whereby the fall itself could be catastrophic even deadly because we just can't let it go through repentance which is our only way of escape.

We have to die to self or die from self, we have to make that decision.

Making the correct choice is our only true recourse. Following in the footsteps of the disobedient only provides the same outcome or worst, it truly is a sign of insanity. When we study the events provided within the Word of God, we continue to see the course of action attempted over and over again. Then the residue left behind as a historical reminder for those paying attention to not repeat this same course of action. But yet and still there are still those thrill seeker who just understand until such time the thrill is gone and has run out of grace.

Mind over manner, guess so if you don't mind then it won't matter. But eventually it will when true consciousness comes into play and your vision is no longer cloudy or darken. Let's get real all of our lives we have been feed false realities from man's perspective and the minimum understanding from God's Truth. This is because we continually seek to do things our own first. Until such time we have bumped our heads numerous times to the point we let go and release those

strongholds that have been plaguing our very existence. Releasing our will, repenting and yielding to the principles of God.

If you would say this is not true, then honestly review your personal history and the challenges you encounter. You will recognize the person in the center of them all as yourself. It is at this very pivotal point we must become accountable for the decisions we have chosen to make. This becomes the turning point for your life and future success. Think about it this way every day when you wake up you make a decision whether to get up and participate in life or remain dormant without a concern excepting wherever just falls your way. No applied effort which extends your boundaries and removes your comfort level. So eventually at some point you would have extended yourself to a greater understanding of what is meant by the word faith. You would have started to recognize it in action before, during and after its participation within any given event. For going woe is me all the time should alert you to your personal alignment with God being off.

Pay attention to the details of your life and be accountable for your actions. Remember that truth and honesty about yourself will allow you to grow in Him. Continue to study the Word of God for instructions and guidance for life. Establish your daily prayer time to communicate with God, it's not a one side conversation where you continue to ask only but learn to stay and wait for the Holy Spirit to speak to you as well. In this you will gain and sustain an understanding.

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In our society today we have diminished the ability to cherish one another. We chase after so-called status and objects of grandeur to feel some sort of self-worth. But when you stop and think about it, you realize these type of things don't really matter. Because you feel isolated with all of your trophies which you can only look at, and after a while they just appear as stuff cluttering your space because all the initial hype has faded and others around you don't understand your contribution in receiving such recognition.

We tend to get consumed by the need to impress, being part of the outward in trend for that time and do all we can do to fit in. But are we truly happy or exhaust from overextending ourselves for the sake of vanity? This is a real question for self-examination. Are you truly satisfied with the end result, not just the opinions of others regarding you? Do you really know what is traveling through the gossip and rumor mail about you? If you did, you might need therapy.

We must understand the most priceless possessions we have is found within our relationships, spouse, family and friends, which will always add more value to your life than any inanimate objects and so-called bragging rights. The warmth and compassion demonstrated from person to person is immeasurable because it deepens within your daily interaction and is more fulfilling than anything else. When you are accepted for who you are and joy that your presence brings to another, rather than the possessions you have. This is true acceptance and fulfillment, worth more than silver and gold and is impactful to all.



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The Subtle Programing of You, Think About It.

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

I guess you haven't really noticed how easy it is to be programmed and lead. It so subtle how the transition of our behaviors and mindsets happen that we are clearly unaware. Until we actually stop to take a mental pause and reflect. Sometimes in doing that we find we have to redirect ourselves back to our priorities and realign to our principles because we have strayed so far, from the center. We've conformed and got caught up and didn't realize we lost control.

Here is an example thirty years ago our very lives were not control or tracked by a little pocket gadget as they are today. We may call it progress but it's truly a mind control. Some have loss their total way of life, not able to function without it. Everyone from the youngest to the oldest is programmed by it. It has become a part of even our daily fashion and accessory, yet it controls how we exist. Because it has captured and literally controls just about everything, we do every day. Our personal leash, we may walk our dogs, but this truly and literally walks us. Try to get along without it is virtually impossible. So, we have become it prisoners and it has become our pacifier because even when we're upset, we run to it and can be consumed within it, in seconds, we are also entertained by it. It has gotten so bad we don't talk to each other like we use to communicate we sit and text, sitting right next to each other, not saying a spoken word. Scary we are programmed. We go to bed by it and wake up to it.

Ephesians 2:2-3 KJV

[2] wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [3] among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Read the whole chapter of Ephesians 2 and turn on the light switch to your recovery and begin your rehabilitation. As you recover and take back control as it was meant to be.

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SALVATION IS FREE, BUT CONFORMITY COSTS

By Elder Diane Harvell

Salvation is Free But Conformity Costs

Hebrews 2:2&3-For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, v-3-how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard him?

After Jesus' death, none of the Old Testament sacrifices were ever needed again. The book of Hebrews was written to teach that the Christian faith is better in every way than any other faith. Hebrews chapter 2 verse 2 says specifically, "but if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast in every transformation and disobedience, received a just reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great, a salvation, which, at the first begin to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

In other words, everything that the angels spoke came to pass and received its just reward. Whatever the prophecy declared by God's prophets it was fulfilled and received its just reward whether the reward seemed just or unjust to the recipient. Therefore, how can we escape what we do whether bad or good, if holy men, women and circumstances could not avoid their fate? Yet we neglect to believe this great salvation, which was confirmed by the apostles and disciples because they literally **talked with Him and was taught by Him saw Him**. How can we escape being judged if we neglect what has been confirmed and proven, meaning our salvation has been tried & found to be true especially by those who saw The Lord? We have the ability to read about Jesus' wonderful works by those who were actually with him. How can we offer any excuse for not accepting or believing the Gospel? Conforming to this world will have harsh consequences. I don't want to have had the chance to believe in Christ then choose not to, then only to find out in the end, that my choice was wrong! When we disappoint ourselves in life, a normal reaction can range from sadness to despair depending on the importance of what we believed we would receive. Can you imagine having the opportunity to live in total peace and contentment with the Lord with everything He 'saved' and created forever? But you gave up that opportunity by having a lack of faith only to receive in the end a terrible reward and eternal separation from Him!

But you gave up that opportunity by having a lack of faith only to receive in the end a terrible reward and eternal separation from Him?! Salvation is free. It was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ. All we have to do is accept it. This Salvation is not man-made; it has been proven over & over throughout the history of time.

No matter how hard today's cancel culture tries to erase and eradicate Jesus, and His great plan of salvation, or try to cancel anything spiritually related to Him, it will not cancel the immutable Jesus Christ! 1st Corinthians 1:18-for the message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Romans 1:16-17-I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation, for everyone who believes for the Jew first, and also for the Greek for in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from Faith to Faith as it is written the just shall live by faith.

Therefore, should you think because you are nice or because you've done good things in this life or because you have never hurt anybody, you have earned your place in heaven, do not be deceived! There's no other way to heaven, but through the grace of God! Ephesians 2:8-9-For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. And I could go on and on concerning scriptures about salvation, but the most important one is John 3:16 for God, so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that who so ever believeth in him, should not perish, but shall have everlasting life! So, salvation **IS** free, but conforming to this world will result in irrevocable consequences, your lost soul and total separation forever from all that is good and all that is God!

While I may agree that many "religious" people have presented themselves as zealots and extremists overly proclaiming a doom and gloom salvation with a damnation proclamation, and mistakes have been made, I do not agree with today's apostasy and heresy from God. For Jesus said, John 3:17-"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." v18-"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." There's no compromise here. Jesus did not offer any gimmicks or prosperity speeches. He only offered for us to believe in the name of the only begotten Son of the Father so that we will always be with Him. Saved from the destruction to come because Jesus paid the price for our sins in full by the shedding of His innocent blood. It's just that simple, believe it, or not!

May God Bless You All!

Don't perish due to the lack of Knowledge

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The people perish due to the lack of knowledge this covers a lot of areas of our lives. Proving that because of this we stumble miserably through various aspects of our lives. We have erred in fulfilling scripture expectations that have been instructions, now we deal with the outcomes from falling short which has been seen down through many generations and plague mankind as a whole.

The caveat is we still have an opportunity to institute the intended structure that was first given for the sake of future generations. In doing this some negative outcomes will not be repeated, and some true successes can be realized.

Proverbs 2:6 KJV

[6] For the LORD giveth wisdom: Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

[15] Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Proverbs 2:10-11 KJV

[10] When wisdom entereth into thine heart, And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; [11] Discretion shall preserve thee, Understanding shall keep thee:

The implementation of these principles should occur early in one's life even as a child who is always seeking to learn and has the means to absorb willingly because they thirst for some sort of knowledge.

Proverbs 22:6 KJV

[6] Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.

We have to come to the realization that the Word of God is concise, when we study and observe, we recognize it as being true facts as written in the book of

Isaiah 55:10-11 KJV

[10] For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the Sower, and bread to the eater: [11] so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The Word of God provides a wide range view, and numerous illustrations found throughout the books, chapters, and verse proven history that cannot be disputed.

If we don't stop listening to the wannabes who do not have Godly insights, we will continue to walk down dark corridors blindly led by ignorance. That will return for some sort of payment that cost way more, than that we were asked to do. Because

of our blindness it is hard to see the truth when it is playing out directly in front of you. A blind guide is also not helpful, (friends, family and people we like to throw around their opinions without merit). Just to get people to line up with their lack of knowledge and unite in the misery. Over 90% of the news feeds illustrate this daily, but when you're blind you cannot see truth. So, you fall into deception which can drag you into destruction.

When one gets caught up in this position, you must rely on your other senses. Since you can't see maybe your hearing will become heightened that you might hear that still soft voice as He calls you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Or maybe your sense of smell become heightened as you smell the stench of sin that darkness has you caught up in that you might use your sense of touch to feel your way out of the dark cold whole of deception, towards the warmth of light of Christ and speak the Words of a repenting heart and regain your sight.

This for certain is achievable and can happen when you become completely earnest and humble. Step towards the sound of knocking door. Open it and let Christ in!



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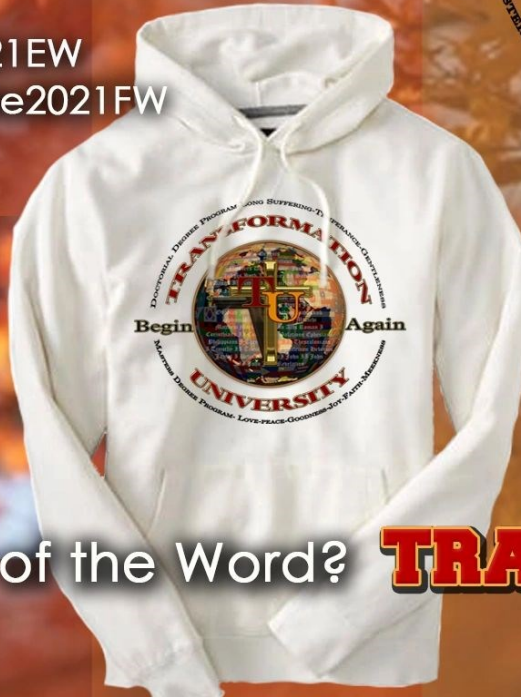
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