



A Cup of Blessings

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We Fall Down

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Today's Cup of Blessings is being poured from the book of Romans by the Apostle Paul, with a little help from gospel vocalist Pastor Donnie McClurkin. This cup is especially for those who are feeling "less than" or unworthy.

Some years ago, Pastor McClurkin recorded a song entitled "We Fall Down." The inspirational refrain emphasizes that "a saint is just a sinner who fell down, but got up." Often, we lose heart because we've said or done something that we know is wrong. We become overwhelmed because we focus on the sin instead of the salvation. But Paul pointed out in Romans 3:23-24 that "everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight."

While every day brings new opportunities to serve the Lord and do good works; each day also presents new dangers that lead us into sin. Paul elaborates on this "good news, bad news" scenario. He pointed out that all have sinned and fallen short of God's expectations. Many believe that things can be turned around to please God by going to church and by keeping the Ten Commandments. However, the bad news is that no one can be made right in God's sight simply by doing what God's laws command (Romans 3:20). Our humanness makes it impossible for us to walk perfectly in God's Will. We do stumble and fall into sin.

The Good News is this: when we do fall down, we can get back up again by trusting Jesus to take away our sins. Trusting means putting our confidence in Christ to forgive our sins, to make us right with God, and to empower us to live the way God has taught us in His Word.

We will fall down, and perhaps even daily, but we don't ever have to stay down. We who are sinners become saints when we get up. We who are sinners become saints when we step out of the darkness into the marvelous light that is Christ Jesus. In fact, saints are sinners through whom God shines His light to bless others. We please God when our lives conform to His revealed will for us. Keep in mind, Moses felt unworthy; David felt unworthy; Paul felt unworthy; Mary Magdalene felt unworthy – God used them, and God uses us, regardless of our backgrounds or past. "For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right

with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life. God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, and He makes sinners right in His sight when they believe in Jesus” (Romans 3:25-26). God has empowered us, through Christ Jesus, to get back up again when we fall. Knowing this truth will always overflow your cup of blessings.

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