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II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Irritated?

Are you pestered by the question: "Are you saved?"

When people say, "Get right with God," do you feel it's meant for you? Do you become provoked by signs that read: "Go to Church"? Is there a desire to remove yourself from religious fanatics who preach on street corners and pass out Gospel tracts? If these things trouble you, then there is only one solution. It's as easy as opening a door! The Bible says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I WILL COME IN." (Revelations 3:20)

Accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Confess Him before men. Then grow in grace by reading the Bible. Trust in Jesus and His Word. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-14, Psalm 118:8, Romans 8:1-39.)

Do this today, without delay! Tomorrow may be forever too late. (I Thessalonians 4:15-17, I Corinthians 15:51-58, II Corinthians 6:2) Now is the day of salvation. Dream not of tomorrow, for none of us know what a day may bring forth.

TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS

II Timothy 4:2,3

1. Regeneration – Nature is changed (Gal. 6:15).
2. Justification – Standing is changed (Rom. 5:1).
3. Sanctification – Behavior is changed (Gal. 5:16)
4. Preservation – Conception is changed (Acts 20:32).
5. Glorification – Personality is changed (Rom. 8:11).

The theory that doctrine is not important is not only shallow and foolish, it is also crafty. It is one of the devil's best tricks.

-B.K. Kuiper

"Many mourn for their sins that do not truly repent of them, weep bitterly for them, and yet continue in love and league with them."

-Matthew Henry

God's purpose in your life is not prosperity, it is not your health, it is not wealth and more than anything, it is not to have your best life now. God's purpose is to make you holy and according to the image of Christ.

- author unknown

We shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how *long* and how *graciously* He once waited for us.

-Charles Spurgeon

*From
Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand;
Where Africa's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand:*

*From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.*

We often hear, "Life is short...better enjoy it!"

How about, "Eternity is forever...better prepare for it."

True Conversion Means...

turning not only from sin, but also from depending on self-made righteousness. Those who trust in their own righteousness for conversion hide behind their own good works.

This is the reason that self-righteous people are so angry with gospel preachers, because the gospel does not spare those who will not submit to the righteousness of Jesus Christ!

-George Whitefield

What About the Hymns



The words were written in 1819 by Reginald Heber. King George the III had authorized Heber's Father-in-law, Dr. Shipley Vicar of Wrexham, to hold a service and a collection to be taken for the missionary work of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts". Heber happened to be visiting the home the night before the service. His father-in-law wondered if he could write something for them to sing. Heber went to the other side of the room, away from the buzz of conversation, and a few minutes later returned with the first three verses. "That will do nicely," said the Vicar. "No. No," responded Heber, "The sense is incomplete" and he sat down and wrote the fourth verse. These words were published in the *Evangelical Magazine* in July of 1821.

In 1823, Miss Mary W. Howard of Savannah Georgia came across these verses and brought them to Lowell Mason who was working as a bank clerk but was also her singing teacher. She asked if he could set them to music. He did so in less than one half hour, and it was first published as a soprano solo, dedicated to her.

Still today, it is considered one of the finest missionary hymns in the English language.

When the church feels like it must become like the world to win the world, it has not won the world. The world has won it.

"Nothing in all the past universe can come to pass otherwise than God has eternally purposed. Here is a foundation of faith. Here is a resting place for the intellect. Here is an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. It is not blind fate, unbridled evil, man or Devil, but the Lord Almighty who is ruling the world, ruling it according to His own good pleasure and for His own eternal glory."

CHURCHES HAVE ABANDONED...

- Holiness for happiness
- Worship for entertainment
- Morality for relativism
- Discipline for sloppiness
- Commitment for convenience
- Regeneration for religion
- Truth for lies
- Grace for lawlessness
- Liberty for license

"You will NEVER know the FULLNESS of Christ until YOU know the emptiness of EVERYTHING else BUT CHRIST."

-Charles Spurgeon

"The best teacher is the one who does not bring his meaning to the Scripture; but gets his meaning from the Scripture."

-Martin Luther

"Instead of a river, God often gives us a brook, which may be running today and dried up tomorrow. Why? To teach us not to rest in our blessings, but in the blesser Himself."