

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the Mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a Living Sacrifice, Holy, Acceptable unto God, which is Your Reasonable Service." Romans 12:1 No2 KJV



Oh the Priceless Treasure that was Freely Given to Purchase our Redemption from eternal burning torments! The Only Begotten Son Allowed every Drop of His Life's Blood to be spilled by the hands of the very men He rescued from Hell fire! *"He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He Opened not His Mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He Openeth not His Mouth."* His back stripped of flesh, His beard ripped from His face, thorns driven into His skull, silent, whipped, beaten, spit upon, mocked, and finally, spikes pounded into His hands and feet as He was crucified for Our Redemption! *"Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost Which Is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? If any man defile the Temple of God, him Shall God Destroy; for the Temple of God Is Holy, Which Temple ye are. For ye Are Bought with a Price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* The very first act of glorifying God is to believe and repent! Unbelief damned the whole human race when Adam rejected God's Word, *"The day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die!"* And believed Satan's lie, *"Thou shalt not surely die!"* As Jesus was lifted up between earth and sky, the mob taunting and spitting on Him, He Cried out *"Father! Forgive them for they know not what they do!"* Believers are asked to offer their bodies a *"living sacrifice"*; to deny carnal desires; and believe and obey God's Word, which we can only do by allowing God's Word preeminence in our minds, hearts, and souls. If we consider the Price Paid for the privilege of being called *"the sons of God,"* and the fact that we could never obtain Mercy without it, and would perish eternally in hell, it is no small wonder it is our *"reasonable service."* We have a Path to walk, where there was none before, because it was Blazed by the Blood and Tears of our Redeemer! We have Eternal Life and pleasures, because He Purchased it on Golgotha's Bloody Berm! Dare we complain over lack or circumstance? It's time to return to the foot of His Cross! It's time to remember the darkness and bondage from which we were delivered! It's time to commune with the Sweet *"Spirit of Truth"* Who Seals our Eternal Destiny in the *"City Whose Builder and Maker Is God!"*

Tis time to remember our suff'ring Lord,
Tis time to return to His Holy Word,
Tis time to proclaim ev'ry Truth to men,
Tis time to rejoice and repent of sin! –CGP

"If we confess our sins, He is FAITHFUL AND JUST to Forgive us our sins. If we believe not, yet He Abideth Faithful: He Cannot Deny Himself." God Is Just in Every Command He Decrees, from the Damnation of the unbeliever to the Redemption of the believer, because He Has Satisfied every demand necessary for the sons of Adam to enjoy an eternity of bliss! *"For God So Loved the world, that He Gave His ONLY Begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE. If God Be For us, who can be against us? He that Spared Not His Own Son, but Delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also Freely Give us all things?"* He Has Freely Given His Own Life to Purchase man's undeserved pardon and Freely Extends Mercy, Grace, and Love to *"whosoever believeth."*

"For He (God) Hath Made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, Who Knew no sin; that we might be Made the Righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV