

SHAKE IT OFF! YOU CAN'T DIE.

ACTS 28: 1-5

Acts 28: 1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

Acts 28: 2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

Acts 28: 3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

Acts 28: 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom though he hath escaped the sea yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

Acts 28:5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

Acts 28:6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

JESUS The CHRIST is the only true and living GOD.

HE is the only way for man to be saved and redeemed.

HE is the only way GOD has made for man to be one with HIM and JESUS.

FATHER GOD knew the nature of sin and that sin had to be removed from man.

HE knew once HE removed the sin nature from man, man's nature would be changed.

The change GOD made through JESUS was for man to become a new creature.

The new creature was and is to this day the only way for man to be redeemed.

For man to be saved.

JESUS told Nicodemus he had to be born again.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:4 Nicodemus saith, unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

John 3:5 JESUS answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

JESUS explained to Nicodemus because he was a ruler of the Jews and should have know what JESUS was saying everyone who accepts HIM as their savior and redeemer would be born into the spiritual realm.

The water birth representing the word of God---JESUS and HIS testimony.

The Spirit birth when GOD creates a 'new man'.

That is the only being that can enter into the Kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

JESUS told us HE came to do the will of the Father.

John 6:39-40

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 6: 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The will of the Father was for us to become new creatures.

Something that never existed before.

Matthew 9:17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

GOD could not put HIS Spirit in us in the state of the sin nature.

GOD's Spirit could not go into unclean and defiled bottles.

HIS Spirit could only go into that which is holy and righteous.

JESUS came to make the way for us to be the vessels that GOD's Spirit can dwell in.

God wanted us to become Spirt man living on the earth in a physical body.

JESUS was the Word of God in flesh.

GOD's will for all man is for us to be like JESUS.

To be that type of 'new creature' allows us to know the FATHER and JESUS as JESUS knew the FATHER.

GOD's desire is for us to become as JESUS is and to live in HIS presence to get to know HIM and become like JESUS.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the first born among many brethren.

JESUS is the KEY.

HE is who GOD wants us all to be.

The first step was having us born of the water and the Spirit.

That brought us into the Kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

GOD wants to take us further.

HE wants us to enter into another kingdom.

The Kingdom of God is the prerequisite and opened the door for us to enter.

GOD wants us to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

JESUS explained the will of GOD is to allow the Spirit of Truth to teach us and lead us and guide us into all truth.

John 6:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The Spirit of truth helps us to be transformed into the image of JESUS Christ.

He helps us to do the will of God by teaching and guiding us in the issues of life that make takes away selfishness and show us how to be a servant like JESUS and be humble like JESUS.

JESUS explained the will of the Father at HIS **Throne of Glory**, when HE separated the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25: 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me. I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

The children, us, who God prepared the kingdom for asked JESUS when did we do these things to you.

JESUS answered them.

Matthew 25: 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

These works were done by us, who allowed the Spirit of truth to remove the earthly self and transformed us into the heavenly spirit being that could only be by us being a 'new creature.'

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

JESUS has done all things to cause us to be like HIM.

2 Timothy 2:20-23.

2 Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth and some to honour and some to dishonour.

2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself of these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

JESUS has provided everything we need in this life to be transformed into HIS likeness on this earth that leads us into the kingdom of heaven.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me.

When we are discouraged, don't know if we should talk to another human let us remember the above scripture.

JESUS is our way out of whatever the situation or problem is.

JESUS is the truth of whatever the situation or problem is.

JESUS is our life in the situation or problem.

We only see the problem, situation, and attack from an earthly view.

GOD and JESUS have the full view.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

GOD and JESUS knew everything the devil would use against as an attack.

THEY gave us the full armor of GOD to wear to defend us and protect us from the onslaught of the devil.

Ephesians 6:11-18

Ephesians 6: 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

GOD and JESUS want us to have confidence they will not leave us, and they will walk with us through the attacks of the devil.

THEY will bring us out of the devil's attacks like they did Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6:1-16).

Like Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego out the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:16-18).

GOD and JESUS lead a whole nation of people, the Hebrews, out of Egypt by the way of the Red Sea.

The way the Jews went out of Egypt meant certain death, with the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them.

They had no place to retreat.

Retreat was not in GOD's plan.

Death and Destruction was not in GOD's plan.

GOD sent a wind and parted the Red Sea and let HIS people pass through on dry ground.

When we are buffeted on all sides and don't see a normal human way of resolution GOD has a plan for every one of the devil's attacks against us.

The story of the Hebrews deliverance out of Egypt representing the world and their baptism through the Red Sea a type of being washed in JESUS' Blood.

Exodus 14 provides us comfort that if GOD and JESUS delivered a whole nation of people, each one of us is important to THEM and before the foundation of the world THEY created each one of escapes from the attacks of the devil.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD which he shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more forever.

Exodus 14:14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

JESUS held HIS peace at HIS trial with Pilate and the LORD GOD Almighty brought forth an eternal victory for us all.

GOD and JESUS want us to trust THEM and be obedient to THEIR words.

Especially when it seems THEY may have forgotten us.

Exodus 14:31 And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Paul showed us confidence in GOD and JESUS' Word.

He knew he had to go to Rome and deliver the message GOD told him to deliver.

He knew nothing would stop GOD's plan.

Paul knew no shipwreck and no venomous snake could stop the plan of GOD.

Paul knew he was going to be attack but he knew GOD would deliver him out of the attacks to do HIS will.

Paul did not die from the venomous snake.

Nor can we die from the devil's attacks against us.

JESUS destroyed all the attacks and we need to get to know what JESUS has done for us.

We know JESUS has tasted death for every man.

JESUS stood in our place of death.

Acts 28:5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.