

I Thank God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord (Rom 7:25)

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Last week we discussed how all flesh feels forsaken, and rightly so because we know that flesh and blood will not inherit the kingdom of God (1Co 15:50). This is the ultimate catch 22 situation that our Creator has us in: flesh and blood which cannot inherit the kingdom of God because of our carnal minds which are subject to the vanity of that flesh (1Jn 2:16), this keeps us (until the hope of glory Col 1:27) from entering into the kingdom of God (Rom 8:20 , Rom 7:19). Who will deliver us from this body of death which we have all sinned in and come short of the glory of God in (Rom 3:23 , Rom 7:24-25 , Joh 16:33)?

This pleading that we read of in Psa 21:11 "**Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.**" is no different than these verses in Rom 7:24-25 which describe our flesh on the sea crying out to God because we feel forsaken and sinking with the conditions we find ourselves in, conditions that Christ himself called us out to (Mat 14:29).

This other law in our members described in (Rom 7:23) is a law that was formed by the Creator who is the lawgiver (Jas 4:12 , Jer 18:4) and this law in our members is brought into occasions or conditions caused by Christ as we read in (Mat 14:29 "And he said **Come**") so that we will cry out to be delivered at the appointed time (Mat 14:31). We doubt and are given little faith so that we can be brought to trust God and stand with Christ (2Co 1:9-10), not just when the sailing is smooth, but through the much tribulation (Act 14:22) where our faith is tried and becomes precious (1Pe 1:7) before God through this process.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and **bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.**

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin (Rom 3:23) is the servant of sin.**

Joh 8:35 **And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.**

Joh 8:36 **If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

Joh 16:33 **These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.(and all that is in the world 1Jn 2:16).**

In this week's study we will be looking at the thanks and praise aspect of our walk with God, the "**but be of good cheer**" which is born out of gratitude for the deliverance that He is giving to us as those

who are being redeemed in this age ([Gal 3:13](#) , [1Pe 1:18-19](#) , [Rev 5:9](#) , [Rev 14:3](#)), and also for knowing that He is going to take His great power and reign over all the rest of the creation ([Rev 11:16-17](#) , [Rom 8:23](#)). It is more blessed to give ([Rev 20:6](#) , [Act 20:35](#)) than to receive and those who are redeemed in this age will be used to save others both now and in the second resurrection which is why we we're called and chosen ([1Ti 4:16](#) , [Oba 1:21](#) , [Joh 3:16](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#) , [1Co 1:26](#)).

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These strong bulls of Bashan can be within or without, and it will take Christ in us the hope of glory ([Col 1:27](#)) to pull down these strongholds. We are not wrestling against flesh and blood but powers and principalities in the heavens within us ([Eph 6:12](#)), or within those to whom God brings our way to try and test us. It was God who brought these strong bulls of Bashan to Christ to beset him ([Act 4:26](#)), and it was God who delivered Christ from these powers and principalities by the spirit which he had without measure ([Joh 3:34](#)), and when the flesh failed God intervened as well, because the spirit in Christ was willing but his flesh was weak human flesh which needed to be strengthened ([Mat 26:41](#)) with an angel in order to endure this onslaught of spiritual attacks along with tremendous physical pain He had to endure ([Luk 22:43](#)).

We give thanks and praise to God for giving us victory over this law of sin and death in our members, and over these powers and principalities which Christ is above all of them ([Eph 1:21](#) , [Eph 3:20](#)). As we die daily we grow in praise and thanks knowing that our Lord is worthy "to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." including the process of overcoming, and having everyman overcome in their appointed time ([1Co 3:13](#) , [Col 1:28](#) , [1Pe 3:15](#) , [1Co 15:23](#)).

Here are some verses which speak of this connection to overcoming and the praise given to the One who is making this all possible!

[Rev 4:11](#) , [Rev 5:13](#) *verses for all of us* [Mat 4:4](#) , [2Ti 2:10](#) , [2Ti 4:5](#) , [Php 4:13](#)

[Psa 22:13](#) They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.

The imagery in this verse speaks for itself, and we know that Christ was marred beyond recognition, which is another way of saying we don't want to know Christ after the flesh ([Isa 52:14](#) , [2Co 5:16](#)). There is a question as to who the man was in the early goings of His life ([Mat 13:55](#)), but no one can know who he has become except for those who are granted to lose their life along with Christ ([2Co 5:16](#) , [Gen 42:8](#)). The "**ravening and a roaring lion**" is what God uses to witness against us that we are beasts who hate Christ and want to destroy him and see his life crushed. This is us, we want to destroy Christ at first and again God uses our actions to fulfill these prophecies ([Act 4:28](#)) and leave an eternal witness against all mankind of what is in the heart of the natural man apart from Christ.

Before we can give thanks to God however, we must come to see ourselves as helpless to overcome and as being powerless over this law of sin in our members ([Rom 7:24-25](#) , [Rev 13:4](#)). This wretched and miserable and poor and blind and marred condition is the one that God lovingly brings us to see is who we are as He did with Job in type and shadow ([Rev 3:17](#) , [Joh 9:41](#)). He softens our earth through trials ([1Co 3:12](#)) so that we are enabled to receive the counsel of our Lord to go and buy gold

and have it tried in the fire. Each trial builds on itself as this temple becomes purified through a process of much tribulation ([Rev 15:8](#)).

This is what will lead us to understand that our victory can only come through G1223 Christ. What joy in the morning when we can come to see that we are powerless and that God created those conditions so that we would cry out in our appointed time and be delivered by our Saviour. When he takes away our already illusionary strength ([1Co 1:25](#)) and weakens us, then the glorious work of making His strength perfect through our weakness can begin ([Luk 5:24](#) , [1Co 15:43](#) , [2Co 13:4](#)).

So the psalmist is uttering a prophecy of Christ on the cross again, and also how all flesh must come to see itself as alone or not redeemable, with trouble near ([Job 5:7](#)) and with none to help.

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Christ is poured out like water, and this tells us that those waters were not his own to do what He wanted but only what the Father had purpose for Him ([Jas 3:4](#) , [Pro 21:1](#) , [Pro 16:1](#) , [1Jn 4:17](#)). Christ is poured out as a drink offering for us, and He is the governor of our hearts now ([Lev 23:18](#)).

Mankind will be healed by the blood and water working in the earthly heart of our minds, which blood and water is poured out from Christ for our benefit ([Joh 19:34](#)); in other words, God's judgments in the earth are His words (water-blood) in the earth ([Isa 1:1](#)), and it takes both the water and blood going into the earth to accomplish this. The water and blood can be both positive and negative symbols, but when speaking of Christ's water and blood going into the earth it is speaking of the positive process that Christ speaks about in another verse in this way ([Joh 3:5](#)).

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All the figurative bones of our first man Adam are meant to come to this point of disconnect from the joint, which is the tearing down of the old temple ([Mat 24:2](#) , [Joh 2:19](#)) so that the new resurrected temple of God can have the bones and sinew and joints all come together to the glory of God as described in ([Eze 37:1-28](#)). This parable speaks of Israel being restored under their new king David who is a type of Christ who is restoring the Israel of God first ([Gal 6:16](#)) before all other nations ([1Pe 2:9](#) , [Rom 2:29](#)).

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This process of losing our first man Adam causes our hearts to melt like wax, and we know that the love of many will wax cold ([Mat 24:12](#)) at the end of this generation in which Christ says all these things will be fulfilled ([Mat 24:34](#)). This process of losing our first man Adam is no different for Christ who at this time was given the power to forgive from His heart ([Mat 18:35](#)) under the most severe conditions to reveal the love of the Father working through Him ([Luk 10:22](#)) which was making it possible for him to drink this cup and not wax cold and give up, but rather endure unto the end which is only possible by the power of God ([Mat 24:13](#) , [Zec 4:6](#)).

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Christ says to our flesh " **Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am**

baptized with" ([Mat 20:23](#)). He knows that our flesh does not see how this is possible, but in the spirit, Christ knows that nothing is impossible for God ([Luk 1:37](#)), and that although the first man Adam must melt in the midst of our bowels, all the while Christ can increase through this process of the destruction of our flesh ([Joh 3:30](#)).

The rest of the chapter in ([Mat 24:35-51](#)) is an admonition for those who are given to see this process of the destruction of the first man and how we must live by all these words ([Mat 4:4](#)) and repent for having been evil servants who have said in our hearts, "My lord delayeth his coming;" along with every other negative attribute described within these verses which all need to be, and God willing will be, burnt out of us in this age.

If we know that these wonderful works are being done to us in this age and understand that God is using all these trials and putting up of the mirror to perfect us ([2Co 3:18](#)) I pray we will be given to conclude in our hearts with these two verses ([Psa 107:31](#) , [Rom 8:18](#)).