

THOU ART MINE

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*"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob,
and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not:
for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name;
thou art mine" [Isaiah 43:1]*

"Thou art mine!" God's declaration concerning His people is that they belong to God! I like to say it this way, "We belong to God, we are His property, He owns us"!

When I read this one verse in Isaiah, I want to praise God, shout and say, "Thank you Jesus"! Are you glad you belong to the Lord? His Word is so powerful!

In verse two God continues to speak through His prophet Isaiah, *"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee".*

Our God promises when we pass through the waters and the rivers, He will be with us and they will not overflow us! He promises, when we walk through the fire, we will not be burned! Two things come to mind. God is saying, in this life you will have troubles! You will pass through the waters and rivers! You will walk through the fire! But, thank God, He promised He will be with us and will keep us! Why? Because we belong to Him!

Verses 3 & 4: "For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life." He is our Lord, our God and our Saviour! People may look at you or I and all they see is our faults and failures. God doesn't see you or me like that. God said we are honorable and precious in His sight! God says, "I love you"!

"Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him?" [Isaiah 43:5-7].

God doesn't want us to fear! He has promised a great in-gathering of His people from all nations of the world. God said, His people are called by His name. He created His people for His glory. We are His creation! Don't never forget, God said, "You are mine"!

We belong to God! Our names were written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world! God declared the end from the beginning! He's God! He is the Eternal and has no beginning or end! As a matter of fact that which is eternal cannot have a beginning or an end! God transcends time space and matter, existing in the end and at the beginning at the same time! I may not know what will take place tomorrow or next year. But there is One that does know, and that is our God. He knows all things!

This Almighty God has given His only Son to this world as a sacrifice for all mankind. God has bestowed upon His Son, *"All power in heaven and in earth"* (See Matthew 28:18).

Also, God has "*committed all judgment unto His Son*" and will judge no man (See St. John 5:22).

God the Father has given to Him an All Powerful Name! *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* [Philippians 2:9-11]. Those that believe on Him and received Him have received power to become the sons of God.

Our Lord Jesus is the only gateway to God. No man comes to the Father but by Him. Jesus is, the way, the Truth and the life. If you have acknowledged these great truths and experienced the new birth of the Holy Spirit; all God's promises are yours! You belong to God! Remember, God said "Thou Art Mine"!

We need to stir ourselves by refreshing our minds every day to these fantastic truths. *"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind"* [2Timothy 1:6-7]. Talk to the devil, put him on notice. Tell him you belong to God and He has given you power, love, a sound mind and no fear! Don't give the enemy any space in your life! Walk in the Spirit of God that is within you! You must die out daily to the old man and renew your inner man.

Look at verses nine and ten in Second Timothy chapter one: *"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel"*.

Dear reader, I hope you have experienced the new birth! Because, if you have, You are saved! You are called with a Holy Calling! Thank you Jesus! Plus, the scripture is plain, our Lord Jesus Christ has abolished death! There is no such thing as death to a Blood bought, born again Christian! They are immortal beings! Think about that! The devil knows this and he is trying to deceive you into believing the opposite. Some of you say, *"Oh, poor little old me, I don't know if I'll make it or not. I'm not worthy!"* Wake up! God says, "You are mine!" "I am with you!" "You are called by My Name!" "I created you for my Glory!" My friends, You need to Believe the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News!

Did you know, there is a record that God has given of His Son? Here it is: *"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"* [1John 5:10-12]. Don't deny God's record of His Son!!

Apostle John let's everyone know why he wrote this epistle, *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God"* [1John 5:13]. The apostle makes it clear, he is writing to believers, not unbelievers. Believers can believe they are saved!

Do you believe on His Name? Apostle John says, if you do, you can know you are saved. You can be sure – because God said it! *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* [Acts 4:12]. Salvation is in Jesus Name! Have you called on His Name? Call on Jesus! He will save you!

Don't forget, if you're saved, you belong to God! God paid for you! You are bought with a price and you are not your own. What was the price God paid for you? It was a price that was more valuable than silver, gold or diamonds. You are very expensive! The price for you was the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. *"What? 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? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" [1Corinthians 6:19-20].*

You might be thinking, "I know I have had an experience with the Lord and He saved me, but I have so much trouble with the flesh". Yes, born again Christians sometime fall into traps the devil has laid for them. However, that doesn't mean God has given up on you! He said, He would never leave us nor forsake us. We belong to Him! As a matter of fact, we are the body of Christ, flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone! God has given us power over all the power of the enemy! Look at this: *"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself" [2Timothy 2:11-13].*

That last verse is amazing! Did you get it? *"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself".* If we believe not!? If our faith fails us?! What happens? Jesus remains faithful! He doesn't leave you! He doesn't deny you! He cannot deny Himself! Don't deny Him when you fail Him! Get on your knees, ask God to forgive you, then get up and go on for Jesus. He never left you. Don't leave Him! This is how you develop testimonies!

We are overcomers! To become an overcomer, you must first go through adversities; tribulations, persecutions, failures, heartbreaks, sickness, and despair. Revelation

chapter 12, verse 11 tells us how to overcome: *"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."*

Thank God for the Blood of the Lamb and the testimony of His people!

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" [2Timothy 2:14-15].

My intent in this message is to put you in remembrance of the heritage we have through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our words should be words of Grace, Compassion and Forgiveness that may profit the hearers. For too long, many Christians and ministers have spewed words of contempt and condemnation. I want to remind everyone that Jesus did not come into this world to condemn the world, but to save the world (See John 3:15-18). The world is condemned already.

Let's be the light God has called us to be. I know if we witness and preach the Light, it will bring condemnation to some, but deliverance and salvation to others. *"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God" [John 3:19-21].*

Be warned my friend. When you take a stand for God's Truths you will be hated of all men for His namesake. Just don't be hated for your own contemptible ways, wrong thinking and doctrine.