

May 2023

Angèle Caporaso 10552 SE 151<sup>st</sup> Street Summerfield Fl. 34491 Ph.352-288-5257 jackiecaporaso@gmail.com

## OUR SOUL IS ESCAPED- (PS.124:7)

I CAME NOT TO JUDGE THE WORLD BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD- As Christians in our world today, we witness the changes that are taking place within ourselves as well as in the world, and we can't help but think that God's judgments have fallen heavily upon us all. When Jesus came into the world, He clearly stated His mission, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." (Jn.12:46-47) Before He left the earth, He promised His disciples that His presence would not leave them, but that He would return in the form of the Holy Spirit. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him but ye know him for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (Jn.14:16-20)

The bewildered disciples might not have been able to comprehend what He was telling them at the time, but on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit fell upon them like a rushing mighty wind, they knew it by experience. Since that time, every disciple who has felt the power of His Spirit, knows by experience that the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, yea, Jesus Himself is indeed within them. "...Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates." (II Cor.13:5b) Indeed, "...ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest, (down-payment, pledge), of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession, (our souls), unto the praise of his glory. (Eph.1:13b-14) Our soul is who we are, our mind, our intellect, our emotions and our identity, and it is our soul that is being saved. Our soul has been led by the world, with the world's identity. When the soul dies in darkness, it goes to the place of the dead, (Hades), until it hears the voice of the Lord, believes and follows the Light unto salvation. The Psalmist cried out, "Return O Lord, deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies' sake." (Ps.6:4) Jesus asked this question, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt.16:26) Jesus died on the cross to save our souls.

THE REPROVER AND JUDGE OF OUR SOULS- Jesus loved His disciples, and He knew how stressful and dangerous life was going to be for them, so it was with a very heavy heart that He was leaving them. However, He wanted them to know, that He was only leaving them in the flesh; He would very soon return to them in the Spirit and give them strength from within. He wanted them to know that His leaving was absolutely necessary and that they would be much better off for it, and not them only, but also the many disciples that would come after them. He saw their fear and great sorrow and He said, "But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither thou goest? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him to you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go

to my Father, and ye see me no more, (in the flesh); of judgment because the prince of this world is judged." (Jn.16:5-11) Jesus was leaving in the flesh, but He was coming right back to them, closer than He ever was before. He would be their new Spirit, their new life. He would begin a work of transformation within them; He would be their Protector, their Leader into all truths, their Comforter, and He would be their "Reprover" as well. He would lead them to their "promised land," just as the Angel of the Lord led Israel to theirs. "Behold I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee to the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not for he will not pardon your transgressions, for my name is in him. But if thou shalt obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries." (Ex.23:20-22) This is a perfect likeness of God's Holy Spirit, leading us to enter fully into Christ. He is our Reprover, and will not excuse our sins along the way, but rather reprove and correct us, and set us back on track. Jesus Christ did not come in this world, to judge the world, but He is come in the Spirit to His disciples, to reprove and judge them and grow them into Christ.

We know that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins. (I Jn.1:7), and we know that because of this cleansing power, we are able to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Indeed it is our soul who is being redeemed, and who is being cleansed and made virgin, ready to wed her bridegroom and receive her new body. This is the work of the Holy Spirit with all his disciplines and corrections, for He is our Reprover. The Holy Spirit, not only reproves us of sins; He corrects us, guides us, comforts us and above all, He loves us and impregnates our soul with the incorruptible Seed, His living Word, so that Christ Himself might be made flesh in us. This is our "rebirth." "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." (I Pet.1:23). Thus our souls are being reborn into new creatures, dead to the old identity and reborn to its true, eternal identity. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power, (Holy Spirit), to become the sons of God, (new identity), even to them who believe in his name." (Jn.1:12) This is the salvation of our soul who no longer resembles the one who was born of the seed of old Adam but who is reborn of the Spirit of God, having received her new name, Christ.

Through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ on the cross, our soul has escaped the snare of the fowler. She has been given a "passport and visa" that allows her to continue to travel through all kinds of changes, from glory to glory, toward her perfection in Christ. Through the miracle of "rebirth," little by little, our soul becomes new as the incorruptible Word of God begins to form the son of God within her. When the gestation is complete, a new body will appear, formed of that incorruptible Seed. Just as the body of Jesus, the first begotten Son of God, was formed by incorruptible Seed, in the body of Mary, so the new creation in Christ is formed in the womb of our soul made virgin. Mary received the Seed willingly, and believed the angel who said to her, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name, Jesus...Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know no man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." (Lk.1:30-31,34-35). Now it is the church, made of all virgin members, who is being overshadowed by the same Holy Spirit, to give birth to the many-membered son of God. Oh yes, it is real, we are reborn after the image and likenesss of the Son of God and He is the Head of that body.

**WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING-** (Phil.2:12) And Paul adds, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Vs.13). It is the Spirit within us who gives us the desire, and the zeal to please God, and who propels and enables us to press on and work out the salvation of our soul. It is by God's Holy Spirit in us, and in the ministry of the Body of

Christ that the soil of our soul is plowed, fertilized, watered and made ready to properly receive and nurture that incorruptible Seed. Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." (I Cor.3:6) To grow in Christ, we need the uncensured Word of life from those who have gone before us, and those who are walking with us, howbeit, it is only when the Spirit in us opens that Word to us, that the increase takes place. The atonement through the blood of Jesus, cleanses us from all past, present or future sins, then our soul is free from sins, and eager and enabled to follow Him, and to work out her own salvation with fear and trembling. "Our soul is escaped as a bird, out of the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth." (Ps.124:7-8)

God declared, "Behold, all souls are mine, the soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Eze. 18:14). Our souls of themselves are not eternal, only in Christ does our soul escape death and possesses eternal life. It is our soul who is our identity; our body is the expression of our soul. While in this world, the soul lives by the breath of God, and is married to the spirit of this world, or to the Law of sin and death; she bears the identity of that husband and follows the thinking and ways of the world or of the religions of this world. That earthly identity is only valid from cradle to grave. What a joy and what a change takes place when the soul hears the voice of the Son of God, and follows Him into His death and resurrection, for then she becomes dead to the world, and alive in her new identity in Christ. From then on, the soul quits working to accumulate the treasures of this world, and begins to lay up treasures in heaven. Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." (Matt.6:19-20) Jesus was talking about the time and attention that we need to give toward acquiring values like love, joy, peace of heart, patience and all the things that are more valuable than the gold of this world. This does not mean that we should quit working to support our families, but, in the words of Jesus, we should, "Seek ve first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt.6:33)

Our heavenly treasures are stored in the heavens of our soul. However, treasures come with a price. Our salvation is free, but to attain prizes the soul must still, with fear and trembling, follow the Spirit and work through the difficulties, trials and triumphs of this life. Our soul must be attentive and sensitive to the nudges of the Spirit, and walk through the misfortunes, the mishaps, the setbacks and sufferings of this world, being confident that Christ is in us, walking this out with us. The new formed Man in us, walks with us through all the fires of this life, and we come out each time, stronger and richer in the valuable things of the Spirit. The three Hebrew children were thrown in the fire, but it was there that they found the Son of God walking with them. Thus they came out free from their bonds, without even the smell of smoke upon them, as if they had walked through a rose garden. This is a perfect picture of the overcomer in Christ. It is in the fire that we find His strength and His love imparted to us. This is how we work out our salvation.

**THE SAINTS SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD** - Jesus said, "I did not come to judge the world." Jesus came as the Lamb of God to save the world then, and now He is come in His body of sons to reprove, correct and judge the world by righteousness. This judgment began with us who are the house of God. Jesus is the righteousness of God in the flesh, and in Him we become God's righteousness in the world. (II Cor.5:21) We know that God judges the world by righteousness. Paul wrote, "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this world." (I Cor.6:2-3) The sons of God are His body come in the flesh again. "And every spirit that

confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." (IJn.4:3) Thus the sons of God are people with a mission. Jesus spoke of them as those who believe on him through their word, without seeing; they walk by faith. The world cannot believe without seeing so God made a way for the world to see and believe. The world will see His power and glory as He arises as the Sun of righteousness, in a new creation of sons. In that way, the Holy Spirit will "...reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment, because they believed not on me, (Jesus)." To reprove is to censure and correct; it is God's way to judge. "And he shall judge the world by righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness." (Ps.9:8). It is as the evil of this world meets up with the righteousness of God in the sons, that God's judgments is shaking the world as never before. It is the righteousness of God which is arising in the sons today, that is causing all the warfare, violence, lawlessness, famines and earthquakes that are taking place in our world today. The righteousness of God in the sons on either side of the veil, is arising as the new Day, until all evil loses its power in the hearts of humanity. Then the people will fall on their knees and believe. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." (Phil.2:10a,11a)

Indeed, the whole world will never again see Jesus as one solitary man, for He will reign through a body of many sons in His likeness and image, clothed in the glory of the Father. These sons are not like any that the world has ever known, and they will not lead as any other men in the governmental order of this world, Oh no. These sons will be like Jesus Himself, now doing greater works, for they will manifest the glory of the kingdom of God and will set the world in the order of God's righteousness. The sons are the Sun of righteousness that arises with healing in his wings. This is why now, "...we groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, THE SON PLACEMENT, to wit the redemption of our body." (Rom.8:23) When we take our place as sons, we will show forth the glory of God to the world. Sons of God will cover the earth, even as the waters cover the seas. They will be seen all over the world. They will be coming from all places in heaven and earth, reaching out to all people in this world and to those who have died in Hades as well. As Jesus promised, they will do the works that He did, and greater works shall they do. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (Jn.14:12)

Jesus healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and set the demon possessed free. He opened the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. He turned the water into wine, He multiplied five loaves and two fishes to feed five-thousand. He calmed the storms of the sea, He multiplied the fishes in the nets, and among other things, He raised the dead. How much greater works can there be done? Jesus in His sons will do all these things and more. He will also change the unbelievers' hearts, and bring them to repentance. The sons will impart eternal life and will open the gates of Hades to set the captives free. In the sons, He will set free those who are captives to the gods of this world. He will destroy the works of the devil in every man. Oh yes! Because He went to the Father and sent us His Holy Spirit, Jesus will arise in the sons and the righteousness and glory of God will cover the earth even as the waters cover the seas. We are at the dawn of that Day! "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." (Ps.96:11-13) Oh yes, this is how God is judging the earth. His righteousness will be seen as the sons establish His kingdom in this world. For the people will have been judged, corrected and set free from sin, and every knee shall have bowed and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God!

Because He is love, Jackie Caporaso