

# Available for a Future!

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Every priest goes to work at the altar each day, offers the same old sacrifices year in, year out, and never makes a dent in the sin problem. As a priest, Christ made a single sacrifice for sins, and that was it! Then he sat down right beside God and waited for his enemies to cave in. It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people” (Hebrews 10:11 The Message).

There are three things that your enemy is desperately attempting to separate you from:

1. Your Future
2. Your Family
3. Your Faith

When we're describing our future, we're not necessarily talking about years from now. We're actually talking about moments from now! Our enemy realizes the incredible threat that we represent to the kingdom of darkness right now! Should we ever come to realize the position of our standing In Christ, we will begin to see things that we've never been able to see before and to do things that we've never even dreamed possible before.

Many people that I meet on a weekly basis are paralyzed by fears of failure. Thoughts of doubt and defeat overwhelm their minds. Often, these people have effectively been separated from any and all hope of their future. Voices are constantly shouting at them in an attempt to remind them of a dark and depressing past and of wrong choices and bad actions in their life. It seems as if every attempt they make to step into a new day is met with unprecedented opposition and forces that are too great for them to confront. At the end of the day, surrendering to the pressure and accepting life as we know it seems to be the best option.

This is a battle that has been raging for thousands of years. Our enemy is quite adept at convincing mankind that they're not worthy, not holy, not sanctified, not qualified, not ... (you get the point). This is the battle of Law and Works versus Freedom and Grace. The issue for us is this: That's not our battle. Jesus has already triumphed in that warfare and now it is our privilege, duty and responsibility to demonstrate our enemies defeat.

Look at those verses from The Message once again. (Read that last statement over and over.) "It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people." I'm not exactly certain how to tell you this ... but if you're willing to accept the fullness of God's provision ... sin is no longer our issue. A perfect person (Jesus) was offered as the perfect sacrifice to perfect some very imperfect people (us!). Don't go back into sin again, but instead, step out into the freedom that has been provided. This is our new day!

Here's the deal. You don't need to worry about a future failure based upon sins performed in your past. Those sins are G-1, baby! (G-ONE = GONE!) We've been set free from the power of our past in order to catapult us into the effectiveness of our bright future. The blood didn't simply cover up our sins ... it REMOVED them. We're free to connect; once again, to the hope of a great future that God has planned for us beginning from the time that He formed us in our mother's womb.

One of the many reasons that our enemy doesn't want us to connect to the hope of our future is because he doesn't want us connecting to the presence of God in our daily walk. Back in the day, the people would offer their sacrifices every year. They would bring the most perfect lamb that they could find to the priests and if their sacrificial lamb was accepted, those people would be granted access to the presence of God. Jesus, the perfect lamb, was offered as a one-time sacrifice and His blood upon our life grants us eternal access to the Father! (That's a "shake your white-hanky moment" right there!)

If your enemy has been attempting to keep you out of your future by reminding you of your past, maybe it's time to remind him of his past? It is his past that has sealed for eternity the future that he has to look forward to. Remind him of the moment that the blood of Jesus began to run out of the wounds that were placed upon the body of our Savior. That blood has granted us access into the Holiest of Holies and positioned us to live a life of freedom and victory! Remind him of the only reason that he is worked up about your future. It is because your future, at a minimum, will be a living demonstration of his defeat!

If you are In Christ, your future cannot be dictated by what you've done in your past. It is what Jesus has done in the past that dictates your future. You are free to step into the hope of a wonderful future that God has planned for you! Everything that stood in your way has been removed by the power of the blood!

Don't allow a defeated enemy to separate you from your future, your family, or your faith. Realize that the best way for us to demonstrate our victory is to share our future with our family through a lifestyle of effective faith. We are free to pursue the plans and purposes of God. Regardless of we've experienced in the past, we serve a God who loves us and who is for us! Let's go out and accomplish great and wonderful things for God. Things that we didn't even dream were possible. Then, let's give Him all the glory!

We believe in you,  
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