

BETTER

God



Humanity



Stop tinkering with what God has made good enough.

Celebrate God's Finished Work.

“When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.”

(John 19:30, NAS77)



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Wishing tomorrow will be BETTER than today, discounts God being God today. In fact, it is our way of saying something like, "I tried, but I wasn't good enough." I hope you recognize that is no surprise to anyone. Really! Especially to God.

Just the other day, I visited some friends, intending to share the riches we have in Christ. The situation did not get BETTER. Looking back, I realize my *now* was but one colossal effort to get BETTER by gaining 'agreement'. Okay. I have this preferred way to have my fur petted. It didn't happen. I most likely lost four friends by expressing my want. What an upside-down experience considering we had gathered to rejoice over what we already have.

In review, it is humbling to realize that this behavior is the norm, not an exception. Without fail, when I enter a situation that *needs me* to make it BETTER, all hell shows up for a pity party. Of course, this is just one of my

personal Romans 7 moments. My history has been one long want for others to credential me. Yes, even though Father has leaned down, looked me square in the eye, and called me to Himself, I have desired more.

Humiliation on me!

How can I escape this trap? How can I quit this flesh's desire to be recognized, yes, even BETTER? By going no further. I am in Christ Jesus. Right now, with Him, there is no need to become, there is nothing BETTER than walking with Christ. He is *walking me* as I walk by faith, Him.

The obvious ability to hate myself when God loves that very self to death and has transformed it into the reflection of His beloved Son is a rebellious clamor for attention. The BETTER is nothing more than reenacting, in the moment, Adam and Eve's desire to have more. And of what did they want more? God.

The clamor for more, more, more is manifesting an internal experience peering in on lack, lack, lack.

The first scripture I ever put to memory was Psalm 23. It begins by declaring,

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1 (NASB)

I suppose that sums it up. If I want, I declare I don't have. If I am walking right next to Jesus and declare, “More! More! More!” I am saying, “You are not enough, enough, enough. There has to be something BETTER. Have you ever noticed how you can hate your-self when you perceive lack?”

DON'T DO THAT!



From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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