

God (&) Humanity

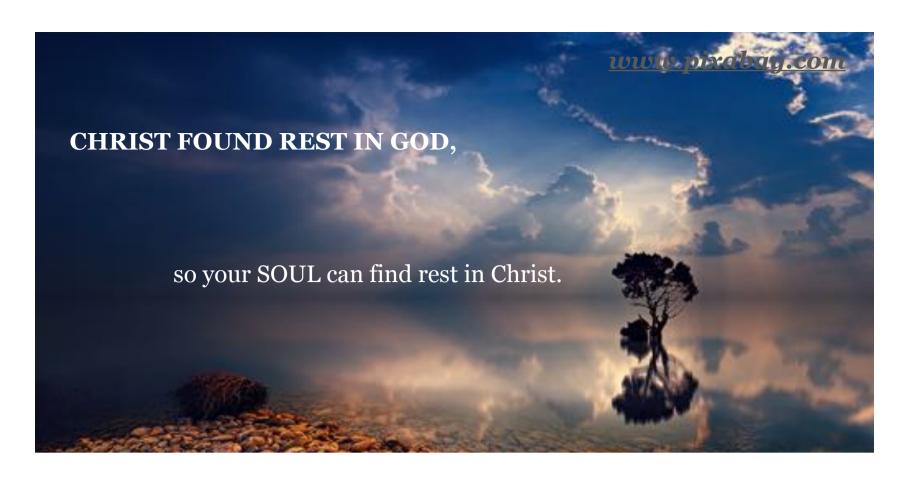


God's Person visible through knowing, wanting, and choosing.

Celebrate God's longevity.

"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the SOUL; but rather fear Him who can destroy both SOUL and body in hell."

Matthew 10:28 (NAS77 emphasis mine)



In this verse, we discover that Jesus is facing a 'fearful' dilemma and openly sharing that dilemma. He knew, by Scripture and His Spirit within, that men were going to take His body and send it to a grave. But what was Father going to do with His SOUL? Would Father leave it undressed, naked, silent, inanimate, even dead? No matter how connected the SOUL of Jesus was to Father in His life, even with the knowledge of Father always coming through, even knowing Father in his letter to His Son was saying...

"Let those who are adversaries of my SOUL be ashamed and consumed; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor, who seek to injure me."

Psalm 71:13 (NAS77 emphasis mine)

AND

"For Thou wilt not abandon my SOUL to Sheol; Neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay."

Psalm 16:10 (NAS77 emphasis mine)

...it took faith (trust in Father) to *allow* an event to occur which had never before happened.

So then, His *fear* of the One who could dismantle the SOUL (destroy it) credentialed His trust in Father's ability to re-construct and sustain that same SOUL. That One who had the power to disintegrate the properties of the SOUL as well as the body could re-integrate that same SOUL with that <u>same</u> body.

Most of all, the possibility of the destruction of the SOUL sharpened His trust in the Father's ability. He was able to fathom what Father was up to. To actually want what the Father wanted when **HE** wanted it, the way He wanted it and for the purpose He wanted. And most of all, trusting Him to dis-empower the SOUL from being motivated by self-interest or self-motivated. He accepted what Father was intent on doing through Him. He had, by faith,

joined with Father's intent to express His abilities through His Spirit to accomplish miracles and co-do what Father was doing through Him right then and every time in all of time.

Without that fear of *GOD*, His SOUL did trust Father. And even now, resurrected, Jesus shares that trust with us that Father will not let His offspring's SOULs decay. Our SOUL attached to His Spirit is now one Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:17) Now integrated, Father can dress His SOUL with any bodily form to reflect Father's mind, desire, and commitments. In an instant we can shine forth Father.

Jesus in letting us know His struggle, suggests it is also our struggle. Can Father save your SOUL even without the body and re-attach that SOUL to any form He desires? Spirit says YES! But the flesh is weak, unwilling, afraid.

"He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Thy will be done."

Mat 26:42 (NAS77)

Here in you, the struggle of the SOUL is still in the hand of His providence.



From the desk of your friend in Christ Jesus,

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