

NOVEMBER 10

PRAYER

Subject: Salvation

Reading: 1 Jn 1:7-10; 3:1-9

Memorising: Jn 13:10

Gracious Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your love that sought me and found me. I was going astray like sheep. I was turning a deaf ear to Your call. I despised those who counselled me. I thought I didn't need You in this life. I was putting up a show before the world though my life was rotten inside. I forgot all the blessings You had bestowed on me. But, Lord, You would not let me go my way. You drew me unto You with cords of love. You washed me thoroughly by the blood of Jesus. My sin-stained life became white as snow. You replaced my filthy rags with His robe of righteousness. You gave me the right to call You, Abba, Father. How can I praise You enough, O God!

Thank You, O God, for the *depth* of Your love that cast all my sins into the bottom of the sea. Thank You, O God, for the *breadth* of Your love that removed all my sins as far as the East is from the West. Thank You, O God, for the *length* of Your love that threw all my sins behind Your back. Thank You, O God, for the *height* of Your love that caused all my sins disappear like clouds. Oh, what love! You have not only forgiven my sins but also forgotten them. Thank You for writing my name in Your Book of Life. Thank You for the Holy Spirit thro' whom You have sealed me for the day of final redemption. What a safety!

Dear Lord, thank You for Your holy Word which rejoices my heart in this world of sorrow. Thank You for Your holy Word which reminds me of Your promises for this life and eternity. Thank You for Your holy Word which teaches me and warns me against the traps of this evil world. Thank You for Your holy Word which is the sword to fight Satan. I thank You for Your holy Word which replenishes my soul and enables me grow in Your knowledge. Thank You for Your holy Word which is light to my path and a lamp to my feet. Thank You, O God, for the fellowship of Your children in which I increase in the understanding of Your love. Thank You for the Pastors and Preachers who shepherd me and safeguard me. Your provisions are innumerable.

Father God, I come to You for the times when I get shaken up in my faith. I wonder whether I would make it. I sink in self-condemnation too often. Help me, O God, to flush out all these negative thoughts through the power of Your Spirit. Remind me, O Father, of Your Son, even my Lord, who is sympathising for my weaknesses and supplicating for me at Your right hand. He is the Author of my faith and He would take me through as its Finisher. Thank You for Your promise that You would never leave me nor forsake me. Hallelujah!

(Isa 1:18; 38:17; 44:22; 53:6; 64:6; 1 Jn 1:7; Jn 1:12; Rom 8:15,16; Mic 7:19; Psa 19:7-11; 103:12; 119:105; Eph 3:14-21; 4:30; 6:17; 2 Pet 1:3,4; Heb 2:17,18; 12:1,2; 13:5)

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***“He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet;
otherwise he is completely clean” (Jn 13:10)***

Jesus quoted this proverb while He was washing the feet of His disciples. He wanted to teach them the difference between bathing and washing. He said that there was no need for them to bathe again. What was necessary was just washing of the feet. In Christian life, this beautifully illustrates the difference between Justification and Sanctification.

Justification is comparable to bathing. It's an instant cleansing by the Blood of Jesus. It's total. This cleansing by the Blood makes saints out of sinners instantly. "He who is bathed is completely clean!" There's no sin against him in God's record. The *depth* of God's love has thrown his sins into the bottom of the sea; its *breadth* has removed them as far as the East is from the West; its *length* has thrown them behind God's back; its *height* has caused them disappear like clouds (Mic 7:19; Psa 103:12; Isa 38:17; 44:22). The 4-dimensional love of God!

After we are justified or born again or regenerated, it is likely that in our daily "walk" our "feet" become dirty. Because we are sheep and no more pigs, we don't voluntarily and willingly walk into the gutter. Because the seed of God now remains in us we cannot happily and habitually commit sin (1 Jn 3:9). The only person who walked on the sin-stained earth without soiling his feet was Jesus. If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves. We need daily "footwashing" by the Blood of Jesus!

Peter was known for extremes like some Christians. Either they would keep shouting, "Once Saved, Always Safe," and would not bother about frequent self-examination and cleansing. Or, every time they commit sin they would go on a guilt-trip as if they had lost their salvation, and pray to be born again "again." Jesus rightly said, "No bathing again; only washing!" Justification is an onetime event, a crisis experience, never to be repeated; whereas sanctification is a moment-by-moment ongoing process which gets completed only at the hour of final Glorification.

Dear child of God, away with the doubt and fear whether you would make it to the end or not? Here's the Biblical guarantee, if you keep loving God and following Him faithfully: "Whom He predestinated, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified" (Rom 8:30). Hallelujah!