

THE ULTIMATE GIFT

(Isaiah 53; Hebrews 10: 7,10)

Then I (Yahshua) said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God, what is written of Me in the volume of the Book; and in accordance with this will we have been made holy through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10: 7, 10).

While He was carrying our grief and sorrow, while He was being wounded for our trespasses and transgressions, while He was being bruised for our guilt and iniquities, while He was taking our punishment and giving us His peace, we stood ignorant and considered Him to be under God's judgment, rejecting Him to the point of hiding our face from Him, for His face and His appearance were marred beyond human form. We thought Him to be weak and marveled at His silence. Denied justice and a fair trial, He was taken away by oppression and falsehood and was led away to the slaughter with criminals, as if He were one of them. We nailed His hands and feet to a tree for six hours and then our guilt and iniquities were lighted on Him, with His suffering intensifying, He cried, Eli, Eli, Lama sabachthani?

Bruised, grieved and sickened, God made Him an offering for the sin of the world. Nailed to a tree, His face disfigured like that of raw meat in blood, He endured the insults of men, Come down from the tree, if You are the Son of God! Man could never understand that the horror they had seen in Yahshua's face was indeed the reflection of their own sins and that He was the ultimate gift God was giving to the world— a gift of forgiveness.

Yahshua was left alone without any human help, so that the gift would be offered to everyone. In fact there was no one able to help Him to accomplish His work of redemption, for they all needed to be redeemed and forgiven. One betrayed Him, another denied Him, the rest ran away and one even doubted Him. They all proved to be sinners and in need of restoration and reconciliation with God.

God was ever so present in every step that Yahshua went through to complete the work of restoration and reconciliation of the world and together they closed that chapter with the curtain of the temple torn in two, to open another chapter where the Gentile nations would be recipients also of that gift and have an access to God. Closing the chapter in that last page in time, He said, It is finished!

It was the end of an era and the beginning of a new one. God's ultimate gift would reach nations near and far and reconciliation of men to God would enter the hearts of men everywhere! A gift, wrapped up with the love of God, fastened with the blood of His Son, sealed with His Holy Spirit guaranteeing salvation to whomsoever will, never got old.

In His last three hours of sufferings, when the sun refused to shine and darkness took over, we see Him going through the tribulation of a world without God in His words, My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me? He took all upon Himself, so we didn't have to suffer the consequences of our guilt and iniquities in a place where there would not be the presence of the true God.

This gift has been offered to men for over two thousand years. When we receive and open it, it says, For God so loved the world to the extent of giving His own Son to die for it, so that those who believe in Him would not have to die eternally, but live forever with Him in heaven; nothing in the course of time and place can snatch you out of My hands; nothing can separate you from My love; I have blessed you with all the spiritual blessings and have seated you with My Son at My right hand! And this gift – the act of reconciliation, remains available to everyone who will receive it in any and all circumstance of life. This gift is free to you and me, but it has a price tag that all riches of the world could never pay.

When Christ entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead **You have made ready a body for Me [to offer] (Hebrews 10:5)**. What a wonderful gift!

THINK ABOUT IT!