

TWO COMMUNION MEDITATIONS THE SHAME OF JESUS John 19:23-24

The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part, and also the coat: now the coat was woven without seam, from the top throughout. They said therefore one to another, "Let us not rend it but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:" that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, "They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."

The only possession that Jesus had was the clothing he wore, and when they crucified Him, they even took that away from Him, and Jesus died on the cross naked. There is enough said about modesty of dress in both Old and New Testaments for us to realize this must have been a great shame to Jesus.

But this act of the soldiers fits into the scheme of things, we remember when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the first thing they noticed was they were naked. It is written, "They knew that they were naked." So the Second Adam who died for our sins was made to feel the same shame as the first Adam when he sinned.

Adam and Eve made themselves clothes of fig leaves to cover their nakedness, but when God came calling, in the Garden in the cool of the day, He said, "Adam, where art thou?" Adam said, "I was afraid when I heard thy voice, for I was naked, and I hid myself."

It seems the fig leaves clothes he thought covered his nakedness, was not enough; in the eyes of God, he was still naked. In a similar way many of the human race have been persuaded that the fig leaves of their good works is enough to insure their entry into heaven, to stand before God who sees them just as naked as they were the day they were born. However God provided better clothing for Adam and Eve when He made for them coats of skins, and clothed them. To be properly clothed before God there had to be the shedding of blood. Paul told the elders of Ephesus: "Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops, to feed the church of the Lord which He purchased with His own blood." The words of the apostle Peter says it like it is when he said in 1st Peter 1:18-19: "Knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver and gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

The blood of Christ is the only thing that covers the nakedness of mortal man in the eyes of God. Galatians 32:27 provides, a very suggestive way as to how we may put on the robes of salvation, when Paul says: "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ." When we are clothed with the blood of Christ, God can no longer see what Isaiah called the filthy rags of our own self-righteousness, but only the sinless perfection of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

In Hebrews 9:22 it is written, "Apart from the shedding of blood there is no remission." In Revelation 1:5 it is written, "Unto Him who loved us and washed away our sins by His sins in His own blood; and made us to be kings and priests unto His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

SOMETHING TO SHOW

Paul tells us in I Corinthians, "As oft as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye show forth the Lord's death till He comes." At the Lord's table we have something to show. We know what we have to show, Paul makes that very clear. He says we show forth the Lord's death. But another question that is equally important is to whom do we show the Lord's death?

Number One: We show forth the Lord's death to ourselves as Christians. We look at the bread and we look at the cup with the fruit of the vine and we say these elements represent the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ who suffered for us on the cross and tasted of death once for every man.

Number Two: We show forth the Lord's death to everyone in the audience who is not a Christian. We preach a sermon in action to the unsaved. We tell them that Jesus also died on the cross and tasted of death for them. We tell them they too by their acceptance of the terms of pardon can have the promise of going to heaven.

Number Three: We show forth the Lord's death to the Heavenly Father. We are telling the Father that we thank Him for sending His only begotten Son to die for our sins and promise Him that we will strive to live more faithfully.

Number Four: We show forth the Lords death to the Devil. Make no mistake about it the Devil is present and hates this ordinance that is a continual reminder to him of that day when the foundations of hell were shattered and the Gates of Hades were torn off their hinges.

As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye show forth His death till He come. We see it, they see it, the Father sees it and the Devil sees it. Let the show begin.



Mr. Bousman

I would like to thank you for sending me this King James version of the Holy Bible. May you and your ministry be blessed by the Lord. I'll cherish this Bible and take it home with me on 2012 when I'm released.

Sincerely, JI from Brickeys, AR prison

Dear Sir,

I followed the Bible study course OK of yours and received immersion baptism on September 5, 2010. I always listen to your radio programme on Sunday mornings on Sri Lanka Broadcasting. I listened to your exhortation on Jesus at the well with the Samaritan woman and would like to receive a printed copy of same if possible. May the Lord bless your ministry.

Thanks, Wilson Perera from Sri Lanka

Dear Ed Bousman,

Thank you so much for the newsletters. I had lost contact losing your address. I no longer have a short-wave radio, only ordinary one. Apart from this, I am looking for the way ahead. Unfortunately I am unchurched. I don't know what church to go to. Will keep in contact if I can. Best regards to your family and staff and of course yourself.

Tyrone from Hemel Hempstead, UK (sending him CDs of broadcast and Studies in the Bible course.)

Hello Pastor,

It pleases me to inform you that I have received the Bible and other material today Wednesday 9th around 2:30 pm. I sincerely thank you and May God richly bless you and the ministry. In fact I really appreciate it. Edward please pray for me I went to hospital, the Doctor ask me to go for lab test. I went to the hospital to see him again and he told me he find Hepatitis B in my blood, please pray for me. I want God to heal me. Hope to hear from you.

Your Son in Christ, Peter A. from Barcelona, Spain

Dear Brother Bousman,

Thanks so much, I will be checking the items up at the post and write back to you upon receiving them Sir. The work here is moving on fine and we always thank God for that presently we are working hard on our new congregation planted this year. We always need your prayers, thanks so much. We really appreciate your great concern towards the Lord's work on this hard soil.

I am also sending you some pictures this week through the post Office. We do hope you are fine now and that we thank the Almighty for your life on earth and hard work for The Master.

I salute Sister Naomi in the Lord. Greetings to all the workers, Sir.

Thanks, Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God The Gambia, W Africa

Yeah! As said, we got the DVDs and we are enjoying seeing Ed preaching with some of the brethren singing. We are encouraged with the videos and the messages and also the songs. Very soon we are going to hit people homes and public places in villages and towns with these videos, which we know will win more souls unto Christ. Thank you so much and may God bless you. Hope every one of you is doing fine? Ed especially? It's been sometime now since we heard about his health but we hope that he is doing okay. Over here we are doing fine by the grace of God. Lee is still going with me to the village with three brothers and a sister. Though she does not go always, she is been with me in most of our rounds.

Work at Ofadaa is on and we met for worship last Sunday and we were numbered 29 adults and 19 children. We couldn't wait to have the meeting place completed. We are still talking to the elders to see if they could give us one of the good-in-condition classroom blocks. A hint by one of our members who relates one of the elders says that the elders have deliberately decided to not to give the new classroom blocks to any group of people so that any group that want to use a place will renovate the old classroom block or school building for the community. We are talking so pray for us. Our bakery business is on and by the grace of God, it is doing well and we have still not get into it to eat from it. We started with 2 bags of flour but by the grace of God, we now have been able to buy 3 more plus a bag of sugar and 3 tins of margarine, which to us mean we are, moving forward. We are still managing to grow the business so we are still struggling to make a living yet we are happy and thankful to God. Church service was inspirational yesterday, as Dennis Agyei, a 21 year old young boy delivering the sermon on the topic: "What are you doing with your time and talent?" it was terrific and a young boy also of the same age called Remeo Tetteh confessed to be baptized and was baptized yesterday after close of worship. PTL! I led the songs yesterday (something I have not done for over 3 or so years).

Now we have electricity in the church house by the

grace of God. Our church building project is also on gradually and people are visiting and staying to worship with us and we are happy. Worship at Fianko, Agona Nkwanta, Adawukwa, Ofaakor and The Unexpected Church also went well according to the reports brought to us in the evening. We praise God for his mercies. Very soon Ofadaa will start to worship on Sundays. Twice a week Bible class is still on going and attracting more people. We are still working on the meeting place and still talking to the elders for a better place in the newly built school block. Keep praying for us. Preparations are underway for our program at Danso next week God willing. We ask that you pray for us.

Ike and Lee from Ghana, W. Africa

Madame Naomi:

Just received today a couple issues of GIJAPA magazine in the mail. Thanks so much. We are being encouraged by your undying labor for the Lord, & being uplifted by your continues support for the gospel around the world. God's unseen hand continue to take care His flock through GIJAPA. Keep the battle alive for the lost souls. God bless! We have just experienced our first rain today. Please keep us in your prayers on this wet season as it stages some difficulties for me to reach those local churches. Regards to you all at GIJAPA!

Ed Domingo, Philippines

Dear Brother Ed,

I received the tracts WHAT SAVE A MAN that you posted to me. Thank you, brother Ed. I have begun given them out to people in some of the Liberian villages. Three persons have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour as a result and have been baptized into our Lord. I need more Bibles for the ministry works. I have received 2 boxes of Bibles (total of 24) from you since the beginning of this year. I would be glad if you can inform me whenever you send me any items.

Yours in Christ Mike Foday from Monrovia, Liberia W. Africa

Dear Evang Bousman,

I have to thank you for the rich spiritual food you have been making available to the body of Christ through your inspirational programme on Radio Africa. As a pastor, I have found this great refreshment every week I listen to this soul-saving programme. May the almighty God bless you. Meanwhile, I would be very grateful if you could send me the Bible study lessons that you announced at the end of your programme.

Evang Asante from Ghana, W. Africa

Greetings servants of God Ed and Sister Naomi and all GIJAPA family,

We have received 2 boxes of the 5 that you sent. Thank you very much for clothing us. God continue to bless you and be in good health. I hope you have received my mail I sent with pictures. Please continue to support us with more clothes and Bibles in return we will also do more for the Lord. All the churches we gave Bibles say, thank you and asking for more especially Kandemba congregation.

Always stay blessed. John Maseka. Zambia, Central Africa

To my dear brother Ed and sister Naomi,

Thank you very much for saving the life for my mother, Daina Maseka. The doctor told me that, if you did not send the money, after 10 days, there is no cure. I don't know another word in English I can say thank you. I will post the documents on Thursday after she gets her fifth injection. My brother Ed and sister Naomi, only God knows how we feel for your help to save my mother. She would have died acting like a dog, this I am told by the doctor. You are a great blessing to the church, lost souls, community and my family as a whole God bless you. Where would the life for my mother be without your assistance you sent recently, my mother would have died a very bad death that would have left great pains to us, she started feeling some pains, tingling in the area of the dog bite. The doctor told me that when the first signs of rabies begin no treatment known to medical science can save my mother's life. Anyone dying with rabies act like a dog before dying. This was bad news. I told the doctor to let me pray. I praved crying to the Lord; mention you Brother Ed and Sister Naomi Bousman to help me save my mother from dying like a dog. She taught me the value of faithfulness to God and to the Church of Christ and that was the beginning of my Christian journey. In her life together with my late father, they have opened two churches in Copperbelt, Kitwe, in Gerneton Compound, Carneton Church of Christ in early 1970 and Luongo Church of Christ along Mulfuliva road just crossing the rail line. The two churches are still there and doing very well. I am thankful to God to hear my prayer to speak to you to save my mother's life. We have nothing to send you in return but our heart and love. God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. Enclosed are pictures for evangelism campaign. The baptism for the 65 years old man, and the brother from Kyansange Church of Christ, 85 kilometers away from Solwezi, who came to get 14 Bibles on his bicycle. The other picture is my shoe with holes in the bottom, please send me some shoes size 42 = 8 in US. I do all my work walking, recently I went to Chafukuma Church of Christ walking more than 24 Kilometers. Please send more clothes and Bibles when you can we have received request from 2 schools and one prison warden asked me why don't you help the prisoner with Bibles? I was speechless. I can use a bicycle if someone has one they would like to donate. Your bicycles in America are very strong, and if I had one I could do more for the Lord. I will gladly always remember you in my daily prayers. May the Lord almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ multiply your blessings. I remain your brother and fellow servant of Jesus John Maseka Solwezi, Zambia.





Photo above: Messenger Church of Christ, Zambia. Photo to Right: US Postal box on bicycle with 14 Bibles; rode 85 kilometers from Kyansange Church of Christ.

Correction

In the June issue of GIJAPA we put WHAT SAVES A MAN on page 4. Under the section: LOVE OF THE TRUTH saves II Thess 2:18 should have been II Thess 2:10.

WE NEED BIBLES

As you can tell from the letters we receive, we need more Bibles to send to our Churches in Africa. I stepped out on faith and ordered 192-8 cases which cost a little over \$1,000. I know that most of you are giving all you can, but if you have any extra money you can spare for postage to ship these Bibles to: Sunset Beach Church of Christ in Phillipines; Messenger Church of Christ in Zambia, Central Africa; London Corner Church of Christ in The Gambia, W. Africa; Triumph Church of Christ, Liberia, W. Africa; and Ike & Lee Pertey in Gahana, W. Africa have several Churches; you will be blessed over and above anything you dreamed possible. It cost \$52-55 to send 13 Bibles. Thank you and God bless.

Hillsboro Family Camp Schedule Sunday Morning Worship - July 25th Sunday School 9:30 a.m. - Worship 10:30 a.m.

Area Rally - Sunday Eveing -July 25th at 7:00 p.m. Devotional Speaker - Leo Kuhn/Featured Concert, The McManaway Fanily

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
9:00-9:30	Family Worship Main Pavilion - Jeff Bush			
9:40-10:10		George Faull	Paul Ponchot	Kevin Yeager
10:20-10:50		Dennis Crehan	Merle Farnsworth	Mike Roberts
11:00-11:30		Wade Allen	Tony Sullivan	Denny Coburn
2:00-2:05	Scripture and Prayer			
		Congregational Singing		
2:10-2:55		Special Session	George Faull	3/5 Session
	Congregational Singing			
3:10-3:55		Harvey Bream	Johnny Pressley	Tom Lawson
7:00-7:05	Scripture and Prayer			
7:05-7:20	Special Music Concerts			
7:20-7:50	Ray Bennett	Steve White	Glen Bourne	Johnny Pressley
7:50-8:20	Congregational Singing and Special Music			
8:20-8:50	Tony Sullivan	Mike Kjergaard	Tom Lawson	



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