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“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.”

The Bible says we were without strength.

God told Job that unless a man can deck himself in majesty and excellency, and array himself with glory and beauty, and abase those that are proud, then God would confess to that man that his own right hand can save himself (Job 40:9-14). Jesus said which one of you with taking thought can add one cubit to his stature (Matthew 6:27)?

Answer: none of us have the power to do any of that. If we don't have power to something like that, what makes you think we can save ourselves from the wrath of God (Deuteronomy 32:29, Isaiah 43:13). So much for salvation by your own merit!

But praise God, he is able to give STRENGTH to all (1 Chronicles 29:11-12).

In our natural state we are weak and without strength (the flesh is weak – Matthew 26:41). But the LORD desires to be our strength (Psalm 37:39, 46:1, 73:26)

Psalm 31:10-14 – Your strength fails because of your iniquity, but you can trust in God and he will be your strength, and he will raise you up (Isaiah 40:31)!

Jesus Christ is the Strength of God:

Take hold of God's strength (Isaiah 27:4-5)

The rod of thy strength (Psalm 110:2)

God is my strength (Psalm 118:14, Isaiah 12:2)

The saving strength of God's right hand (Psalm 20:6).

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Did you know that before God created this world, he knew the price he would have to pay one day (see Acts 2:22-24, Revelation 13:8, 1 Peter 1:18-21, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 24:44-47)? Before Adam breathed his first breath, the Lord knew he would one day die for him and for those born after his seed. He knew all along, that Lucifer would rebel, and 1/3 of the angels would sin, and man would sin against him too. He knew it before hand; none of this surprised him. But God was willing to pay the price for us and become our strength and salvation for us in due time.

In due time, Christ died for the ungodly. The Bible says the Messiah would die but not for himself (Daniel 10:26). The LORD knew and planned this long ago, that he would become our Lamb. Then when the appointed time came, God was manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16) and dwelt among us and died on that cross for our sins and rose again from the dead!

The Lord said he came to call sinners to repentance (Matthew 9:10-13). He came into this world to save sinners, not godly men (1 Timothy 1:15).

Paul goes on to say that for a righteous man few would even dare to die. He said it is very rare for a man to lay down his life for another man who is a good man.

Look at Matthew 5:41.

**BUT, GOD!**

One day about 4,000 years ago, the Lord said it repenteth me that I have made man upon the face of the earth. And the Lord was about to destroy all of mankind, BUT Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

One day thousands of years ago there was famine in the land of Canaan, and Israel and his sons would have died in that land, BUT God sent Joseph ahead of them to Egypt to preserve life. Even though they did evil in selling their brother and lying about it, and didn't know there would be a great famine in the land that would have surely killed them, God saw to it that they would survive! (Genesis 45:8, 50:20)

When God led the children of Israel out of Egypt, he knew if he led them down a particular path they would be afraid and return to Egypt, so God led them down a different road for their sakes (Exodus 13:17-18)

One day the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt being oppressed for over 400 years. BUT God, because he loved their fathers (Deuteronomy 4:37) brought them up out of Egypt by the blood of a lamb.

One day the children of Israel were trapped by their enemies at the Red sea, BUT GOD parted the red sea and caused them to pass through safely and killed their enemies. Why'd he do that? Because he loved them.

One day Israel was about to be exterminated by a man named Haman, BUT GOD saved Israel out of his hand and slew Haman.

One day the nation of Israel along with the Gentiles killed the Prince of Life, and hanged him on a tree, BUT GOD raised him from the dead (Acts 13:30)

Read Jeremiah 31:3.

One day I was sinking in sin, without hope and without God, a child of disobedience with the wrath of God abiding upon me, and on my way to a devil's hell; BUT GOD in his mercy and love drew me to himself and saved me! Thank God for the but's in the Bible! (Ephesians 2:1-7)

Read Isaiah 12:1.

But God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. You know what that means, Jesus Christ didn't die for his friends, he didn't die for good people, he didn't die for worthy people, he died for sinners; he died for his enemies. That's how great the love of God is toward us (1 John 4:10, 3:16)

God says in that Bible I am angry with the wicked every day (Psalm 7:11), he said he hates those that sin (Psalm 5:5, 45:7), but God also said this, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, shall not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Christ died for us. God died for us (Acts 20:28). In due time, he came as he had promised. He has also become our strength and salvation!

We are now justified by his blood and saved from wrath through him.

That means God can't find fault with us anymore, he has justified us by his blood. His blood has atoned for our souls and taken away our sins. Since we have been justified by God's blood, we have been saved from his wrath! We don't have to fear death and hell anymore!

If God died for us while we were his enemies, now that we are saved and reconciled to God, we can know for sure we shall be saved by his life! No more doubts, no more worrying, Jesus has saved me and will save me from the wrath to come.

The LORD has said, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED. HEAR YE ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. I HAVE GIVEN MY BEST, I HAVE GIVEN MY ALL, I HAVE GIVEN MY SON TO ATONE FOR YOU ALL. BY WHAT MEANS YOU ASK, AND BY WHAT COST? BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, BY THE DEATH OF MY SON. IT IS FINISHED HE SAID! SIN IS PAID FOR AT ONCE. MY WRATH IS APPEASED FOR I SEE THE BLOOD. COME UNTO ME AND BE YE SAVED ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR I AM GOD AND THERE IS NONE ELSE. REPENT OF THY SINS AND PUT FAITH IN MY SON, AND I WILL FORGIVE AND SEE YOU AS SON. ETERNAL LIFE I HAVE PROMISED, ETERNAL LIFE I WILL GIVE; TO AS MANY THAT SHALL TRUST HIM, SHALL IN MY PRESCENCE DAILY LIVE.