

In Him

Scripture

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.” (Eph 1:7-10 NKJV)

Devotion

In Him we have redemption. What a blessing these words are for if it was up to me to earn my way to heaven there would be no hope. However, God has made known the mystery of His will to His children.

The way of salvation is through Christ and no other. The Gospel has been revealed to Jew and Gentile and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Yes, the mystery of His will has been revealed to you too if you are indeed saved.

Why revealed? Because there is none that seeks God, no not one (Rom. 3:11) “They have all turned aside; they have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” (Ro 3:12 NKJV) Yes, count your many blessings for without God’s grace you would have continued down the path of destruction.

Allow me this modern analogy for a moment. It’s like God working on the operating system of a computer. A computer has an operating system like Windows. Certain parts of the computer do what they do because it is part of the system. However, it also has software that does a myriad of things. Regeneration is God working on the operating system while we install new software. God put in a new operating system and we can now install new programs that can use this new and improved system. I know I am showing my ignorance to you techies, but I hope you get the picture. Without the new operating system, the new programs won’t work.

This is cause for great celebration, but it also makes us responsible. We must install the new programs. That is our responsibility. In fact, it may be demonstrated from Scripture that a person who does not change is not saved at all. “. . . If anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2Co 5:17 NKJV)

The new operating system and the new programs go together so take note if things are not running right. If you are always crashing, maybe something needs to be updated.