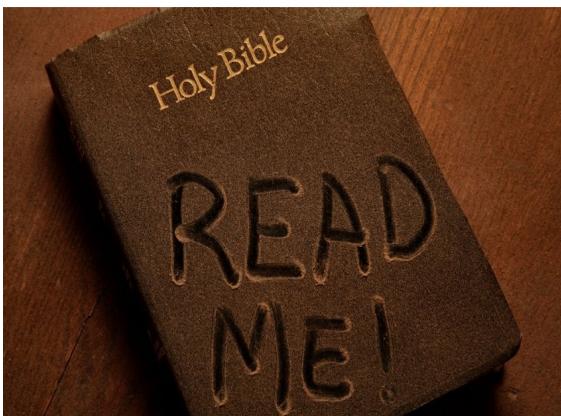
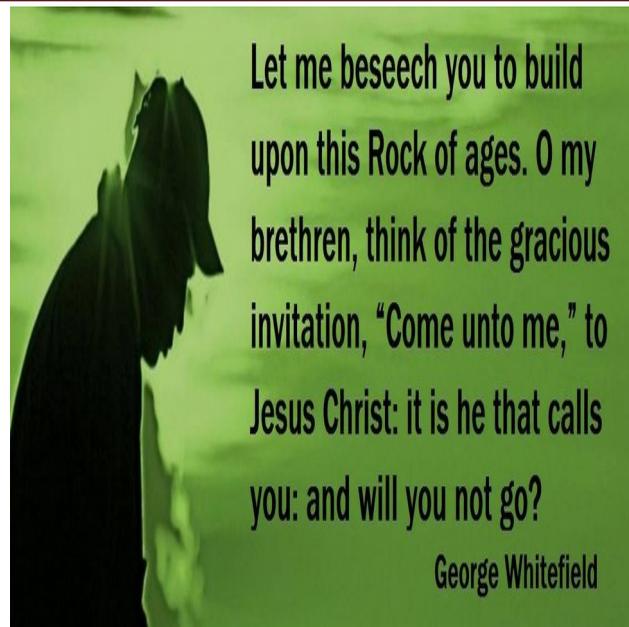


What is meant by coming to Christ?

It is not, my brethren, coming with your own works: no, you must come in full dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ, looking on him as the Lord who died to save sinners: Go to him, tell him you are lost, undone, miserable sinners, and that you deserve nothing but hell; and when you thus go to the Lord Jesus Christ out of yourself, in full dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find him an able and a willing savior; he is pleased to see sinners coming to him in a sense of their own unworthiness; and when their case seems to be most dangerous, most distressed, then the Lord in his mercy steps in and gives you his grace; he puts his Spirit within you, takes away your heart of stone, and gives you a heart of flesh. Stand not out then against this Lord, but go unto him, not in your own strength, but in the strength of Jesus Christ.

George Whitefield



J. R. Miller - The Necessity of Daily Bible Reading (Christian devotional)

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



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People are not truly grieved by the sins in others, which they complacently expose and condemn. Too often they seem to delight in having discovered something unbeautiful in a neighbor, and they swoop down upon the blemish – like a vulture on carrion! If ever criticism is indulged in – it should be with deep grief for the friend, that the fault exists in him; and with sincere desire that for his sake it be removed; and then the criticism should be made, not in the ear of the world – but “between him and you alone.”

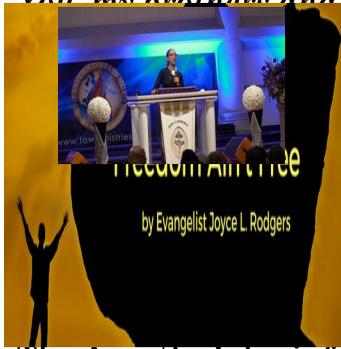
- J.R. Miller: Judging Others, 1894.





So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. –John 8:36 NIV

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. –Galatians 5:13-14



winding up his sermon. “So yes, we are called to freedom,” he said. “Freedom ain’t free! I know that’s bad English, but it’s sho ‘nuff good English!” He said, “Freedom ain’t free, both at what the preacher said about “bad English,” and at what he said about freedom. Those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior are set free from the power of sin and death. Though freely given, it is a price. He set himself in Matthew 11:28: “Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest,” the gift of that freedom is a price.

The Apostle John informs us that our heavenly Father loved us so much; He gave His only begotten Son so no one have to perish (John 3:16). By believing on His Son we are assured of eternal life and escape from the surety of an eternity spent in hell (the ultimate “get out of jail card,” I might add!).

In order to secure our salvation, God had to be willing to send His son to die a sacrificial death on a Roman cross. The death was substitution; He stood in our place. We deserved to die – He did not. Because the Father was willing to send Jesus, and because He was willing to die, freedom from the grip of sin and death was made accessible to every man.

And think about the type of death the Son endured! The manner of death was inhumane and certainly cruel. Unjustly accused and condemned to death, the innocent, unblemished Lamb sacrificed His life in the place of guilty sinners tarnished with the stain and stench of sin. Mocked, ridiculed and spat upon, He demonstrated His love for us by dying for each of while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8).

As you can see, even though our salvation was provided so willingly and so freely, it certainly wasn’t free. In this month when our country celebrates freedom, let’s be sure to remember those who gave their lives fighting in wars and conflicts around the globe, just so we can enjoy American freedom and liberty. And as we celebrate, let’s not ever forget the One who made the ultimate sacrifice so we could enjoy the ultimate freedom. Freedom ain’t free! Be Blessed.

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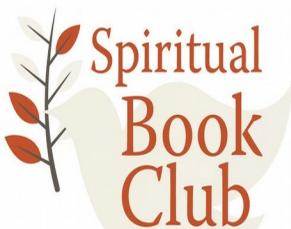
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