

Early VICTORY Ponderings

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Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday are right around the corner. Are you prepared to enter the Good Friday & Resurrection Sunday *season*?

I'd like to begin by calling for the personal application of a counter-cultural thing. Our secular culture *runs from shame*. I would suggest we embrace SHAME. Once we accept our sin and are shamed by it, we are better positioned to move forward in humility, a humility sufficient to respond to shame in a most encouraging, victorious way. This would include confession & repentance. And just how is it we find VICTORY in this?

Would we follow the tax collector's example (see Luke 18:9-14) and grieve our sin? Would we do so in a way that seeks **resolution** – the removal of the shame? This transcendent-to-ourselves *perspectival victory* is available in what Jesus Christ has accomplished almost 2,000 years ago: VICTORY (the victory above all victories!) in the event of His securing salvation for mankind. This victory is found in two acts: His sacrificial death on the cross – to pay for sin – and His glorious resurrection – to overcome death for those who would but receive His loving gift of salvation.

To those of us who are already believers, we'd encourage this: Let's renew our focus on this glorious VICTORY accomplished by God on our behalf. Even if we're not in devotion around the already-in-progress LENT meditations, we can still, beginning today, enjoy victorious ponderings. May we *take the HIGH ROAD* and carve out devotional time around the greatest delivery in the whole of human history – freedom from sin and eternal death through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. IF we do so, we will find precious blessings therein.

For some who are NOT those who believe & are not baptized unto new birth (Mark 16) – regeneration – we, as Ambassadors of Christ, implore you: **Be reconciled to God**. Relational reconciliation with God only takes place through the Way, the Truth, the Life (Jesus Christ). No one can come to Father God except through Him. Indeed, there is no other name under heaven whereby one can be saved.

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