

Therefore, Brethren, We Are Debtors, Not To The Flesh

Ro 8:12-14; 12 "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

As God's creatures, we are all debtors to him. We should be happy to obey him with all our body, and soul, spirit, and strength. Why? Because we all have broken his commandments, wherefore, we are debtors to his satisfied justice, for we owed to him a vast amount which we are not able to pay.

If you have a loan at the bank, and someone else pays that loan off: when you go to pay, they will tell you the loan is already paid in full. They may tell you who paid the debt and if they do you have great gratitude to that person for paying your debt off. You don't have a receipt, but the bank tells you that you do not owe anything, and as unbelievable as it may seem, you accept that by faith.

If I am not a debtor to God's justice, where is the receipt of the debt that is paid? I do not have physical evidence that says my sin debt is paid. Where is the evidence that my debt to God's justice is paid? Where is the one who paid the debt? In the eternal heaven on the throne of God. Here, Child of God, is your receipt, and it is stamped paid in full by the marks of his suffering on the cross. Remember what the resurrected Jesus said to doubting Thomas? **Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.**" The one who pays the debt is the one who gets the receipt. Here is physical evidence of the stamp, paid for in full.

As a Child of God, as unbelievable as it may seem, you believe your sin debt is paid in full, and your debt of justice to God is paid in full. You also believe that you have eternal life. You believe that you are a Child of God. All of this you believe without having any physical evidence. It is all by faith, which is the gift of God.

C. H. Spurgeon said: *Christ said, "It is finished!" and by that he meant, that whatever his people owed was wiped away forever from the book of remembrance. Christ, to the uttermost, has satisfied divine justice; the account is settled; the handwriting is nailed to the cross; the receipt is given, and we are debtors to God's justice no longer. I am a debtor to God's grace and forgiving mercy; but I am no debtor to his justice, for he will never accuse me of a debt already paid.*

Do you mean God has a book that list all the things I have done? Yes, and we have physical evidence of this seen in: **Re 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**" This scripture tells me: God has a record of every sin of every person, which have been committed against him and his people.

"and another book was opened, which is the book of life:" Coupled to this is: **Re 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**" This is the registry of God, with the names of every person that will be in heaven. Those who Christ Jesus died for upon the cross, and blotted out their sin debt, so that all that remains is their names in the **"book of life."**

Understand, if the debt, of the justice of God for sins is paid in full; we have a greater debt of gratitude to make known. How then can we express to God this debt of gratitude we owe?

- We can give him thanks for his rich forgiving love.
- We can thank God for giving his only begotten Son to die for us.
- We can thank God for the gift of the new birth and eternal life in Christ.
- We can thank God for giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to understand.
- We can thank God for the security of the surety of our eternal life in Christ.
- We can thank God we are given access to fellowship in his church on earth.
- We can thank God for the manifestation, of every attribute of God that is manifested in our lives.

To sum it all up: We owe God everything we have and are. We pay this debt of love we owe, by fulfilling the scripture in: **Ro 12:1 ¶ "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that "**we are debtors, not to the flesh,**" because of your finished work. Hallelujah!