**R947 Rumination for Mar. 19, 2023 by K.C. Ung**

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The **T**ext:  *Now our* ***Lord Jesus Christ Himself****, and God, even our Father…* II Thes. 2:16

The **T**hots:

“***Him****self*” **E**mphasizes the **E**xclusiveness of ***Him*** and ***Him*** Alone. There is indeed none other! Thus, …

1. **Jesus *committed Himself to Him* [God] *that judgeth righteously*: I Pet. 2:23**
2. Jesus Himself Alone was found to be **S**inless…
3. *He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth:* I Pet. 2:22
4. *And in Him is no sin* I Jn. 3:5c
5. *For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin;* II Cor. 5:21
6. Whereas we were found to be **S**inful:
7. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*; Rom. 3:23
8. *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:* Rom. 3:10
9. *There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.* Rom. 3:11
10. *There is none that doeth good, no, not one.* Rom. 3:12

* *Hence, He was manifested to take away our sins.* I Jn. 3:5b

1. **Jesus *his own self******bare our sins in His own body on the tree****,* **I Pet. 2:24**
2. *For this He did once, when He offered up* ***Himself****.* Heb. 7:27
3. *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered* ***Himself***

*without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* Heb. 9:14

* *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold…*

*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:* I Pet. 18:19

1. **Now, *he himself hath Suffered being tempted, He is able to Succour them that are tempted***. **Heb. 2:18**
2. *Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him,*

*seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* Heb. 7:25

1. *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities;*

*but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* Heb. 4:15

* *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy,*

*and find grace to help in time of need.* Heb. 4:16

1. ***When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.* Heb. 1:3**
2. *Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him,*

*seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* Heb. 7:25

1. *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin,*

*we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation*

*for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole* world. I Jn. 2:1, 2

1. ***This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself…after that He was risen from the dead.* Jn. 21:14**
2. Thus after that, *Jesus began both to do and teach*… Acts 1:1-3

*Until the day in which He was taken up, after that He through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles…to whom also He shewed* ***himself*** *alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

1. Then He ascended into Heaven! Acts 1:9-11

One day, ***this same Jesus Himself*** will return to take His people back to be with Him.

*When He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight…While they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?* ***this same Jesus,*** *which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.*

1. **Thus, one day *the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:***  **I Thes. 4:16**
2. The Dead in Christ will be **R**aised to meet Him personally.
3. The Living in Christ at that time will be **R**aptured to meet Him in the air: I Thes. 4:17a

*Then we which are alive and* ***R****emain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds,*

*to meet the Lord in the air:*

1. All will then be ushered into their **R**est – *and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* I Thes. 4:17b
2. With the faithful ones **R**eceiving their **R**eward from Him. Mt. 25:21, 23

*His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

* *He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* Rev. 22:20
* For now: Let us continue to **R**emember Him in His death, burial and resurrection as He **R**equested us to do so

*He just put* ***Himself*** *in my place, He just put* ***Himself*** *in my place;*

*This is the Gospel story, To Jesus the glory,*

*He just put* ***Himself*** *in my place.* Author Unknown

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 947**

1. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 –

*For* ***the Lord Himself*** *shall descend from heaven with a shout,*

*with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:*

*and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

Shall I tell you what brought me to Jesus,

What caused me to seek His blessèd face?

It was this, that, to save and to cleanse me,

He just put **Himself** in my place.

Refrain

He just put **Himself** in my place,

He just put **Himself** in my place;

This is the Gospel story,

To Jesus the glory,

He just put **Himself** in my place.

O, He felt all my load in the garden,

My guilt He did carry on the tree;

I was lost, and condemned unto judgment,

But my Lord **Himself** died for me.

Refrain

Soon He’s coming again from the glory,

The prophets of God on this agree;

And till then this to others I’m telling,

That for them He died as for me.

“***The Lord Himself***” **E**mphasizes that He and He alone is the one and there is none **E**lse.

It **E**xcludes every other one **E**lse besides!

Acts 4:12 – *Neither is there salvation in any other:*

*for there is none other name under heaven given among men,*

*whereby we must be saved.*

John 14:6 – *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:*

*no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*

I Tim. 2:5-6 – *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,*

*the Man Christ Jesus; Who gave* ***himself*** *a ransom for all, to be testified in due time*.

Do you believe that the above statements are all true? **REFLECT**

1. “***Him****self*” without the “***Him***” (referring to the Lord) taken away leaves us with “*Self*” – the very essence of the “Flesh,” without the “H” and “SELF” spelt backwards.

Indeed, SELF without Him (Christ) is corrupt as Paul himself discovered, experienced, concluded, and exclaimed:

*For I know that in me (that is, in my* ***flesh****,) dwelleth no good thing:*

*For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.* (Rom. 7:18) Thus, Paul concludes:

*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

*I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* (Rom. 7:24, 25).

**Only Jesus Christ our Lord HIMSELF** can deliver Paul from SELF and SIN!

So that Paul can now say:

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:*

*and the life which I now live in the* ***flesh*** *I live by the faith of the Son of God,*

*who loved me, and gave* ***Himself*** *for me.* (Gal. 2:20) **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder**: *Only CHRIST* ***HIMSELF*** *can deliver us from the FLESH and SELF.*