

Counted as Loss

In past studies, we have seen the two foundations the church can build on to develop it's understanding of God: Carnal or Spiritual. It is the understanding of Calvary that will transition us into the spirit of love.

God is love. 1John 4:16

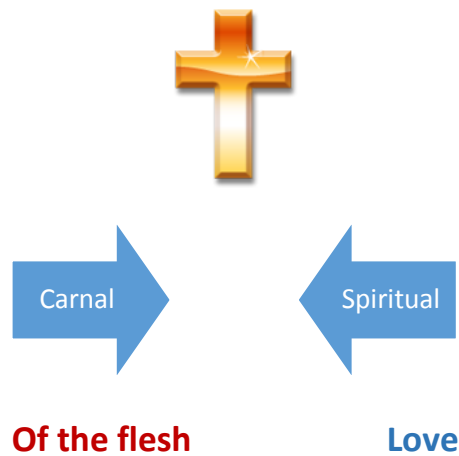
Love does not keep a record of sin. 1 Corinthians 13:5

If these things be true then Christ did not die to pay a sin debt, but to manifest God's ability to forgive:

Luke 23

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

All were forgiven without repentance, belief, or even asking.



Pro 6:23

(23) For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the law *is* light; and **reproofs of instruction are the way of life:**

The Parable of the Wheat and Tares

Matthew 13:24-30

(24) *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:*

(25) *But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

Col 1:21

(21) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

(26) *But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.*

(27) *So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?*

(28) *He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?*

(29) *But he said, **Nay**; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.*

(30) **Let both grow together until the harvest:** *and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.*

The Parable of the Wheat and Tares Explained

Matthew 13:36-43

(36) *Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.*

(37) *He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;*

(38) *The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*

CHILDREN: The fruit of the womb (concepts of the mind-thoughts); a child spiritually is someone who is immature in Christ- Ps 127:3-5

(39) *The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

(40) *As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.*

(41) *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

(42) *And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

(43) *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Joseph's Dream

Genesis 37:9-10

(9) *And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.*

(10) *And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? **Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?***

The 6th Seal

Rev 6:12-17

(12) *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and **the sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became as blood;***

The Sun is a symbol of Christ, the Moon a symbol of the book itself. Without the Sun, the Moon has no light of it's own.

(13) *And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.***

The stars are the children of the Sun and Moon. The fig tree is also a symbol of spiritual Israel and the truths they carry. CF Matt 13:18-22, Matt 24:29-33

(14) *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

(15) *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*

(16) *And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:*

(17) *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Philippians 3:3-11

(8) *Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of **the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:** for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

(9) *And be found in him, **not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:***

(10) *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*

(11) *If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.*