



Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more, But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me – Now safe am I.

Love lifted me, Love Lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me; Love lifted me.

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All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true – Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service too – To Him belongs.

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Sold in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love – Out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey; He you Savior wants to be – Be saved today.

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In Christ: Paul, Law, Grace

Ephesians 1:10; Phil. 3:4-9

- 1. With all that we have learned about law systems in general and circumcision in specific, we can now appreciate why Paul warns the Philippians with not just 1 or 2 but 3 warnings: beware, Beware, BEWARE!
 - a. Don't let anyone take your eyes and reliance off who Christ is\ and what He did for you ...
 - b. And get you to place them on who you are and what you do.

- 2. If they succeed, they will steal away your joy in Christ and ruin your Christian walk. You will either:
 - a. Be honest and acknowledge the impossibility of doing anything through the flesh that pleases God and despair like Paul in Rom. 7.
 - b. Or you will be a hypocrite creating your own dumbed down, easier man-made law system, pretend it is God's Law, and boast in how well you are keeping of it. Paul as a Pharisee before he met Christ (Phil. 3:4-6).
 - --All the dumbed down Pharisaical law that Paul boasted in through the flesh accomplished was to give him a zeal AGAINST God not for God, persecuting Christ and His people, even unto death (Rom. 10:2-3; Phil. 3:6; Acts 26:2 -11).

- 3. Picking easy things out of the Law—eating certain foods, observing days, external circumcision, etc., making of them your own man-made law system and then boasting in how well you are keeping it is just prideful, selfish hypocrisy. The strictest observers of the Law in Israel, the Pharisees, Jesus revealed as hypocrites (Mat. 23:13, 14, 15).
 - --Jesus repeatedly exposed this lie in His earthly ministry. They spent all day doing the little easy things of the Law like counting anise and cumin seeds while ignoring the great hard things like dispensing justice, mercy and faith (Mat. 23:23).
 - --This is how the Galatians misused the law (Gal. 5:3). This is how Paul misused the law before He met Christ (Phil. 3:4 -9). And this is how all man-made religious, church, denominational law systems have worked ever since.

- 4. An honest person who goes under a law system through the flesh will respond like Paul (Rom. 7:7-25).
 - a. Be struck down by Thou Shalt Not Covet (v. 7).
 - b. Be defeated, discouraged and despair (v. 11-23).
 - c. Causing them to fall on God's Grace crying out: O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death (Rom. 7:24).
 - d. The answer is a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom God cut off (spiritual circumcision) the body of sin, death and flesh when Christ was cut off on the Cross (Rom. 6:6; Col. 2:11) and raised us up together with Christ unto newness of life.
 - e. And that is what Phil. 3 is all about for Paul. Once Paul realized this, everything else was worthless, nay, dung (Phil. 3:7-8).

- 5. LAW SYSTEM: Self-generated desire to gain something from God through the flesh:
 - = coveting (10th commandment), which
 - = idolatry (1st commandment Col. 3:5), which
 - = breaks the whole LAW! which brings
 - = SIN and DEATH and DESPAIR into our walk (Rom. 7:7-10)!!
- 6. GRACE SYSTEM: God-generated desire to serve God in Love out of thankful gratitude for Him giving us EVERYTHING in Christ through the Spirit:
 - = Selfless service, sharing God's things with others, which
 - = Worships God out of thankful gratitude, which
 - = More than fulfills the whole LAW! Which brings
 - = RIGHTEOUSNESS and LIFE AND VICTORY into our walk (Rom. 6:11-13)!!

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His Grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me!

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame for joy!

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name