

Wings Into His Presence

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Recently, Jesus revealed Himself to me in a wonderful way. I had been talking with a friend about how much the Holy Spirit wanted to reveal Jesus to us. Suddenly we became keenly aware of His Presence. I said, "Jesus is here!" and we were suddenly overwhelmed with desire to know Him better. I was then impressed to ask the Lord to tell us something about Himself. What He told me I will never forget. Jesus said, "Your sin does not grieve Me nearly as much as your inability to run into My arms when you sin. I have made your sin to become wings that can carry you into the arms of My love. There I can wash you, there I can cherish you, and there your love can grow, for My love and intimacy will sanctify you."

Sin isn't just something we do; sin is who we are. Alas, is there hope for mankind? Yes, there is hope for us. Jesus Christ was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Sin can no longer create a separation between God and the one who has been reborn and made the very righteousness of God through Jesus' sacrifice. But, we can create a separation with our doubt and unbelief. A separation that grieves the heart of our loving Redeemer occurs when our sinful actions manufacture a veil of shame hindering us from being washed by His precious blood. We must no longer be shocked by our sin-nature if we are to partake of His divine nature. We must settle forever in our hearts and minds our wretched state apart from His glorious salvation if we are to ever become a sanctified people.

A chorus to a song states, "...amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree." This is the love of God toward us; this is His gospel, and good news it is indeed! This good news is not an excuse to sin, but the doorway into a salvation so powerful and perfect that our sin can no longer keep us from the loving arms of our incredible God. It is the fire of this love affair that burns up the lusts of the enemy and the hidden sins of our heart. This reality will absolutely transform us forever. This love alone can set us apart, producing a sanctification that reveals Jesus to the world around us.

He has made our grievous sin to actually become wings that can carry us into His loving arms. If we will dare to believe Him and fly to Him in our time of need, "amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree" awaits us there!