

Not By My Goodness Am I Saved

John 15:10-17

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

All my righteousness is as filthy rags.

Not by my goodness but by Jesus' great love!

But by our Lord Jesus' great ultimate sacrifice!

Greater love hath no man!

By His being spit upon, buffeted, slapped by the palm of their hands, mocking, saying prophesy to us thou Christ; who is slapping you.

By His being whipped with a cat of nine tails (a whip); forty lashes save one, thirty nine stripes, until his flesh, his back was shredded, until the blood of our Savior ran in rivulets, down His back spilling onto the ground.

No Church not by my goodness! ***But By His Precious Blood!!!***

Having a crown of thorns pressed down on his brow until the thorns dug into his scalp and forehead. Excruciating; unbelievable pain!

Not by my goodness am I saved.

But by my Lord dragging a heavy wooden cross up Golgotha's Hill, falling under the weight of that cross; not his cross; but truly ***our*** cross; dragging ***our*** sins upon his back.

Not by our goodness, or our righteousness.

But by Jesus being nailed, to that ***OLD RUGGED CROSS!***, that instrument of pain and death!

By God manifested in the flesh taking my sins, your sins, ***our*** sins unto death!

By our **Eternal Father** taking our sins and placing them in the body of his sinless son, Jesus, who willingly died in my place; in our place.

Changing the curse of the cross into something most wonderful; Our salvation!

For if not for the cross; if not for Jesus' ***great sacrifice*** of dying in ***our*** place; that we might have ***Eternal Life*** through faith in Jesus and accepting him as our Savior!