

Love Lifted Me

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- “I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth-Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.”

Christians Have Experienced His Love

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 - Eph. 2:1-3 - “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”

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- When we needed Him the most, He did not turn us away, but He took us in, bound up our wounds and gave us rest
 - John 6:37 - “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”
 - Matt. 11:28-30 - “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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- When we had nothing to offer, He condescended to reach down to lift up lonely, broken men
 - Rom. 5:1-2, 8-10, 20

Christians Have Experienced His Help

- If a legalist came by a saw a sinner in a pit, he would preach a sermon about the dangers of the pit.
- If a doctrinaire came by a saw that same sinner in that pit, he would talk about steps the sinner could take to help him get out of that pit and avoid other pits in the future.
- If a pessimist walked by, he would tell that sinner that he is probably going to die in that pit.
- If an optimist passed by, he would tell the sinner that he had seen worse pits than that.
- If a realist walked by, he would tell that man to just accept his pit.
- If a spiritualist came by, he would tell the sinner that the pit isn't real, it is only in his mind.
- But Jesus came by, got into the pit with the sinner, and helped him out.

Christians Have Experienced His Help

- Jesus robed Himself in human flesh, entered this world, and died for us on the cross
 - Phil. 2:5-8 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross”

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- He is the living embodiment of the parable of the Good Samaritan
 - Luke 10:30-37
 - John 15:13 - “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

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- He transforms the ones He lifts up and gives them blessings
 - 2Cor. 5:17 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
 - Psalm 37:23 - “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.”
 - Eph. 1:3 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ”

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- In our own lives by renewal of hope; we have been given a reason to exist
 - 1John 5:10-13 - “He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.”

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- 1John 4:9 - “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”
- John 3:36 - “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- John 5:24 - “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

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- In our own relationship with God; we have a family that will never die
 - Gal 4:6 - “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, Abba, Father!”
 - Rom. 8:16-18 - “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Christians Will Experience His Glory

- In the present, we have been lifted up by the love of God to a place of honor
 - Heb. 12:22-24 - “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”

Christians Will Experience His Glory

- God has been wanting to do that with us from the distant past
 - Psalm 113:4-9 - “The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth? 7 He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap, 8 That He may seat him with princes-With the princes of His people. 9 He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!”

Christians Will Experience His Glory

- In the future, we will be lifted up to sit in the presence of God
 - 1John 3:1-3 - “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

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Souls 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 your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!

When nothing else could help

Love lifted me!