

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

October 10th

Daily Devotional #10

*God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us,
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

Today is day 10 of our 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. It is the final day of our season of Gratitude. I hope we, as a Family, have been working on deepening our level of Gratitude towards GOD, and understanding the deep significance of Gratitude in our life with GOD.

It has been an interesting and fascinating journey studying Gratitude in Scripture. It has been an enlightening revelation to discover its significance and role in our lives as GOD-Followers, GOD-Family, GOD-Friends. I think, if I were to summarize my newly formed and still growing Greatness of Gratitude in one sentence, it would read something like this:

Gratitude towards GOD is the beginning and never-ending of my Faith-understanding as I recognize the Truth of my not deserving GOD's love or friendship, but basking joyfully in both as He sets me free from my sin, grows me and forms me into something useful for something far Greater, and sees me and treats me as far more than I deserve... a full-fledged, fully loved son of the King who is empowered by His Spirit to carry on and carry out the work and life of the Great KING of Kings.

That's quite a mouthful, yes?!

But it is so very true.

For some strange reason – it really makes no logical sense – GOD has chosen to save us. Interestingly, and again, not logically, that saving is more, much more, than the miraculous and undeserved cleansing from our unrighteousness and unrighteous acts (which is where my gratitude, *our gratitude*, begins). GOD's saving also includes the transformation of our entire being (heart, soul, mind and strength) into something more than human... He makes us the very righteousness of GOD – and for this, my gratitude, *our gratitude*, never ends.

Can you imagine? Have you stopped – I mean literally stopped your life and become completely still before GOD – and contemplated what that thought (the thought presented to us in 2 Corinthians 5:21) signifies? We, you and I, the saved and continuously being saved (continuing in the process of being transformed, trained, prepared and equipped) while completely unworthy of any level of salvation or love

from the Holy GOD of All are completely known, completely loved, and completely chosen to be HIS representative, HIS presence, HIS Family.

For that my gratitude, ***our gratitude***, never ceases!

May we be continually grateful for, and dwell in and relish the Love the Father has lavished upon us!

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us
with all wisdom and understanding
Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)*

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God!
1 John 3:1 (NIV)*