

SCCC – NO LONGER ON FILE

S – Scriptures

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5: 17

Consideration

Paul pointed out in the quoted verse the new status of Christians. In his first letter to this church, he had reminded them about their spiritual condition before turning to Jesus. He said, “Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” How could a Christian be purified, sanctified, and justified? He answered with few words, the greatest revelation of the Bible, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

C – Commitment

I have been a Christian for thirty-one years, and I have seen an amazing transformation in the lives of hundreds of people. They were not reformed; nor were trying to be a better people. They became new creations! They were metamorphosed by what the Bible calls to be born again. I have seen violent individuals turned into peacemakers, thieves turned into hardworking and generous people, prostitutes becoming blessing wives, witchdoctors changed into powerful preachers. I also have seen people of good moral standards, transformed by the power of the gospel. No longer trusting in their deeds, no longer deceived by pride, but in humility they accepted God’s righteousness offered freely to those who believe. On the cross at Calvary, God placed His Son, a perfect man, who never sinned, to receive on Himself the evil of everyone who was burdened and weary by sin. They heard Jesus’ call, surrendered their lives, and received the divine nature, as their spirits revived.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, how can we understand such love? We deserve nothing but hell, yet, in Your amazing grace, You nailed Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, to die on the cross, so that we could be Your children. I can still remember my old sinful lifestyle, and I feel ashamed of it; however, You don’t remember it anymore. You see all of us as white as snow, perfect and holy, because of our Christ’s righteousness. Thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! I praise You forever! In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen!