

## The Price - Sunday Morning, June 5, 2016

Introduction: "The Great Deliverance Came"

William Carvosso had slight talent, no education, and little money. He couldn't read or write. He appeared the most ordinary of men, and few expected him to make much of himself. He didn't. He made much of Christ. Carvosso was converted at age 21 from a "life of sin" and, growing in the Lord, wanted more and more of God's power in his life.

What I now wanted was "inward holiness," and for this I prayed and searched the Scriptures. Among the number of promises which I found in the bible, my mind was particularly directed to Ezekiel 36: 25-27 – "...I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep my judgments and do them." This is the great and precious promise of the eternal Jehovah and I laid hold of it, determined not to stop short of my privilege; for I saw clearly the will of God was my sanctification.

At length one evening, while engaged in prayer meeting, the great deliverance came. I began to exercise faith by believing, "I shall have the blessing now." Just at that moment, a heavenly influence filled the room; and no sooner had I uttered or spoken the words from my heart, "I shall have the blessing now," than refining fire went "through my heart—illuminated my soul"—scattered its life through every part, and sanctified the whole. I then received the full witness of the Spirit that the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed me from all sin. I cried out, "This is what I wanted! I have now got a new heart." O what boundless, boundless happiness there is in Christ, and all for such a poor sinner as I am!

The date was March 13, 1772, and Carvosso spent the next 60 years as a powerful soul-winner for the Methodist church of England.

## (Ezekiel 36:27)

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

## (Psalm 24: 3 – 5)

3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?

Or who may stand in His holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,

Nor sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord,  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Falsehood ≈ partial disobedience

Idolatry

Ruin morally, guile

Uselessness

Deceptive, false

Lie, lying

Vain, vanity

Many Christians choose to sacrifice their time for worship, but live lives of disobedience. God's desire is that every child of His lives in obedience to Him.

## (I Peter 3: 10 – 12)

10 For "He who would love life and see good days,  
Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

11 Let him turn away from evil and do good;  
Let him seek peace and pursue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
And His ears are open to their prayers;  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

**(I John 2: 3 – 6)** 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.

6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Every Christian needs to come to terms in their own lives to suffer through obedience and personal sacrifice for Christ, through His Church and for His Kingdom work.

**(I Samuel 15:22)**

So Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

**(Proverbs 21:3)**

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

The Apostle Paul wrote that those suffering for Christ as a result of obedience to Him will be glorified in Christ.

**(Romans 8:18)**

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.

To “reckon”, is not a rash decision but a very serious and deliberate action.

To “reckon”, as an arithmetician is balancing out. The short time of suffering through obedience to Christ, with the glory and honor we will share with Christ forever!

**(I Peter 1:15)** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

**How do we do this? (II Thessalonians 1: 11 – 12)**

11 Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power,

12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- † Look to God
- † Know God called you.
- † Fulfill His pleasure (i.e., obedience)
- † Do His work by faith in His power
- † Let God be seen (glorified) in you
- † Recognize His blessing (grace) on your life.

**(Hebrews 5:8)**

though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

**Conclusion:**

Learn obedience through your daily walk with Christ, keeping Him Lord of your life – that He would be glorified in you!

The price of living Holy lives for Christ, does not compare with the glory He has for us!

**Invitation & Lord's Supper (Matthew 26: 26 – 29)**

<sup>26</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

<sup>27</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

<sup>29</sup> But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.”