

MAY

Have you ever noticed that many of the people around you seem to be “getting away with murder”? That’s an old saying that we used to say as young kids. Today we see people who steal, have committed adultery and they seem to not only get away with it, but in the meantime, they prosper. I sometimes have wondered why the Lord doesn’t strike them with a bolt of lightning.

But then I started thinking clearly again and am so glad He doesn’t strike sinners with lightning. If He were to do this each time you went 1 mile over the speed limit, how many of us would there be left on earth. He doesn’t do this, because all of us are living in a time of grace and because He wants all to come to know Him. I certainly am thankful for the time of grace that He has given me, because the train load of sins that I have committed, I would have been fried a long time ago. We can also feel confident and look forward to His love every day of the year. What a celebration!

It seems that when May rolls around, there is a happiness in the air, not like the cold weather of winter. Does it seem that way to you too? We have many things to look forward to during this month. Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, getting our thoughts together for the garden or the field for planting and looking forward to working in the dirt. Some have already ordered their seed for planting. We look forward to warmer weather and being able to golf, along with many other outdoor activities that we can do in warmer weather.

Christians look forward to everyday of the year to celebrate our freedom from sin and eternal death, because of the action Jesus took by going to the cross on our behalf, for our forgiveness. So, you and I have even more to celebrate as we look forward to May and each month of the year. We look forward to the time we will spend in heaven forever.

God’s love and forgiveness allows us to look forward to shedding our sins just as we look forward to shed those winter clothes for lighter jackets. Oh, we can still get some cold weather in May, but we have more warm days. Students look forward to summer vacation, as adults look forward to their vacation too.

More Than Conquerors:
Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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