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Thus far we have treated of the purpose of the veil. We have looked at the material of the veil with this recolors we have considered its very important position in the tabernacle. Now we should look at the rending of the veil we've been talking about the unrent veil and the rent veil. Now what is the importance of the rending of that veil must have been very very important because at the time of the greatest event of human history the redemption of mankind on Calvary by our Lord Jesus Christ God saw to it that the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom and the meaning of that is given to us in Hebrews the tenth chapter verses 19 and 20 we read there having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus by the way which he dedicated for us a new and living way. It was a freshly slaughtered way the original Greek tells us through the veil that is to say his flesh when the veil of the temple was rent friends, it was the end the complete end never to be repeated of all Old Testament types.

It was no doubt rent as to time when the priest at the hour of incense was offering it on the altar of incense before the veil. Namely the ninth hour of the day. It was divinely rent. The veil was so woven together we're told that two pairs of oxen tied to either edge and driven in opposite directions could not tear it apart. It was hanging loosely in folds so it could not be torn by a direct stroke. The Jewish historian Josephus has much to say on this theme. It was soft that
veil was and yielding it was rent from the top. That means it was not done by man. It was done by God. It is true that wicked hands crucified our Lord Jesus. Yet he was able to say no man taketh my life from me in fact in Acts 2:23 Peter tells us that him being delivered up by the determined council and foreknowledge of God ye have with wicked hands taken and slain. But he was delivered up in the eternal councils of God. He himself in Psalm 22:15 indicates thou hast brought me in to the dust of death.

At the same time that he said no man taketh my life from me John ten eighteen he was aware that it was God who was the all-important agent the all-important personality. My God my God why hast thou forsaken me Psalm twenty two one and along this very wonderful theme I suggest Psalm 88 verse six verse seven verse sixteen Psalm 102 verse 23 and 24. And then the great passage in Isaiah 53. Ten. Yet it pleases the Lord. We've been told just before that that there was no guile found in his mouth. No deceit. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him. He hath put him to grieve. I repeat the veil was rent not by man not by human agency not by some phenomenon of nature but rent by God. More than that it was rent in the midst. The scripture tells us not down the side. There's no side entrance that Christ made for his own in his death.

The Ark stood in the center of the Holy of Holies and close to the veil. And when that veil was rent friends in the midst it was rent right in front of the Mercy Seat immediately before it. Faith in Christ my dear friend brings a sinner into immediate touch with a merciful God. Romans 3:25 there may be an unbeliever who is listening to this tape. I would like to say a personal word to you friends and that is that looking unto Christ alone not trusting in any merit of your own anything you've ever done or could do. No works even of religious nature so-called could help you. Faith in Christ will bring you as an undone sinner into the immediate presence of
the Merciful God. Romans 3:25 tells us that it was Christ that God set forth to be a propitiation what does that mean.

A satisfying sacrifice a sacrifice that rendered God favorable for all time and eternity. Toward ungodly hell deserving sinners. God sent Christ forth as that kind of a sacrifice. How through faith in his blood to accomplish what. To show his righteousness God's righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime God wasn't looking at sin in days before the death of Christ he was not looking at sin complacently. No he said in a coming day you're going to see just how much that displeases me how contrary that is to my heart and to my nature. So he wanted to show his righteousness he was righteous all along. But in his appointed time Christ was going to show it by his death because he did. God did pass over the sins down before time in the forbearance of God.

It was because of the long suffering of God but now bless God. He shows his righteousness at this present season that he himself might be just. Think of it. God says you may have had wrong ideas about me. As to whether I was not completely just but he says now you know that I'm just. I've exacted the proper penalty even though it's been in the person of my blessed son. Not only is God seen to be just but the justifier the one who makes just whom the justifier of him hath faith in Jesus so I say faith in Christ brings a sinner into the immediate touch into the immediate presence with a merciful God. Now that veil was rent, we saw at the time the time of the incense it was divinely rent and it was rent in the midst and it was rent completely from top to bottom. Not a thread left in the way oh how many want to begin in grace but want to end some other way. Paul had a very stern word to the Galatians who had departed from the truth of by faith alone.
By Grace Alone he said having begun in the spirit. Are you going to conclude are you going to be made perfect? Is it the job going to be finished by something you can do? No. No thread left in the way. Grace begins and Grace ends it. It is finished. Every obstacle in God's way of saving sinners is now taken away and that has been done by God himself. It can't be an imperfect work. It couldn't possibly be because God is not an imperfect God. He never does anything imperfectly. When he looked at his work in the natural creation the last verse of Genesis one says and he saw all that he had made and behold. He didn't say it was fair or it was possible. All that was fair to middling. Oh no no no no no. He said as he saw all that he had made me behold it was not only just good but very good. Yes.

When God does it it's done perfectly. God is the one who has the right to say who shall be in his presence. Who shall live in his presence eternally. We are co-crucified with Christ when we say it's rent completely. On that veil there were Cherubim engraved intertwined and woven in it and they as we're going to see when we speak of the Ark and the cherubim the mercy seat we'll see that the cherubim speak of believers in the presence of God. So here we have the veil rent. Well it not only rent the flesh of our Lord but we will be cherubim in that veil representing us. We were crucified with him this co-crucifixion Galatians 2:20 I've been crucified with Christ. What happened to him there physically happened to me also spiritually because by intent by definite intent I take that as my death as my payment for my sin. And he paid it for me. So I have been crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I the new Paul live yet not I. Paul but it is by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ so that Galatians 2:20 speaks beautifully of this complete rending. I have been crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I. But Christ live within me Paul and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Believes then on the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved. What must I do to be saved just believe just receive the gift you remember in John 6. What must we do? They asked our Lord Jesus. The time of the feeding of the 5000 what must we do that we will work the works of God? This is the work of God that you may believe on him whom he hath sent. The truth of the veil speaks of several things as one of the great writers of another generation indicated Habersham. The veil speaks of the Incarnation John. 1:14. God manifest in the flesh. First Timothy 3:16. First John four 2 and 3 second John. 7.

We do not hold Scriptural doctrine. I say emphatically we do not hold the truth of God if we ever deny that God has come in the flesh we cannot be biblical in any sense of the word. If we do not believe that God came in the Incarnation and the veil speaks of his incarnation where he veiled his absolute undiminished deity. The rending of the veil is his death. Hebrews 2:14 and Romans 8:3 and 2 Corinthians 5:15 and 16. He died for all. And so if he died for all then it's clear that all were dead. And it also means that we who now live should no longer live unto ourselves. Not to our own purposes not to be self-centered and self-sufficient but unto him who for our sakes died and rose again. The veil the incarnation the rending of the veil his dead. Why was the veil rent to consecrate a new and living way of access to God? Hebrews 9:8 and Hebrews 10:19 and 20.

It is made so clear that never could they have entered into the presence of God. When the veil was unrent. Now that it is rent there is access into his presence Hebrews 10:19 and 20. Not only does that rent veil consecrate a new living way. But it brings us directly to God, first Peter 3:18. He died the just for us the unjust that he might bring us to God. Now within that veil. What a wonderful place to be since it has been rent. That's where we are. Our privileges are there. The High Priest entered by his own blood as the Lord Jesus Christ Hebrews 9:12. He now appears in

It means the sheet anchor of our soul is secure our anchor is fixed inside of that veil. Hebrews 6:19. He has gone as a forerunner and we have his marvelous, eternal, eternally effective redemption because he was there to make intercession for us and come boldly to the throne of grace and full assurance of faith. Hebrews 4:16. We're to come that way. Hebrews ten, we're invited verses 20 and 22. In a certain sense the whole Christian life can be included under two short phrases one within the veil the other without the camp. We are within the veil to catch a glimpse of Christ to commune with Him to fellowship with him to get spiritual sustenance to have a heartwarming such as the world knows nothing about. That's within the veil. Without the camp that's where our life is to be lived.

That's where our testimony is to be carried on in spite of the mocking in spite of the jeering. In spite of the ungodliness of the crowd we are to realize that's where we belong. By way of testimony just where our Lord went the world will have no more use for us than it had for him? If they received me they will receive you. If they rejected me they will reject you and it's clear from the scripture what has come to pass. So thank God we can come boldly to the throne of grace in full assurance of faith within the veil in order to be able to go out prepared without the camp in Jewish praying in the ministry of prayer and the activity of prayer in the synagogue a man's prayers are supposed to come into the presence of God at least that's his hope, but not he himself as we do. There's a vast difference friend.

Whether you put your petition comes before a king without your presence since you are barred from his presence or whether you present it in person directly to him. And we are able to
come boldly to the throne of grace, we're bidden to come we're told. Come come often draw nigh unto me says James and I will draw nigh unto you. The high priest has entered as the forerunner as we've been saying Hebrews 6:19 and 20. He is a forerunner. He's gone ahead of us. He's the way breaker. He's entered as the forerunner and we're to follow him someday. How glorious heaven will be because of it. We're told that Christ is the door the door of heaven is not in heaven the door to heaven is on Earth.

We don't enter here we never will enter. I am the door by me if any man enter in he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture. The little girl we're told who while walking with her father on a starry night was absorbed in contemplation at the skies when her father asked what she was thinking. She answered. I was thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so glorious what the right side must be. She was right inside the veil in his very presence. There are pleasures forvermore joy unspeakable and full of glory. Faith turned into sight. The very presence of God. Rent veil not only made way of access it not only that but it gave in an obstructed view by faith. We not only have access but we can look on what was hidden before. Hebrews 2:9 we never saw Christ in this generation.

Many generations not seen him with the physical eye, but oh dear friends with the eye that can see through the rent veil. We see Jesus seated in heaven crowned with honor and glory that blessed one who for a little while was made lower than the angels. Now for the believer the rent veil means access to the presence of God, assured hope, a source of refuge, a comfort, a stay in difficult times a soft pillow for a weary head and an aching heart. Let's rejoice in the rent veil, the fact that Christ gave himself for us for the unbeliever. It means nothing now need keep you out of the presence of God. If you have faith in Christ. The Lord the Lord himself opened the way if you come into a home and wondered whether you are welcome if the hostess herself or
the host opened the door wide and received you with open arms would you wonder whether you were welcome.

Ah with God his arms are open as was the father's arms when the prodigal came back to the father. There in Luke 15. The Lord opened the way. A great man of God a dear humble man of God was ministering. His name was Walter Scott not the Walter Scott of Ivanhoe. But this was a minister of the gospel who was once speaking about the veil of the temple being rent in two from the top to the bottom. Matthew 27:51. There's always opposition. Sometimes there is even open opposition to the preaching of the word. And so when this dear minister mentioned the veil rent in two from the top to the bottom a heckler in the back. Of the room in the congregation stood up and he said Sir I want to ask you how big was that hole. Immediately this man of God said it was big enough to let any sinner pass through. That's true my friend. It has been true since Christ died. It's true now.

It will be true until God consummates his marvelous plan and purpose for this age. I plead with you. If you've never entered in in the simple way do it. It's effective. It works. I did it some forty seven years ago in 1930. I did it some forty seven years ago and I can tell you it avails unto this hour. Does it get better as a little boy would say it gets gooder and gooder all the time. We're going on toward the perfect day because we have a glimpse of the glory beyond. We don't need to take some type of a peephole as they do in scaffolding when they're doing a new building. The sidewalk superintendents have a peephole where they can look in but we have a marvelous open vision through the veil that was rent. Friend, if you know the lord take opportunity [inaudible] as many as you can. To live in his presence, to see that blessed face the smile of his countenance, the beauty of his person.
The infinite excellences that are his that if you are not saved if you've never trusted Christ I make this earnest plea to you. Don't wait. Time is of the essence. Scripture tells us in 2 Corinthians 6:2 behold now is accepted time. Now is the day of salvation. Young people our younger generations say they. Belong to the now generation. I like that. I believe we all belong to the now generation. Behold now is accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation. One writer of old said now is the most important word in the English language. It is as far as eternal decisions are concerned. Do it now. My dear friend our Father in heaven how we thank thee for the unrent veil. Well what a personality. He never said the wrong thing. He never did the wrong thing. He never thought of purpose the wrong thing. He had the right answer and the right activity.

You have the right approach always oh the perfection of Christ. As the unrent veil perfectly mirroring thee he was telling the truth when he said to Phillip, he that hath seen me hath seen the father how then sayest thou show us the father [inaudible]. Yes he is the visible manifestation of the invisible God. So we thank thee for the unrent veil what is possible even more. For the rent veil because they're all confirmation has been cared for. The unrent veil kept us out of thy presence the rent veil allows us into thy presence. It is the wonderful accrue. To the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and now any sinner may avail himself of it and we who have been avail ing ourselves of that unrent veil the sure hope this steadfast foundation for our faith all the blessings of time and eternity that we catch a glimpse of we who have been reveling in it may we do so more and more and may we do so to such a degree that we shall be unhappy.

We shall be restless and tireless in getting this wonderful word out to those who've not entered into it yet. Its good news that it's too good to keep to ourselves. Bless then our father those who hear of the veil that speaks of Christ our access to thee. We thank thee for it from the
depths of our hearts. We thank thee for him and we shall world without end. In his blessed name we pray, amen.

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