

Are you a survivor

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”, Galatians 6:9.

Before I proceed, I ask that you consider the two definitions that follow,

A survivor to remain alive, to continue to exist, to outlive another,

Over come to defeat someone, or successfully gain control of a situation.

The not-so-good news is that the word ‘survivor’ does not appear within the Bible. There are just two types of people in the Bible, flag waving overcomes, or straightforward losers.

Thus those who proclaim that because they go to Church once a week for an hour that they are survivors. They will be standing not with the Samaritan, but with the other nine.

Let us consider the following,

“And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole”, Luke 17:12-19.

Ten men had the same disease. Ten men had to warn those they were approaching them to stay clear of them, for they were not clean. Nine went their way, believing that they had received what was there’s as a member of the Chosen Nation.

Jesus did not reimpose the disease upon them, but their actions showed that they were wide open to re inheriting the disease.

The Samaritan not only returned to give thanks, but express his adoration to the One who had blessed him with a returned healthy style of living.

By his actions, the Samaritan has claimed his right to eternity in God' s Presence.

He has joined the ranks of the Abraham' s who seek mercy from the Lord for those in sinful cities, Genesis 18:32.

He has joined the ranks of the Jacob' s who seek that the Lord will bless them, Genesis 32:26.

He has joined the ranks of the Moses' s who seek that the Lord will forgive those who sinned in their company, Deuteronomy 9:19.

He has joined the ranks of the Early Church who prayed for those imprisoned for the Gospels sake, Acts 12:5.

To day God is not looking for survivors, but those He can call to become co-workers with the above.

God is looking for those who will persevere to enter His Eternal Kingdom.

God is looking for those who will persevere to go forth and defeat Satan' s aims for the weaker vessels.

God is looking for those who will persevere to go forth and defeat Satan by dragging a worthy soul back from the flames of hell.

God is not looking for people who will write a history of a previous, but wicked planet called Earth.

God is looking for those who will persevere to do the work he has set before them.