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Clogged . . .



Most of us have experienced a time when the pipes got clogged. The plumber is called to diagnose the problem. The water is turned off, cooking is postponed and the “**trial**” begins. Sometimes we find something stuck in the drain which is blocking the flow of water. Or, there is a buildup on the inside of the pipes that is causing the water to slow to a trickle. Worst of all is a hole in one of the pipes. Our **spiritual** lives too can suffer by the things we say or do. The “**flow**” of God’s blessings can be slowed or even **blocked** by “**Layers** of disobedience”; “A **Build up** of anger and resentment” or “**Bits and Pieces** of gossip or pride”. Thankfully, The God who created us knows all of the “**trouble**” spots in our lives, and He has the perfect treatment (**I Corinthians 10:13**).

Repentance can dissolve any layer of disobedience. The Bible reminds us that “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**I John 1:9**). David asked the Lord to create in him a clean heart and renew a right spirit within him (**Psalms 51:10-12**). The Lord is good and ready to forgive (**Psalms 85:5**).

The Holy Spirit will **guard** our tongues when we **ask** Him to, and **praying** for one another will make it hard for us to gossip, and slowly, strife will **break** apart (**Ephesians 4:32, Psalms 39:1, II Corinthians 12:20-21**).

Forgiveness . . . !

When we humble ourselves before God, and ask Him to take charge of our lives, the Lord will crush the spirit of pride (**Proverbs 16:18, 29:23; Micah 6:8; I Corinthians 10:12; Isaiah 66:2**).

When we forgive others who have wronged us (living and dead), and when we forgive ourselves, The Holy Spirit will dissolve away the anger and resentment which has built up in our hearts (**Matthew 6:12-14**). Then the Lord will flood our hearts with His perfect peace (**Philippians 4:7**).

Forgiveness is for **us** (**Matthew 6:12-14, 18:21-35**)!

The Lord Loves Us So Much That . . .

He **Signed** our names in His Hand and in the Book of Life (Isaiah 49:16, Malachi 3:16, Daniel 12:1, Revelation 21:27).

He **Sealed** us for eternity by the Blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:13-14).

And He **will Deliver** us to the Father at the appointed time (Ephesians 4:30).



So, after the repairs are made, the plumber seals the pipes, and then turns on the water, to make sure the pipes will withstand the pressure. The plumber **seals** the pipes, but we have been **sealed** by the **Blood of the Lamb** (Ephesians 1:13-14), our salvation is secure and our faith will hold. Trials are a part of living, and not a punishment. The Lord allows us to go through them, and He knows how much we can bear (Job 23:10). He is always causing us to triumph (I Corinthians 10:13), and as we go through trials with joy, the Holy Spirit produces patience in us (James 1:2-4). The heroes of the Bible show us their faith was **sealed** by God and how they were able to triumph over great tests and trials.

- The Lord **sealed** Abraham's faith and when he was "**tested**" to sacrifice his only son Isaac, he passed (Genesis 22:1-14).
- The Lord knew Joseph wouldn't sin with Potiphar's wife; and He knew that Joseph would forgive his brothers for all they had done to him, because his faith was **sealed** (Genesis 2:10-15; 45:1-7; 50:19-21).
- Daniel didn't defile himself by eating the king's rich food because the Lord had **sealed** his faith (Daniel 1:8-16). The faith of Daniel and his brothers was **sealed** by the Lord, so, when they refused to bow down to the king, and were thrown into the fiery furnace, they were not burned. In fact, the Lord Himself was seen in the furnace with them (Daniel 3:16-30).
- Job's faith had been **sealed** by God, and it was God who chose him to be "**tested**" by Satan (Job 1:8). Not only did Job's faith remain **sealed** through his many trials and losses; but Job gave God praise as he went through with victory. (Job 1:22, 13:15-16).

For anyone whose life is torn apart and in need of restoration, the Lord is near and waiting. We can never fall so far that God cannot catch us. Turn to Him and repent; and He is ready to **Forgive, Restore and Seal**. (Hebrew 7:25; I Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 55:6-7, Psalm 51:6-17 17:6; Psalms 86:5; I John 1:9).

The Lord has provided us with a “uniform” to **protect** and **seal** us for every trial we will face in life. We are to put on the **Whole Armor God** (Ephesians 6:11-20). So when we; Seek the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:29, Isaiah 55:6); Pray without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17), and Praise the Lord at all times (Psalms 7:17; 34:1), access to **Our Father** and to the **Throne of Grace** will always be open.

Lord, thank you for allowing us to come before you.

We praise you for your loving kindness and tender mercy toward us. Thank you for loving us enough to send your Son who, **willingly**, gave His life to pay for our sins and give us eternal life. Forgive us for our sins, and renew a right spirit within us. Be with us and teach us as we go through trials, and carry us when get overwhelmed. You are the Good Shepherd, who provides for our needs, protects us, and delivers us in times in trouble, and we give you praise and honor. Help us to be your light in the world, so that when others see that light they might ask, “What must I do to be saved?” We ask these things by faith, trusting in you as Lord over our lives. In the name of **Jesus Christ** we pray. Amen.

For someone who wants salvation, or who is not sure where they will spend eternity, There is hope, For God so loved the world that He gave His only son; that who so ever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Prayer Of Salvation

Lord, I know I am a sinner and I need a Savior. I believe You sent your son Jesus who died on the cross and rose from the grave to pay for my sins.

I ask you to forgive me of my sins come into my heart and give me eternal life.

I ask this by faith. Amen. ~~~**Find A Local Bible Believing Church**~~~



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