

Free Gift of Righteousness

BEING IN 2 PLACES AT THE SAME TIME

No matter how hard I try, I can't:

- *mow the lawn ... while I make dinner*
- *be at home ... while I am at school*
- *restrain acting out children ... while teaching guidance lessons*

Christians confuse who they are and make troubling statements – they claim to be in 2 spiritual positions in one single breath.

- “I’m a sinner and I need Jesus!”
- “I’m a sinner saved by grace through faith!”
- “I’m a sinner just like you, and we both need Jesus.”

The problem here is that you can't be both holy/righteous (saint) and a sinner at the same time!

Those are 2 separate positions, and they are 100% OPPOSITES of each other!

The **SECOND** you receive Christ ...

- You are marked with His own seal.
- Your heart is changed FOREVER from one of stone to flesh.
- You are given a new spirit.
- You are a new creation.
- You are a royal priesthood!
- You are a co-heir to the kingdom.

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly. Proverbs 20:27 KJV

Side note - spirit of man/pilot light 💡



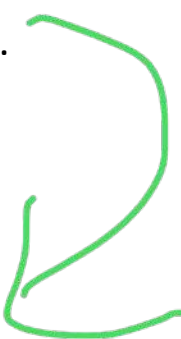
1. "The spirit of 🖐️ man (human spirit) is the 🖐️ lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts." Proverbs 20:27 (belly, heart)
2. "The spirit (conscience; *voice of the heart*) of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching and examining all the innermost parts of his being." Proverbs 20:27

AMP

You are made righteous (in right standing with The Father) because Jesus IS our righteousness and you are now holy.

- "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Hebrews 10:10
- "For by one sacrifice he has made **PERFECT** forever those who are **BEING** made holy (sanctified)." Hebrews 10:14
- Paul address US the believers as the **SAINTS** in Ephesians 1:1. Yes. The greek word for saint is hágios ... which literally means **SET APART!**

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus" Ephesians 1:1





You are made righteous and perfect because Jesus is righteous and perfect!


You are in right standing with The Father, because Jesus is in right standing with The Father! 24/7/365



No matter how hard you fall. He is **STILL** righteous and holy! Your righteousness isn't based on your own **"goodness" or "badness"** ... it is based on Him!

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- And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, **righteousness** and **sanctification** and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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- "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the **righteousness** of God." 2 Corinthians 5:20-21


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- "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." Ephesians 1:13

Yet, you can't be sealed, righteous (in right standing), holy (set apart), AND a **SINNER** at the same time.

They are opposites!
You are a new creation in Him!

My Righteous Guy

We are righteous because Jesus is righteous
.... and this is where righteousness gets
confusing.



New Creation with an inner man and outer man. Spirit and Soul (inner). Body (outer).

CONFUSION CLEARED UP

2 types of Righteousness

RIGHTEOUSNESS is being right with God. **The thief next to Jesus**

1. Imputed righteousness - justification (legal)
2. Imparted righteousness - sanctification (moral, relational, identity, the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer after justification)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill **all** righteousness." Then he consented. Matthew 3:13-15

Imputed righteousness – **justification (legal, JUST AS YOU NEVER SINNED)**

Saved from
Saved to

- Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. Romans 5:9
- For it is **impossible** for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10:4



Judgment lake of fire

OT imputed righteousness but as a band aid

For **by** grace you have been saved **through** faith. And this is not your own doing; it (salvation; righteousness) is the **gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Saved,
being saved,
will be saved


**"For with the heart one believes and is
justified, and with the mouth one
confesses and is saved."**
Romans 10:10

"the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are  justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus," Romans 3:22-24 (OT EXAMPLE) 

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Romans 4:3 BEFORE Circumcision

But the free gift (of righteousness) is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Romans 5:15-17

By faith forward in MESSIAH for the Jewish people 

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. Galatians 2:15-16,21 

The free gift is righteousness or being right with God (salvation) which comes FROM HIS GRACE.

PURSUIT

Imparted righteousness –

sanctification (moral, relational, identity, the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer after justification).

1 Cor 7:14 unbelieving spouse;
all about growth

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord (***katoptrizō***) are being transformed into the same image (soul) from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. Psalm 23:3

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. **Pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Those born or not born of God



Practice righteousness - 1 John 2:29

Practice sinning - 1 John 3:4

So flee youthful passions and **pursue** righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness"

29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:29-34

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness 2 Timothy 3:16

The law was a Holy tool for "training in righteousness" or rules/ways to live relationally with others and with God. And, these ways or rules were to be done BY faith in Him, not as a labor or work that was earned for salvation.

work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13

Grow up into salvation 1 Peter 2:2

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Jesus), and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:6

6 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 6:1

Righteousness in OT vs NT

OT - imputed righteousness only (band aid approach)

NT - imputed and imparted righteousness

Enoch, Job, Noah,
Abraham 645 years
215 to Joseph + 430
in Egypt

All. Not Jewish
Saved by faith

But. Righteousness has **always been by faith.**

1. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:17
2. "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:4

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, Romans 9:30-32

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Romans 4:2-3


Romans 4:11

Seal of righteousness -
circumcision after belief

Acts 13:39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

For, being **ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.** For Christ is the **end of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes. Romans 10:3-4

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—** Philippians 3:8-9

"For good news came to us just as to  them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened." Hebrews 4:2

Convicted of sin or of righteousness?

And when he (Holy Spirit) comes, he will **convict** the world concerning 1) **sin** and 2) **righteousness** and 3) **judgment**: concerning 1) **sin**, because they do **not** believe in me; concerning 2) **righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and **you** (**believers**) will see me no longer; concerning 3) **judgment**, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16:8-11

Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Hebrews 10:2-4

"This proves that God will execute judgment or justice on all his foes. If he vanquished his great enemy who had so long triumphed in this world, he will subdue all others in due time" (Barnes' notes on the Bible).

"You don't need a cape to be a hero!" Author Unknown - sent on my iPad.

elegchō (convict)
by conviction to bring to the light, to expose
to call to account, show one his fault, demand an explanation
to chasten, to punish