

**BLOOD AND OIL**

'RIGHTEOUSNESS':

The state of a person  
who is such as they ought to be.

The condition acceptable to God

Gen 15.5-6 - <sup>5</sup>Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

<sup>6</sup>And HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD, AND HE ACCOUNTED IT TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Abraham believed:

"He is such as he ought to be...  
...acceptable to Me!"

ABRAHAM SINNED!

Delayed leaving  
Brought his nephew Lot  
Had Ishmael  
Lied about wife  
Gave Sarah over to 2 harems

TODAY:

What makes us right in God's eyes?

Behavior... OR BELIEF?

BELIEF!

THE APOSTLE PAUL CONFIRMS THIS

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Rom 4.3-8 - <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. <sup>5</sup>But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, HIS FAITH IS ACCOUNTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS! <sup>6</sup>just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup>Blessed is the man TO WHOM THE LORD SHALL NOT IMPUTE SIN."

God FORGIVES past sins...

And ALSO ... WON'T IMPUTE future sins!

DOES THAT MEAN THAT

GOD DOESN'T CARE

ABOUT HUMAN BEHAVIOR?

GOD KNEW...

THAT RIGHT STANDING WITH HIM...

COULD NEVER BE GAINED THROUGH...

HUMAN WILL-POWER

AND SELF-DISCIPLINE!

HE KNEW THAT

PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE RIGHT...

END UP LIVING RIGHT!

WHEREAS...THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW...

PUT DEMANDS ON HUMAN FLESH...

TO PRODUCE RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIOR...

AND IT FAILED.

THE NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL

BEGINS WITH FAITH...

WHICH LEADS INTO RELATIONSHIP...

WHICH LEADS INTO...

RIGHTEOUS BEHAVIOR!

Rom 5.18-19 - <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the FREE GIFT came to all men, resulting in justification of life. <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

THERE'S AN ERROR

CALLED... 'UNIVERSALISM':

All are saved... or will be.

BUT GOD'S SOLID-BLOCK PROVISION

STILL REQUIRES

INDIVIDUAL...PERSON-BY-PERSON ACCEPTANCE:

PAUL TOLD THE CORINTHIANS:

"GOD RECONCILED

THE WORLD TO HIMSELF!

NOW YOU...

BE RECONCILED TO GOD!"

1 Jn 2.2 - <sup>2</sup>And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

ALL... SIN...

Has been paid for...

In ONE SOLID BLOCK!

EVEN IF... you knew better...

[A post-christian sin

Instead of a pre-christian sin]

EVEN IF you were a spirit-filled...

Tongue-talking believer!

EVEN IF you led a Bible-study group!

Or a MEGA-CHURCH...

Or were the Leader and Superstar  
of your own denomination!!

Only ONE KIND OF FORGIVENESS

Has EVER been offered by God:

ONE SACRIFICE...

FOR ALL SIN...

FOR ALL TIME!

ALL SIN!

ANYTHING EVER CALLED SIN!

WAS FORGIVEN IN ONE PLACE:

CALVARY!

AT ONE TIME:

2000 YEARS AGO!

SO...

WHATEVER WE DID WRONG...

HOW LONG WE DID IT...

WHY WE DID IT...

WHO WE DID IT WITH...

HOW MANY PEOPLE WE LET DOWN...  
HOW MANY PEOPLE FOUND OUT...  
HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE STILL MAD AT US...  
ALL THESE FACTORS...

HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IMPACT ON THE FORGIVENESS... LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE GOD GIFTED TO US  
OVER 2000 YEARS AGO!!

Rom 3.21-23 - <sup>21</sup> But now THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,  
<sup>22</sup> even THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, TO ALL AND ON ALL WHO BELIEVE. FOR THERE IS NO  
DIFFERENCE; <sup>23</sup> FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD...

BUT... BUT... MY SIN...  
"THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE!"

SATAN:  
"Somehow... some way..."

Your sin is  
S-S-S-SPECIAL!"

GOD SAYS:  
THERE IS  
NO DIFFERENCE, YA'LL!

Heb 12.11-14 - <sup>11</sup> And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But THIS Man, after He had offered ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOREVER, sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by ONE OFFERING He has PERFECTED... FOREVER those who are being sanctified.

When we first came to Jesus...  
WE CONFESSED WE WERE SINNERS!  
WE ACKNOWLEDGED OUR NEED  
FOR A SAVIOR!  
AND... He was faithful and just  
To forgive all our sins  
And cleanse us from all  
Unrighteousness!  
AND 1 JOHN 1:9 ... WAS... APPLIED!  
But 1 Jn 1:9 has been WRONGLY APPLIED...  
To say that every individual sin  
must be confessed IN EVERY CASE...  
In order for God to forgive it!  
What if we miss one?

HOW ABOUT  
'SINS OF COMMISSION'?  
Are those confessed  
On the basis of OUR  
definition and knowledge of sin...  
Or on the basis of GOD'S?  
What if we miss one?  
"ANYTHING THAT'S  
NOT OF FAITH...  
IS SIN!"

Have you had any anxious thought  
this week?  
HOW ABOUT  
'SINS OF O-MISSION'?

Have we sacrificed for others this week...  
our time/energy and money  
To the level that Christ does?  
IF WE MISS ONE...IS IT FORGIVEN?  
THIS IS AN ENTIRELY  
IMPOSSIBLE CONCEPT!

PAUL DID THE ORIGINAL GENERATION  
OF CHURCHES  
A GREAT DISSERVICE  
BY NEVER TELLING THEM...  
THAT THE FORGIVENESS OF EVERY SIN...  
DEPENDS ON THE CONFESSION OF EVERY SIN!

EVERY SIN MANKIND EVER COMMITTED...  
Or EVER WILL COMMIT...  
Has already been  
FULLY ACCOUNTED FOR  
AT THE CROSS!

BY ONE SACRIFICE...  
HE HAS PERFECTED US...  
FOREVER!  
NOW... personally...  
I confess my sins all the time!  
Like when we wrong any friend:  
"Oops! I'm sorry I did that to you!"  
But I don't confess them  
In order to GET God  
to forgive me...  
BUT Because I know  
I've ALREADY BEEN forgiven.

2 Cor 5.21 – <sup>21</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, THAT WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.  
How do people who DO sin... become righteous?

In exactly the same way that Jesus...  
HANGING ON THE CROSS  
WHO DID NO SIN  
IN HIS THOUGHTS/WORDS OR ACTIONS...  
BECAME SIN.  
BUT IN REVERSE!!

SO...WHY NOT GO OUT AND SIN?  
HERE'S WHAT SIN DOES:

1. Sin is against our new nature.  
It violates the spirit within us...  
that IS.. the REAL us!!  
At one time... we were like pigs  
Wallowing in the mud.  
Now... we're lambs.  
Salvation has taken all the fun  
Out of sinning!

2. We know we are dishonoring the One  
Who loved...bled and died  
to save us from sin!
3. Sin hurts... damages... and destroys  
everybody involved.
4. It gives Satan a landing pad in our lives...  
And when he lands...  
he eats our lunch and pops the bag!
5. So ...when we sin... we're stupid!  
Thank God he loves stupid people, right?

BUT THIS IS WHAT SIN  
DOESN'T DO!

It doesn't turn God... away from us!  
His end of our relationship-connection with Him...  
Has a 'WIDE OPEN' control valve...  
Permanently welded in the open position!

Rom 5.1 - Therefore, having been JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, we have PEACE WITH GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ...

WE'RE NOW...ETERNALLY QUALIFIED  
TO ENGAGE IN  
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!!

Some say:

"We have to clean ourselves  
before we can come to God!"

We don't have to get clean  
in order to take a bath!

Christ IS...our bath!

I'M SPEAKING TO EVERY PRODIGAL HERE...

WHEN WE'VE GONE FURTHER FROM GOD  
THAN EVER BEFORE...AND LOST IT ALL...

GOD'S PORCH LIGHT IS STILL ON  
THE DOOR'S STILL OPEN

AND HE'S CRYING OUT TO US TODAY...

"MY LOVE FOR YOU, MY CHILD...

ENDURES... FOREVER!"

NOW... THE OIL!

Jn 14.16 - <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER...

Jn 14.26 - <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will TEACH YOU ALL THINGS...

Jn 16.13 - <sup>13</sup> However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH...

BEING 'BORN-AGAIN'...

Is like we'd been

living on the street all our lives...

When suddenly... Jesus... a total stranger...

Hands us a free, unlimited

CREDIT CARD to spend at

The swankiest

15 STAR-HOTEL/RESORT

ON EARTH!!!

So... we show up... feeling totally out of place!

We don't know what to do..

THEN...

THE HOLY SPIRIT... THE HOTEL CONCIERGE

Walks our way...

And says he'll be our new

TOUR GUIDE!

And plans to take us  
to spend some personal time with Jesus,  
The One who built the hotel!  
We notice that this concierge  
Has a sparkle in his eye!  
"I THINK ...HE LIKES ME!"  
"He's not enduring me!  
He's not putting up with me!  
He's enjoying time with me!  
I can tell I'm making him happy...  
just by being here!"

ON THE WAY TO JESUS' SUITE

WE TELL THE HOLY SPIRIT...

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND

THE BIBLE VERY WELL!"

The Holy Spirit says...

"I can help you with that!

You see... that's what I do!

I'm the Helper!"

"WELL... I DON'T FEEL FORGIVEN!"

HOLY SPIRIT SAYS:

I can help with that!

IN FACT... THAT'S WHAT I DO BEST!"

BEFORE WE GO IN TO SEE JESUS...

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT HIM:

The Milky Way: 100B to 400B stars!

Galaxies? Over 100B

HUNDREDS OF TRILLIONS OF STARS!

135-300,000 grains of sand

Per cubit inch.

If you include every coastline...

And every desert around the world...

There are

STILL

OVER 10 TIMES

the number of stars!

BEFORE ONE OF THOSE STARS CAME TO BE...

JUST... ONE ... LONE

SOLITARY PLANET EXISTED!

BECAUSE... FROM THE VERY BEGINNING...

GOD'S ALWAYS BEEN AFTER

ONE THING ALONE:

TO SHARE HIS LOVE.....

AND SHARE HIS LIFE...  
WITH ...YOU!

ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE  
WERE WRITTEN IN BOOKS...  
BEFORE YOU LIVED YOUR FIRST ONE!

EVERY HAIR OF YOUR HEAD  
IS COUNTED...

HE WILL GIVE YOU  
A NEW PET NAME  
THAT NOBODY ELSE WILL EVER KNOW  
BUT YOU AND HIM!

READY TO GO IN?  
The Holy Spirit opens the door  
AND THERE HE IS!  
And you can tell by the look in his eye...  
HE'S HAPPY YOU'RE THERE TO VISIT HIM!  
Instead of being afraid...  
You've never felt so safe in your whole life!  
Instead of being stressed...  
You've never felt this accepted before!  
Instead of worrying about  
What's wrong with you...  
You can't help...but get lost in  
His beauty... grace...  
AND JOY IN SEEING YOU!  
HE THINKS I'M ... SPECIAL!  
ONE-OF-A-KIND...  
AS IF NO OTHER PERSON EXISTS  
IN ALL CREATION.

AND YOU BEGIN TO REALIZE...  
That this is what he's been waiting for...  
from the very beginning of time:  
"ME! ONLY ME!"

Lev 14.14 - <sup>14</sup>The priest shall take SOME OF THE BLOOD of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

Lev 14.17 - <sup>17</sup>And of THE REST OF THE OIL in his hand, the priest shall put some on the tip of the right ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot, ON THE BLOOD OF THE TRESPASS OFFERING.

THE CROSS... THE BLOOD...  
GETS YOU TO THE DOOR.  
IT OPENS THE DOOR...  
AND REMOVES ALL BARRIERS  
AND OBSTACLES BETWEEN YOU AND CHRIST!  
AND PURCHASED YOUR RIGHT  
TO UNLIMITED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD!

AND THE SPIRIT... THE OIL...  
LEADS YOU ON... INSIDE THE DOOR...  
WHERE YOU AND  
JESUS  
GET LOST IN EACH OTHER...  
FOREVER!

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RECEIVE!  
ACCEPT!  
RESPOND!