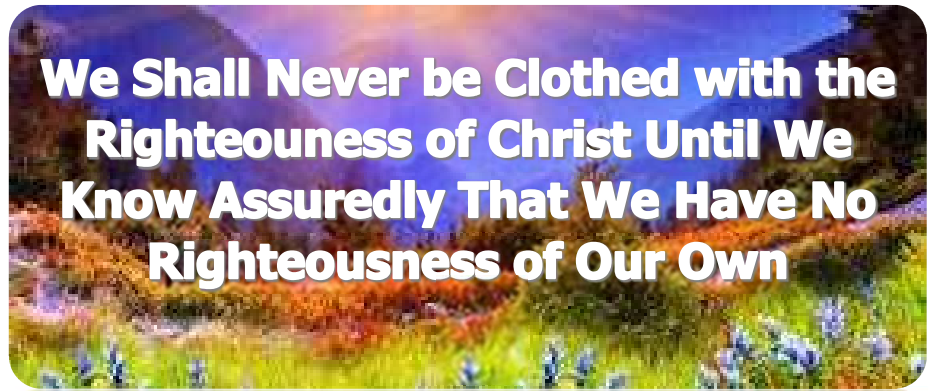


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Ephesians 2:8 KJV "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"



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Topic >> Christ's Perfect Righteousness can be ours

Romans 3:24 KJV "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"

Being justified, we are vindicated and determined to be sinless in the eyes of God. **Our sin no longer separates us** from Him.

Grace **is not earned** by any effort on our part; **otherwise, it could not be called grace.**

We will never be justified or accepted as holy and righteous before God unless we stand before Him **with Christ's perfect righteousness** as our own.

After all, **that is the only perfect righteousness God will ever recognize or accept.**

Christ's Perfect Righteousness can be ours - Through Faith

Galatians 3:8 KJV "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen [Gentiles] through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed."

2nd Timothy 3:15 KJV "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:30 KJV "Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision [Israel] by faith, and uncircumcision [Gentiles] through faith."

What is the difference between **Israel's** salvation by faith and **Gentile's** salvation through faith?

An example of By faith – The postmen is always here by 11 am. Or – they said that the plumber would be here by Monday.

An example of Through faith – Generally means until the end of. At last, we successfully put - through the business deal.

Israel – by faith & (works) only had Remission of sins and they will receive Forgiveness of sins **as a Nation** when Christ returns.

Gentiles & Jews – through faith (by Grace) **have** Forgiveness of sins **individually** the moment they believe in Christ.

The "**Moment**" we believe Jesus Christ paid for our sins we are "**SEALED**" with the Holy Spirit



2nd Corinthians 5:21 KJV "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who **knew no sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

The road to hell, as the saying goes, is paved with good intentions. We may fill our lives with good works, but **even one sin makes us a sinner in practice, and we are already sinners by nature.** No matter how well-intentioned or "good" we may be, the fact is that we simply do not have the power or the goodness to overcome the **sin nature** we have inherited from Adam. We need something more powerful, and this is where **GRACE** comes in. The grace of God is His undeserved favor bestowed **on those that believe.** It is His grace that saves us from sin. We are saved **through faith** in God's Son Jesus Christ by His death and shed blood on the cross.