

Daily Bread

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YOU ARE NOT ANYMORE, A SINNER.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV).

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

By His death on the cross, Jesus took our sin, endured our punishment and died for our sin. When his blood was shed on the cross, it washed all sin from our hearts and made us clean. He then sanctified us and made us HOLY. He gave us his righteousness as a gift to us who believe.

If anyone thinks a believer is a sinner that person is a liar. Some believers think it's humility to call themselves sinners, they think if they will call themselves holy they would have exalted themselves too much. But that's what we are. We are holy because he made us holy. He washed us with his own blood. No one can make himself holy even if you try but Jesus made us holy. How would you call yourself dirty when Christ washed you? (**Rev 1:5**)

All the beatings and all the pain Jesus endured on the cross was on your behalf. He himself bore our sin, that we might die to sin and live unto righteousness (**1 Peter 2:24**). If Jesus took your sin, how then do you think you still have it? Jesus gave us his righteousness and took away our sin. You can't be both righteous and sinful.

Don't confuse your behavior with your identity. Righteousness is your identity not your behavior. You may behave in a way that is sinful but that doesn't mean you're a sinner. Sin is a nature and righteousness is a nature. Sin is a nature of the devil and righteousness is the nature of God. When you believed in Christ, he took away the nature of sin/ the nature of the devil and gave you a new nature of righteousness which is a nature of God, (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). You are a partaker of God's divine nature (**2 Peter 1:4**)

This mentality that you are a sinner will limit you and your fellowship with God. When you feel sinful each time you go before God then you lack knowledge. I know some may say, what if a believer is doing bad things...yes that is wrong and God doesn't approve of such but that doesn't make that person a sinner. Look we said sin is a nature that we are born with, which has nothing to do with our behavior. We were born with a sinful nature from Adam. And now equally, Righteousness is also a gift from Christ that we did not earn by doing anything but was given to us when we believed. So now our new identity is righteousness. So, we are now called the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus.

All questions should be posted on the group that the message is posted to you so that the group will also benefit from the answer. AMEN.

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YOU ARE NOT A SINNER ANYMORE (PART 2)

Romans 5 :19 (NIV) "For just through the disobedience of the ONE MAN that many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the ONE MAN that many will be made righteous.

The two different man spoken about in this scripture are Adam and Jesus. The bible also refers to Jesus the second Adam (**1 Corinthians 15:45**). Now through the disobedience of one man (Adam), all of us were made sinners, but also through the obedience of another man (Jesus) many will be made righteous.

Look, we inherited sin when we were born. We are born sinners because of one man who is Adam. This sin was not because of our behavior but we inherited it from the first parent who is Adam. Through Adam, all men sinned and fell short of God's glory (**Romans 3:23**). So, Jesus came and obeyed God and made righteousness possible through his obedience to all men.

That's why now for you to come out of sin, you didn't need to start by changing your behavior because sin isn't originally behavioral but inherited, you have to start by being born again (**John 3:3-6**). Why being born again? Because if you are born only once, that is through your parents alone, you're born into sin and you are in sin, it doesn't matter how good your behavior can be, you are still considered a SINNER. You now need to be born again or to be born again for the second time by putting your faith in Jesus and then you are given a gift of righteousness. The second birth isn't by going back into your mother's womb as Nicodemus thought but it is through putting your faith in Jesus.

Look, Sin and Righteousness both came to us by birth, sin as a result of our first birth and righteousness as result of our second birth. The solution to sin is to be born again ONLY. You can't fight sin, it's not by your effort. It's only by the cross of Jesus.

Now let us discuss bad behaviors and habits. These ones are not really sins but are fruits of sin that was in us before we got born again. These are the works of our sinful flesh that it was producing as a result of sin and these are.... **Galatians 5:19-21** (KJV). Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envy, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like, of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Did you see that those ones are not referred to as "sins" but as works of the flesh? Sin is the one that was giving power to those to function in you (sometimes these works are referred to as sins even in some texts of the bible). Now that you are born again, it is therefore possible for you to get rid of them. Now that the sin nature has been removed from you then the fruits of sin will also be expected to dry up and go. In fact, the bible says you will just have to take them off like a jacket (**Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:8**). In the above verses the bible just says "put off these things".

Tragedy comes when you are asked to stop fornication, jealousy, adultery and all those habits of **Galatians 5:19** before you are born again. That is what religions of the world teaches, they teach you to leave all those habits first before you get born again but how do you get rid of something that is in your nature? But if you get born again first then the nature that was giving power to those behaviors is removed then you can now rid yourself from those bad behaviors.

We will continue tomorrow from here.... Please read the scriptures given as references to understand more. Hallelujah!

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YOU ARE NOT A SINNER ANYMORE (PART 3).

1 John 2:29 (KJV)

If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

If we know that God is righteous, then we know that those that doeth righteousness are born of him (are born again). Which means you can't do acts of righteousness unless you are born again or born of him.

Before you tell anyone to change his/her ways for the good or to change his/her habits, you first have to make sure that the person is born again. If a person is not born again how will he change and do good things. Remember goodness is a nature of God, unless a person is born again, he can't access God's nature. It is like expecting a mango tree to produce oranges. You first have to change the tree and then see a different fruit. You produce according to your nature.

We now know from previous episodes that righteousness is not earned by our good works, but it's a gift that we get from Jesus when we get born again (**Titus 3:5**). Look, you don't work or do good things to be righteous or to be Holy...these two are of high standard that you cannot access them by your own efforts. You are made righteous by grace and you are made Holy by him who gives you righteousness (**Romans 11:6**).

If we look at **Titus 3:5**, we learn something important as well. There are those people whom we call good people in our society, they live well with everyone, they help people...they do all "acts of righteousness" but they don't know Christ, what then is their portion? Such individuals will unfortunately go to hell because we don't gain righteousness by our own works because even at their best our works aren't good enough. All their good work is disqualified. If they don't come and get served (born again) then with their goodness they will still miss the mark. A person should get born again first and then do the works of righteousness second. Works alone can't help you.

Compare it with this scenario. A murderer or a prostitute who gets born again a minute ago is better in the eyes of God than a good man who was helping people in the community, who is sending orphans to school etc. That looks unfair isn't it? But you have to understand that God's **ONLY** way of getting you served is by believing in Jesus (being born again). Your works can't serve you. It doesn't matter whether you have given a billion to the poor, that's not enough to earn

you the title of righteousness. Righteousness is free, and to access it, you just have to only believe in Christ and be born again. Simple! Now when we get born again we can now do those good works of righteousness.

Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace we were saved through faith, and this is not of yourself- it is a gift from God.

VS 9 says "It's not of works lest any man should boast". Isn't this powerful. If righteousness was to be obtained by our works then we would boast about it. Now it is only made possible by grace of God, so that no one can boast about it.

Therefore, anyone who does good works and is not born again by putting his faith in Jesus is like any good player who is not registered by the authorities to play, it doesn't matter how good he/she is, he cannot be recognized...Amen.

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