

Lesson 104 Satan's Counterfeit Righteousness

Eph. 6:14 "Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;"

God wants the believer armed with righteousness. Does the devil make an all out assault on righteousness?

II Cor. 11:13-15 "For such are _____ apostles, _____ workers, transforming themselves into the _____ of _____ . Vs. 14 And no marvel; for _____ himself is transformed into an angel of _____. Vs. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if _____ also be transformed as the _____ of _____ ; whose end shall be according to their works."

Yes, Satan targets that which God gives as a gift that enables the sinner to possess that which secures for him eternal life.

Rom. 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one: much more they which receive abundance of _____ and of the _____ of _____ shall reign in _____ by one, Jesus Christ."

God makes it abundantly clear that righteousness will be unto all but only _____ them that _____ according to Rom. 3:22.

God's righteousness will be imputed (credited) freely (without any cause) being found in the one who simply believes.

This is the only basis on which the justice of God can operate! Why? Because God has declared mankind:

Rom. 3:10 "As it is written, There is _____ no _____ ." vs. 12 They are all gone _____ of the way, they are _____ become _____ ; there is _____ that _____ , no _____ ." Vs. 23 For _____ have _____ and come _____ of the _____ of God;"

Jesus Christ, alone, was able and willing to be a propitiation (fully satisfying sacrifice) that satisfied the justice of God.

Rom. 3:25, 26 "Whom God has set forth to be a _____ through _____ in his _____ ... vs. 26 To declare, I say, at this time his _____ : that he might be _____ and the _____ of him which _____ in _____ ."

To try and gain acceptance with God on any other ground than the blood of His Son shed for your sins is to remain under the guilt and penalty of your sin.

Satan's "righteousness" is a counterfeit, a false righteousness based on the "can do" principle. When Adam and Eve sinned, instead of looking for God that they might throw themselves on His mercy and ask for forgiveness, they hid from God and made themselves a covering. Cain, instead of acknowledging his sin by offering the prescribed blood sacrifice, brought of the work of his own hand. And down through the history of man we see this rebellious rejection of God and the embracing of "Satan's righteousness".

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Rom. 10:3 "For they being ignorant of God's _____, and going about to _____ their _____, have _____ submitted themselves unto the _____ of _____."

And what does God say about what our righteousness will get us? Is. 57:12 "I will declare _____, and _____; for they shall _____ thee,"

Luke 18:9-14 in this parable of the Pharisee and the publican we see that the Pharisees in vs. 9 trusted in _____ that they were _____.

God gave Israel the law. The law was God's righteous standard. The law was meant to stop every _____ and show that every man is _____ before God Rom. 3:19 and in vs. 20 we read "...for by the _____ is the _____ of _____."

Gal. 3:19 "Wherefore then serveth the _____? It was _____ because of _____..."

Rom. 7:7 "...Nay, I had not known _____, but by the _____,"

But Israel erred and instead of letting the law uncover their sin and drive them to the mercy seat said in Ex. 19:8 "And all the _____ answered together, and said, _____ that the LORD hath spoken _____..." Israel used God's law to try and demonstrate their goodness." Israel should have approached God's law by faith, letting it show them their dependence on and need for the mercy and grace of God, given them through the laws sacrificial system!

Rom. 9:31, 32 "But _____, which _____ after the _____ of _____, hath _____ attained to the law of righteousness. Vs. 32

Wherefore? Because they sought it _____ by _____, but as it were by the _____ of the _____...”

The law was to be sincerely obeyed by Israel as an outcome of their faith.

Deut. 6:25 “And it (the law) shall be our _____ if we _____ to _____ these _____ before the LORD our God, as he hath _____ us.”

Obedience to the law was essential if an Israelite truly had faith. The law then could do its work of showing them their sin and need for the mercy of God through the sacrificial system. Keeping the law perfectly for righteousness was impossible because of the weakness of the flesh. Rom. 8:3 “For what the _____ could _____ do, in that it was _____ through the _____...” Read Acts 13:38, 39

Satan’s counterfeit “righteousness system” for acceptance with God, always promotes man’s goodness, “works of righteousness” as a means of acceptance with God.

Titus 3:5 “Not by _____ of _____ which _____ have _____, but according to his _____ he _____ us...”

Man elevates himself to the position of deciding what works are needed, how many, how often, etc. in order to be right with God.

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There is a tendency many times for believers to employ a “self righteous” system for their on going acceptance with God. That’s what the Galatians tried to do.

Gal. 3:3 “Are ye so foolish? Having _____ in the _____, are ye now _____ in the _____?”

Gal. 4:9 “But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye _____ to the _____ and _____ elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in _____?”

Gal. 5:4 “Christ is become of _____ effect unto you, whosoever of you are _____ by the _____, ye are _____ from _____.”

The believers “righteous” living flows from the law or principle of Rom. 8:2 “For the _____ of the _____ of _____ in _____ hath made me _____ from the law of sin and death.”

Righteous living is based on the Spirit of God living in us, walking in _____ of life according to Rom. 6:4. Already possessing this life that is accepted, beloved, holy and righteous, is the fountain out of which the fruits of righteousness flow.

Satan's "righteousness" will always elevate our performance and exclude God's all sufficient provision for righteousness!!

If we are living our Christian life in order to gain acceptance with God we have not let the doctrine of God's righteousness guard and protect us from Satan's attack.

If we are letting sin run rampant in our lives we are not letting the truth of who we are "in Christ," righteous and holy, dominate our behavior.

In II Tim. 2:22 Paul tells Timothy that as a vessel of honor in the master's house that is prepared for every good work he should: "_____ youthful lusts: but _____ after _____, faith, charity, peace..." Follow has the idea of "hotly pursue". The more we engage our life in the hot pursuit of knowing Christ and letting His life be formed in us the faster sin will flee from us with it's corrupting effects. In Gal. 4:19 Paul says, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again, til _____ be _____."

Don't let Satan beguile, trick or deceive you with his counterfeit "righteousness" system.

Remember, it was God that made us fit for heaven!! Col. 1:12.