

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:17 The world is already condemned.

He who believes in the Son of God is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already. John 3:18a Individuals are already condemned.

Jesus came to take away the sin of the world.

Jesus said that for those accountable individuals who do not believe in God's provision for having eternal life, they are condemned already, they are under the wrath of God and remain there until they believe.

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

How does believing in the Son of God get a person out from under the wrath of God?

John 3:3 Jesus answered Nicodemus, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:7 You must be born again. Nicodemus was spiritually concerned, but not yet spiritually reborn.

We are sure that Nicodemus eventually was born again because of the loving way Nicodemus took part in the burial of Jesus after the crucifixion. In contrast to the former Nicodemus, the new born Nicodemus humbled himself before Almighty God, repented of his effort to work out his salvation through self righteousness, and he believed in Jesus for that born again experience in which God lives and works through the believer.

So how were you moved out from under the wrath of God? You were changed.

You became a new creation in Christ Jesus. You were born again. The Spirit of God indwells you for all eternity. You were sealed by that Holy Spirit and you are forever a child of God.

What is the evidence that you are a child of God?

What is the evidence that you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

Scripture says that you have the mind of Christ. The Spirit teaches you and convicts you of eternal truths from the Holy Scriptures. You are drawn to read the Bible, savor the contents, and digest the message for the application thereof.

Not only do we have the mind of Christ. We have the Holy Spirit prompting us to do acts of righteousness. Every prayer you pray that is prompted by the Holy Spirit and is prayed in the name of Jesus is a righteous action. Every work prompted by the Spirit is a righteous act. You have truly been changed.

Believing in the Promise of God for a human savior, a Second Adam, who would save them from their sins has resulted in all believers being called "the righteousness of God."

Why were Abraham and David called "righteous?" Why are you called righteous? It is because you are credited with righteous works which God does in and through you since you were born again in Christ. New creations do righteous works initiated and led by God which have eternal consequences.

When you pass through physical death into the presence of Jesus, your sin nature is dissolved through the death of the flesh and all that remains are the righteous works which God has done in and through you throughout your life in Christ. The righteous works go with you to heaven. In light of this, what should be your desire for each day of your life?

In the future presence of Jesus, the believer is totally sinless and totally righteous. Speaking of the church at the marriage of the Lamb, "And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." Rev. 19:8

The Way by which the believer is moved out from under the wrath of God is that the believer is changed. God already sees you complete in Christ. God promises to complete His work in you.

There is no wrath of God for sinlessness and righteousness.

There is no penalty for sinlessness and for righteousness.

Standing in future judgment before Christ, the believer is not under wrath and the believer is under no penalty for sin because he has been changed. The believer is the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be the sacrifice for sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

How did the death of Jesus and the resurrection of Jesus bring about this change in us?

Romans 5:12 Through one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:18 As through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act (Jesus) the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.

The one righteous act of Jesus Christ is that He died sinless.

1 Peter 1:19 You are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

How did the one righteous act of Jesus undo the one act of sin in Adam?

God condemned sin to the greatest extent by the death of the sinless Jesus. Romans 8:3

Sin is judged for its greatest atrocity. Sin killed the totally innocent Son of God.

Because of the death of sinless Jesus, sin is judged to be removed from all creation. All the powers of evil are defeated and awaiting final removal. Jesus is given all power and authority over heaven and earth. Jesus gained all authority over earth whereas Adam lost authority over earth for mankind.

Matthew 28:18 "All authority is given to Me in heaven and on earth."

The first phase of sin removal is happening now. Sin is being removed from the saved sinner and the righteousness of God is being worked into and out through the believer. Romans 7:6; 8:2

Phase two of sin removal happens at the Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers and the powers of darkness. All unbelievers and Satanic forces are removed from creation to the state of eternal separation from God. Revelation 20:11-15

Phase three of sin removal is the creation of new heavens and new earth where death no longer reigns. The born again believers in Christ will live forever with Jesus in the New Jerusalem, the New Earth, and the New Heavens. And God will dwell with man forever.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. Behold I make all things new. Rev. 21: 3-5

Colossians 1:19-20 For it pleased the Father that in Christ all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

We should obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ out of motivation toward God's love and promise of seeing and experiencing His love.

Are you seeing and experiencing His love right now? Are you truly thankful for the sinless death of Jesus and for His resurrection? Are you living in the power of His resurrection? Are you gaining victory over sin? Are

you experiencing the righteous work of God in your life? Are you living in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

The good news is that God loves us so much that He sent His Son to die a sinless death so that sin would forever be condemned and that Jesus would be given the authority to remove sin from all who believe Him and eventually from all creation. Humbly turning to God, believing Jesus, and calling upon Him will allow any person to receive new birth in Christ Jesus. At the moment of new birth in Christ, the believer is declared righteous, free from the law of sin and death, and is indwelled by the Spirit of God for all eternity. Romans 4:22-25; 8:2,9-11

The good news brings a believer to eternal life in Christ. But more good news continues to be discovered throughout life. It brings knowledge of the security of the believer, sanctification, justification, inheritance, divine service, the filling of the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit, gifts of the Spirit, glorification, dwelling of God with man on planet earth for all eternity, new heavens and new earth with no sin and no death, eternal rewards for faithfulness, etc.