

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM RIGHT WITH GOD?

This is a question that many unsaved people struggle with. But even those who have asked Jesus into their hearts, and made Him their Lord and Saviour can have doubts- and ask the questions: "Am I good enough?" "Can God really love me?" or "I've messed up again-will I still be accepted by God?"

Religion focuses on what WE do to be made right with God. But the Bible tells us that it is what JESUS did on the Cross, when He took every one of our sins, past, present and future, upon Himself, and instead gave us His own perfect righteousness which means Father God accepts us as clean, holy and justified- just as if we had never sinned or come short of God's perfect goodness.



2 Corinthians 5.21. God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him, we might become the

righteousness of God. Titus 3.5-7. He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of

His mercy. He saved us through the washing of re-birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that having been justified by His Grace, we might become heirs, having the hope of eternal life. Imagine yourself wearing a dirty, filthy coat. You would never wear such an item to meet the Queen. The Bible tells us that our righteousness (all the "good" things we do to try to be acceptable to God) is actually like a filthy rag (Isaiah 64.6) and without the righteousness that Jesus gives us, we could never be acceptable to come into God's Holy Presence.



Being righteous can never be based on what we do-but what we receive by Faith when we accept what Jesus has already done for us on the Cross, when He died for our sins. Job 29.14 paints a beautiful picture of how God sees us through the Blood of Jesus- "I put on Righteousness and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban." As a blood washed Child of God, you continually wear a spotless white robe and have a head crowned with the Glory of God. You are worthy to enter Father's Holy Presence at any time. You are in right relationship with God through the Blood of Jesus. Romans 1.16 says that the Gospel is the Power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

The Gospel has the power to change your life for ever. It will change your heart. You have been made Righteous. Failure to understand this truth is at the root of all guilt, condemnation and unworthiness. If we come to truly understand the Truth-that our right-standing with God is on-and ONLY on- the basis of what Jesus did for us, and never by our own actions, then satan's power to condemn you as a Christian- IS GONE!

So if you have been feeling unworthy or condemned- then you need this to change. Go back to the Cross. Thank Jesus for taking your sin and shame and unrighteousness upon Himself. And believe. Trust fully in what Jesus has already done for you.

We often sing this wonderful song in church; I'm no longer a slave to sin; I am a Child of God.

This is the Truth! Walk in who you really are in Christ Jesus. You are an overcomer. You have the victory. You are loved and fully accepted by God.

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