

Christ in You

Part 4

Col. 1:25-29 'To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of the mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.'

If the Holy Spirit can convince you that you can take hold of righteousness by simple faith, and you can begin to walk in this righteousness then you will experience that you will forever and in every situation live under an open heaven. In other words your dominion and life **Rom. 5:17**.

Boldness and confidence to enter into the presence of the Father based on the completed work of Christ.

Eph. 3:12 '...in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him...'

Heb. 4:14-16 'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'

Heb. 4:9-11 'There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.'

The true Sabbath rest is to rest from ones deeds just like God did from His.

None of us has earned righteousness, but we can receive the righteous gift and begin to live in the 'rest' of His finished work. Deeds do not save me, but deeds/initiative will always come out of the true understanding of salvation. Outwardly, there seems to be no difference, but gradually it will become apparent if it springs out of a true understanding of His atoning work.

Matt. 5:20 'But I say to you, "that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.'

- They tried to achieve righteousness through deeds and not by simple faith, and Jesus says they will not enter into heaven in the power of their own deeds.
- We will not be able to be lazy or inactive, when we have experienced God's grace.
- I do not obey because I have to, but because I love. My deeds spring out of love.

The only logical thing now is to do, because of what He has done for us.

Rom. 12:1-3 '....that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God,...'

Rom. 10:1-13 'Righteousness is given through simple faith in the finished work of Jesus.'

A big inheritance re-defines your life. Rom. 8:16-17 'Christ's heirs'

- If you received 5 million (dollars, pounds, crown, etc.) you would behave differently.
- You can do things now that you could not do before. You can afford to live a different life.
- Have you earned the inheritance??? The answer is no, you have not.
- Have you worked hard to receive the inheritance??? The answer is once more no, you have not.
- Will the money you have received from your inheritance do the same for you as for the person who gave it to you??? The answer is Yes. The money will do the same for you.

The question is: Who is more righteous, Jesus or you?????

Jer. 23:5-6 'His name is the Lord our Righteousness.'

Rom. 1:16-17 'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation...'

In the gospel, righteousness is revealed from God. The righteous shall live by faith because of what the Lord has said and done for them.'