

Judged Righteous

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God does not judge us by the mistakes we make in life. He doesn't have a running tally of all of our screw ups... all of our bad decisions. God has already judged us as righteous in Christ Jesus. As believers, we need to be reminded of this truth...**more than once in life**. The believers at Corinth in the first century are a prime example of God's assurances of what He had done for them, and by extension as members in the body of Christ, what He has done for us as well! And this section of the Word is just the beginning of this topic of where I want to start with today.

I Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

30 (WT) However, from Him (GOD) you are in Christ Jesus, who was made not only wisdom from God to us, but also justness and sanctification and redemption.

Verse 30 is like the most beautiful diamond on a velvet pillow. Shimmering from its brilliance.

God has called us, He invited us and we accepted Him, and He has accepted us. As such, we have been made by God to us with Wisdom, Sanctification (set apart from the common lot). We have been just before God, meaning that we are on equal ground with Jesus Christ. That's our status. That is the sentence that has been pronounced. **NOT GUILTY!** We are not only "not guilty," but so much more! Jesus Christ not only **PAID for our sins**, but he made all of these other things for us to have and be.

Verse 2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified [set apart] in Christ Jesus, called to be saints [set apart], with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.

This is written to the saints, the set apart ones. We're not standing in the midst of the world's judgement or God's judgement toward sinners. We are set apart from all of that. God has honored Jesus Christ by giving him the title of The Savior of the world! We are part of that salvation because of what he accomplished. God has rolled out the greatness of what we have throughout the Church epistles.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

God was blessed, happy to help as the Father of Jesus Christ, to bless us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies. He emptied Himself of all that there was to give. He gave it to us. Would God do such a thing if He would also have to keep track of all the believers' mistakes? Not at all!

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

All of Jesus Christ's bloodshed wasn't for naught! By his blood we have now been redeemed. Bought back from the Devil's power, forgiving all our sins, all our mistakes that we made 25 years ago! ALL OF THEM! And supplied us with richness of His grace. Why do we want to keep pounding on ourselves? Why torture yourself with all the wrong doings? The adversary has so inculcated people's lives with the idea of paying for your own sins. NOT according to God's ledger. It's grace.

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence [intellectual or moral insight]

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God gave us these things. Ephesians is so rich, so full, so incredible. It will take a lifetime to appreciate. Actually, all eternity! But let's look at some more.

1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

Sealed means "to stamp with a signet or private mark." There is no unsealing of this mark here on earth.

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest [token/guarantee] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The purchased possession is the saint of God. It's you and me with Christ in us, the hope of glory. God doesn't let anyone or anything to touch that precious possession of His. You cannot lose it. It's there in you forever. Believe that! Guard it like you would guard the most expensive treasure that you have.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

It's a treasure trove. It's valuable. It's priceless. It's God's accomplished work, in Christ in you. II Corinth 4:7 says we have this treasure in earthen vessels. In our bodies. It's all in all of us.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

You have so much value to God. God honors all that you do for Him. What does He want us to do?

Romans 12:2 says to be transformed by the renewing of you mind. **Romans 8:1** No condemnation. So don't condemn yourself. **I Corinth 14** says to pray with understand, and pray in the spirit. **Ephesians 5** says to imitators of God and walk in love. **I Thessalonians 5** says to comfort one another, and edify one another. These are things that God wants us to do. But what if we make a mistake? What if we do something contrary to God and what He has instructed us to do. That is a zero sum at the gathering together. Put an "X" through those things because they won't matter in eternity.

I Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

"it shall be revealed": This refers to what is to happen in the day that will declare it, namely, the day of Christ's return. The perishable things that we have in our lives are things like pride, selfishness, hubris, and things that we did outside of the Word of God will perish at the gathering. Those things took away our opportunities to receive true rewards. Things that we did out of love. Things that we did according to God's Word... Those will abide, and there will be rewards for those things.

1Corinthians 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

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However, if we persevere, if we continue to stand, and we do those things that please God, then we will have a reward in eternity for all of it. Christ in you is not a hand stamp that gets us in the door. It is so much more than that, and God will show us all of that. So let's not let our mistakes judge us, or be judged by God. Judgement is already passed in Christ Jesus. **You and I have been judged RIGHTEOUS!**