

Redeemed from All Iniquity

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Righteousness by Faith

Romans 4

1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Abraham were justified (**considered innocent**) by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it (**his belief**) was counted unto him for righteousness.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned (**G3049-Imputed**) of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted (**G3049-Imputed**) for righteousness.

6 Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputes (**G3049**) righteousness without works,

7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute (**G3049**) sin.

Notice in verses 7 and 8 the word righteousness is not mentioned one time. Let's go back to Psalms 32 from where these verses are taken.

Psalms 32

1 Blessed is he whose transgression **<H6588 - rebellion>** is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Proverbs 17

9 He that covers a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeats a matter separates very friends.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

5 I acknowledged my **sin <H2403>** unto thee, and mine **iniquity <H5771>** have I not hid (**from me**). I said, I will confess my **transgressions <H6588 - rebellion>** unto the Lord; and thou forgave **<H5375 - lifted up> the iniquity <H5771>** of my **sin <H2403>**. Selah.

Exodus 34

6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving **<H5375 - lifting up> iniquity <H571>** and **transgression <H6588 - rebellion>** and **sin <H2403>**, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

Notice the difference between iniquity, rebellion, and sin.

Thoughts = iniquity

Rebellion = feelings

Sin = actions

Iniquity, or twisted thinking, leads to feelings of rebellion, and rebellion leads to sin.

Justified unto Life

Romans 4

24 *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;*

25 *Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

The Father delivered up the Son then raised Him from the dead for our justification unto life!

Our offences are many but the one that needs fixing first is the fault of thinking God condemns us. This is iniquity of the highest order, not unlike Adam.

Romans 5

16 *And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment **was by one** to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

18 *Therefore as by **the offence** of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon **all men** unto justification <G1347> of life.*

Our offences/faults = the iniquity we carry concerning God, self, and the world. We see how all in the world are innocent before God.

God raised Christ from the dead because He was innocent. He will raise us also.

Redeemed

1 Peter 1

18 *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, **from your vain conversation** received by tradition from your fathers;*

Our iniquity led us into vain conduct.

Psalms 130

8 *And he **shall redeem** Israel from all his iniquities.*

Isaiah 32

13 *Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:*

14 *Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;*

15 *Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.*

16 *Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.*

17 *And **the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.***

18 *And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;*

19 *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

20 *Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

21 ***Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that***

your faith and hope might be in God.

1 John 4

*14 And we have seen and do testify that **the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.***

*15 **Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God,** God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

*16 And **we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.** God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

Romans 10

*9 That if thou **shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,** and shalt believe in thine heart that **God hath raised him from the dead,** thou shalt be saved.*

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Psalms 32

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

The eye of God's understanding has rendered us all innocent. He has set us free from all iniquity. Abiding in love will keep us from the spirit of rebellion.

*9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding **(who do not consider):** whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.*

*10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusts in the Lord, mercy **(kindness) shall compass him about.***

11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.