

Present Truth

2 Peter 1:12

Dear Readers,

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“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2). I pray that your knowledge of God and His Son will increase each day so that you will prosper in the last days. “...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits” (Daniel 11:32).

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Moved with Compassion

by Lynnford Beachy

“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick” (Matthew 14:14). Jesus is awesome! When He beholds people He is moved with compassion. Compassion is a “sympathetic consciousness of others’ distress together with a desire to alleviate it” (*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*). This goes beyond just sympathy or empathy, be-

cause it includes the desire to help those in trouble. This is how Jesus lived His life. This was the underlying motivation for all that He did while He was here. He knew His own value and consequently the value of every person around Him. He truly loved people.

There was a time when Jesus and His disciples were tired from their labor. “And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there



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were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.” (Mark 6:31-34).

This is amazing! Jesus and His disciples were exhausted, and He tried to get away for a while, because they didn’t even have time to eat. When they arrived at the place where they were planning to rest, there was a crowd gathered. Instead of getting frustrated, Jesus was moved with compassion and taught them many things. He took time for them because He cared for them above His own needs.

Later, the Bible says, “Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.” (Matthew 15:32). Next, Jesus broke seven loaves and a few fish which miraculously became enough to feed 4,000 people. Jesus didn’t just sit by and secretly have pity on people. Instead, He was moved to do something about the hurt around Him. Compassion is not passive, but active.

Two blind men were being mistreated by the multitude, “And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.” (Matthew 20:32-34).

“And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.” (Mark 1:40, 41).

“Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.” (Luke 7:12-15).

“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?... Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and

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give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me” (Mark 10:21).

A common thread through Jesus’ ministry is that He genuinely loved people. His love was so strong that it motivated Him to help those around Him.

Jesus Today

Jesus has not changed. He is still just as compassionate today as He was 2,000 years ago. He sees you now. He knows what you are going through, and He has compassion for you. You may have done some terrible things. You may have made a wreck of your life. Take courage. Jesus loves you and wants to make things right for you. He promised, “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus is not alone in His love for you. His Father loves you too. In fact, He is the one who sent His Son to rescue you from the corruption in this world. Jesus said, “For the Father himself loveth you” (John 16:27).

Jesus told the story of a prodigal son who had wasted all his money on a wild and reckless lifestyle. Finally he realized his mistake, and decided to return to his father, hoping he would be accepted as a servant. “And he arose, and came to his father. But

when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.” (Luke 15:20). This father knew his son had messed up his life, but he didn’t stop caring for him. The father in this story represents our heavenly Father who loves us with all His heart. He looks at you now with love and compassion, and His arms are outstretched, eager to receive you home.

Reflecting His Love

Love awakens love! “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16, 17). God’s love motivated Him to give everything for us (Romans 8:32). As we behold that love, we are changed into the same

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image by His Spirit that dwells in us (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 5:5). This love becomes the motivation for how we treat those around us.

When Jesus was teaching the need to love others He explained, “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed

by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.” (Luke 10:30-34).

Notice the difference between these three men who noticed a man in trouble. The priest and Levite ignored the need, too worried about themselves to care for someone in need. The Samaritan came and risked his own life to help him. Notice that the real difference was not what they did, but how they felt about the man in trouble. The priest and Levite did not care enough about the man to help. The Samaritan “had compassion,” so he did something. Compassion was the underlying motivation for what he did. The lack of compassion was the underlying motivation for what the other two did. The actions of the Samaritan were a side effect of his heartfelt compassion for the man. The real difference between these men was not what they did, but the condition of their hearts.

If you want to act like the Good Samaritan, then you need the love of God in your heart. It is not good enough to go around doing good for

others if God’s selfless love is not what is motivating you to do it. The Bible says, “And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [love], it profiteth me nothing” (1 Corinthians 13:3). It is a great aspiration to live like Jesus and the good Samaritan, but it will be a waste of time attempting to live that way without God’s love in

your heart. In fact, it will make you a miserable person, and that misery will rub off on those around you. What you really need is to have God living in your heart so that His love will spring forth from the inside blessing everyone around you. So if you want to do great things for the Lord, then focus all your energy and attention on having

Him living in your heart, then blessing others will come naturally.

John wrote, “But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:17, 18). Here we see that the love of God abiding in the heart is what motivates godly actions. The unselfish desire to do good for others is a result of having the love of God in our hearts. The good works are not what is good, but an identifier of the good that is within.

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What We Need

Jesus commented on the condition of some of the Jewish leaders when He said, “But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you” (John 5:42). Friends, maybe this could be said of you or me. If so, then what do we need? We need God’s love infused into our mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:10, 11).

Please remember that godliness stems from God dwelling within our hearts. Jesus said, “A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things” (Matthew 12:35). Jesus did not grudgingly do the amazing things He did. No! It was His delight to do the will of God (Psalm 40:8). He loved acting the way He did because His heart was good and right with God. He is full of love for everyone, so as a result, He demonstrated it by the way He lived.

If you see a man begging on the street, and you grudgingly go over to help him because you think you have to, because that is what Christians do, then you are doing it for the wrong reasons. You have the cart before the horse. Jesus didn’t go help people because He thought He had to do it. He did what He did because He loved the people He was helping. Love was pouring out of every fiber of His being, because that is who He is. He was moved with compassion whenever He

saw a need. If you are moved from a sense of duty rather than compassion, then there is something wrong. I am not saying that you should stop doing good things, but check your motives. If you need more of the love of God in you, then focus on that. Get that straight, and other things in your life will fall into place.

John was the Bible writer who seemed most in touch with the love of God. This was his theme throughout

all of his writing. He wrote, “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.” (1 John 3:14). The sign that we have moved into eternal life is when we genuinely love others. Sometimes we focus on doctrines,

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ensure us eternal life. No! they are designed to point us to Jesus so we can have life. Jesus said, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life” (John 5:39, 40).

Peter wrote, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently” (1 Peter 1:22). Unfeigned love is love that is not fake or pretend. When you say, “I love you,” it is sincere and heartfelt. This love is to be fervent

and intense from a pure heart. This is what we must have! We cannot generate love ourselves, so if it is missing we must ask God to put it there.

From the Heart

Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8). This is a wonderful promise. Yet, the opposite is also true. Those who are not pure in heart will not see God. “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). God desires for all of us to allow Him to put in us a clean and pure heart.

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The Bible says, “Now the end [goal, purpose] of the commandment is charity [love] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned” (1 Timothy 1:5). This is the goal of the messages in the Bible, that you have love flowing from a pure heart. This is how Christ lived His life, and it is how true Christians are to live, because Jesus is living in our hearts (Galatians 2:20).

Paul prayed “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19). The root, the foundation, of all of our actions must be love.

Let us not be as the hypocrites, of whom Jesus said, “This people

draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me” (Matthew 15:8). A person can look like a very good Christian on the outside, but inwardly be full of evil thoughts coming from a corrupt heart (Matthew 15:18-20; 23:25, 26). Maybe this is how you have been living your life. If so, don’t despair, there is hope for you. God sent His Son not only to die for you, but to live in you. “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Galatians 4:6).

This is an amazing gift available to all who will accept Him.

Conclusion

The true Christian life is a result of Christ living in you. He gives you a deep, heartfelt appreciation of God’s love for you so you can see your own value (Romans 5:5). This love awakens in you a love for those around you (1 John 4:7-12). If God loves you so much, then He certainly loves others. This true love motivates your thoughts and actions toward others, and is demonstrated by the way you treat people. The things you do for others are a result of the love of God in your heart. Doing good is not to earn your way to heaven, but a natural result of Christ living in your heart. Many people do good to others without the love of God in their hearts, but those actions are forced out of selfishness instead of springing from true love.

Kids' Korner

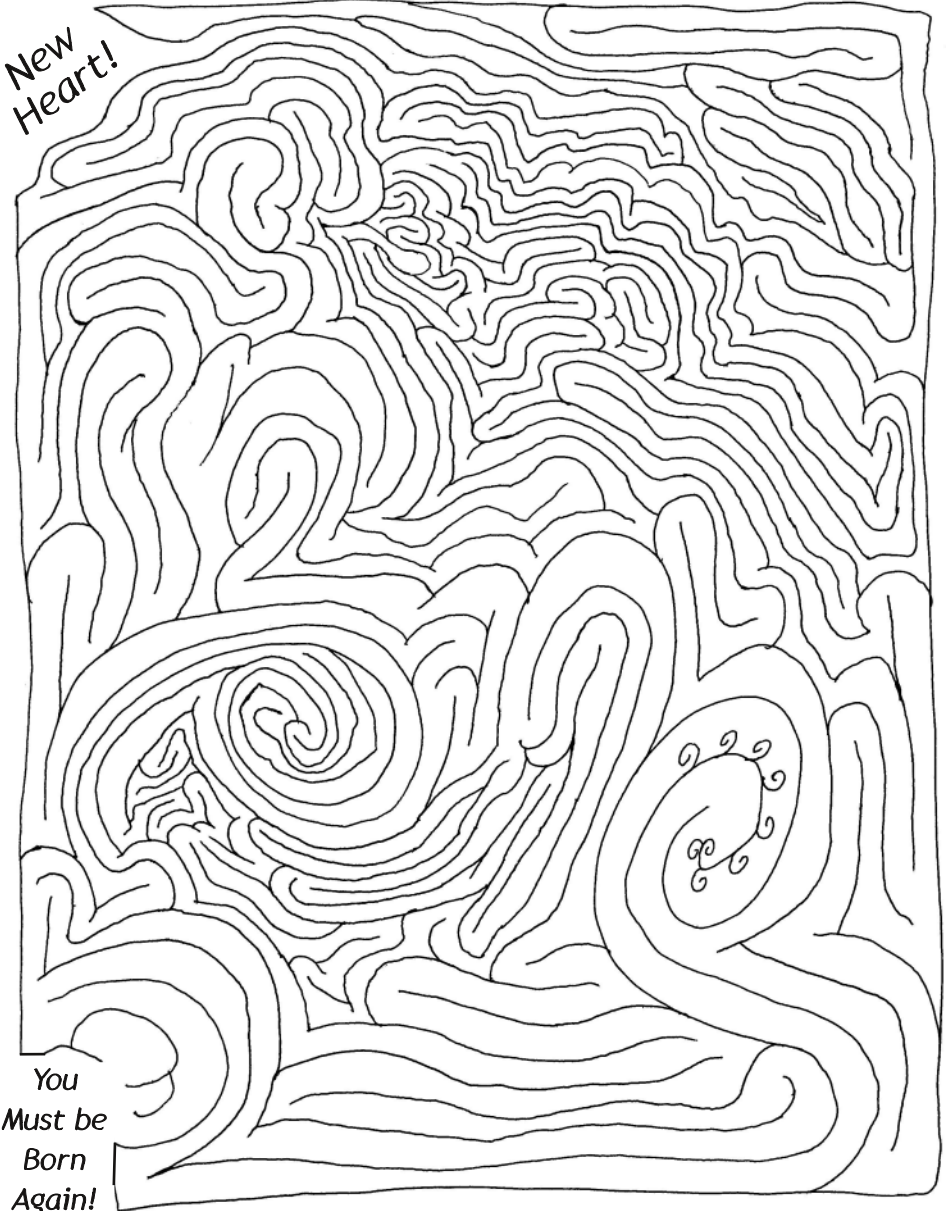
I will give you

A New Heart

and put a New Spirit in you

Ezekiel 36:26

New
Heart!



You
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Bible Word Search

Find the underlined words...

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(Matthew 14:14)

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Bible Study Crossword - Personality of God - Part 2

(The King James Version is required.)

➤ "Ye ____ ye know not what: we know what we ____: for salvation is of the Jews." John 4:22—**1 Across**

➤ "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the ____ in spirit and in truth: for the ____ seeketh such to worship him." John 4:23 (1 word)—**5 Across**

➤ "God is a ____: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24—**2 Down**

➤ "And we have seen and do testify that the Father ____ the Son to be the Saviour of the world." 1 John 4:14—**14 Across**

➤ "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the ____ which thou gavest me to do." John 17:4—**1 Down**

➤ "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a ____, what I should say, and what I should speak." John 12:49—**7 Down**

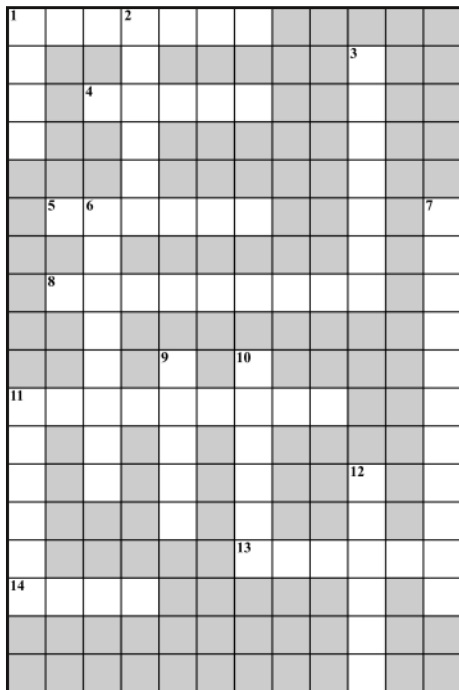
➤ "As thou hast given him ____ over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." John 17:2—**9 Down**

➤ "And hath given him ____ to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." John 5:27—**11 Across**

➤ "But to which of the ____ said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?" Hebrews 1:13—**11 Down**

➤ "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath ____ thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Hebrews 1:9—**6 Down**

➤ "For he whom God hath sent



speaketh the words of God: for God ____ not the Spirit by measure unto him." John 3:34—**10 Down**


➤ "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he ____ to the Son to have life in himself." John 5:26—**4 Across**

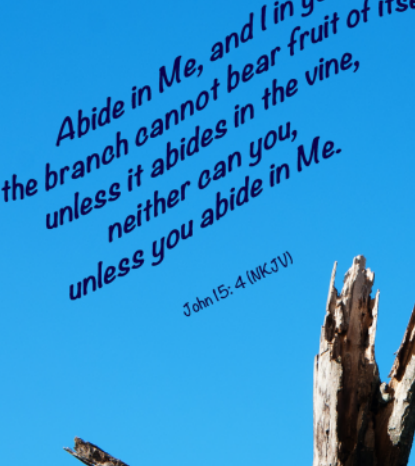
➤ "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in ____ and in earth." Matthew 28:18—**13 Across**

➤ "Wherefore God also hath highly ____ him, and given him a name which is above every name." Philippians 2:9—**3 Down**

➤ "The Father ____ the Son, and hath given all things into his hand." John 3:35—**12 Down**

➤ "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath ____ all judgment unto the Son." John 5:22—**8 Across**

don't worry
because **I** am
with **YOU**
don't be afraid
because **I** am
your **GOD**
i will make you
Strong
& will help
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Isaiah 41:10



*Abide in Me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you,
unless you abide in Me.*

John 15: 4 (NKJV)



REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR
IN THE DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Answers

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Bonus

How many times can you find the word “Compassion” in the first article?

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Doing good things will never earn you a place in heaven, nor will they make up for the sins you have done in the past. True goodness only springs from God abiding in your heart, and unless that is a reality, you do not have what it takes to go to heaven. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23).

Having what it takes to go to heaven can happen in an instant when you invite Jesus into your heart. There is no set amount of good works you have to do to be purged from your sins. You just have to accept Jesus into your heart to live there, and that can be done right now. A proud heart seeks to earn salvation, but the righteousness of Jesus is both our title and our fitness for heaven. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12). The thief on the cross who accepted Jesus on the day of his death, proved that you don't have to heap up a load of good works to outweigh your bad ones. No! What you need is Jesus Christ in your heart; that is all that matters. Of course this will be demonstrated by good works, but those works do nothing to make you more holy, they are just a result of the holiness you have already living in you.

It is likely that as you examine yourself, you will find you need a deeper experience, a greater love for others springing from a pure heart. Fortunately, this is exactly what God has promised to give you. He said, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezekiel 36:26, 27).

When you ask God to give you a new heart and invite Jesus to live in your heart, you will not feel anything happening, but believe that you have a new heart, because God promised. Don't stop believing! After a few days you will notice that there has been a change. You will start thinking and feeling differently. You will start reacting to situations differently. The things you once loved will not be pleasing to you, and things you once hated you will delight in. God gives you a new set of likes and dislikes. This is a sure sign that Christ is working in your life. He is living in you now. Don't stop believing that Christ is in you, for Christ dwells in your heart by faith (Ephesians 3:17).

"Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14). May God's love inspire and motivate you in all you do. >>

Present Truth
Being Justified

by Ellet J. Waggoner

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1). What does this mean? What is it to be justified? Both professors and non-professors often mistake its meaning. Many of the former think that it is a sort of half-way house to perfect favour with God, while the latter think that it is a substitute for real righteousness. They think that the idea of justification by faith is that if one will only believe what the Bible says, he is to be counted as righteous when he is not. All this is a great mistake.

Justification has to do with the law. The term means making just. Now in Romans 2:13 we are told who the just ones are: “For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.” The just man, therefore, is the one who does the law. To be just means to be righteous. Therefore since the just man is the one who does the law, it follows that to justify a man, that is, to make him just, is to make him a doer of the law.

Being justified by faith, then, is simply being made a doer of the law by faith. “By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight” (Romans 3:20). The reason for this is given in the previous verses. It is because there is none that doeth good. “They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one” (Romans 3:12). Not only have all sinned, but “the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not

subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). So there is a double reason why a man cannot be justified by the law. In the first place, since he has sinned, it is impossible that any amount of subsequent obedience could make up for that sin. The fact that a man does not steal anything to-day, does not in the least do away with the fact that he stole something yesterday; nor does it lessen his guilt. The law will condemn a man for a theft committed last year, even though he may have refrained from stealing ever since. This is so obvious that it does not need any further illustration or argument.

But further, the man has not only sinned, so that he cannot be justified by any amount of after obedience, even if he were to give it, but, as we have read, it is impossible for any man by nature to be subject to the law of God. He cannot do what the law requires. Listen to the words of the apostle Paul, as he describes the condition of the man who wants to obey the law: “For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do, I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not” (Romans 7:14-18). It is therefore clear enough why a man cannot be

justified by the law. The fault is not in the law, but in the man. The law is good, and that is the very reason why it will not justify a wicked man.

But what the law cannot do, the grace of God does. It justifies a man. What kind of men does it justify?-Sinners, of course, for they are the only ones who stand in need of justification. So we read, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Romans 4:4, 5). God justifies the ungodly. Is that not right? Certainly it is! It does not mean that He glosses over a man's fault, so that he is counted righteous, although he is really wicked; but it means that He makes that man a doer of the law. The moment God declares an ungodly man righteous, that instant that man is a doer of the law. Surely that is a good work, and a just work, as well as a merciful one.

How is the man justified, or made righteous?-"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). Remember that to justify means to make one a doer of the law, and then read the passage again: "Being made a doer of the law freely, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." The redemption that is in Christ Jesus is the worthiness or the purchasing power of Christ. He gives Himself to the sinner; His righteousness is given to the one who has sinned, and who believes. That does not mean that Christ's righteousness which He did eighteen hundred years ago is laid up for the sinner, to be simply credited to his account,

but it means that His present, active righteousness is given to that man. Christ comes to live in that man who believes, for He dwells in the heart by faith. So the man who was a sinner is transformed into a new man, having the very righteousness of God.

It will be seen, therefore, that there can be no higher state than that of justification. It does everything that God can do for a man short of making him immortal, which is done only at the resurrection. But this does not mean that, being justified, there is no more danger of the man falling into sin. No; "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17). Faith and submission to God must be exercised continually, in order to retain the righteousness-in order to remain a doer of the law.

This enables one to see clearly the force of these words, "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law" (Romans 3:31). That is, instead of breaking the law, and making it of no effect in our lives, we establish it in our hearts by faith. This is so because faith brings Christ into the heart, and the law of God is in the heart of Christ. And thus "as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." This one who obeys is the Lord Jesus Christ, and His obedience is done in the heart of everyone who believes. And as it is by His obedience alone that men are made doers of the law, so to Him shall be the glory forever and ever. >>

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Letters from our Readers



"I received your June *Present Truth*. Thank you so much. It was a real blessing to me. I'll get right to the point. 'take up your cross and follow me'. For sometime now I have been wondering just what does that mean. Now I know. Die to self. And I understand that exactly. I have been feeling many changes in myself for sometime. I just can't stand to watch TV anymore. When I'm doing my Sabbath lesson, it seems the Bible just falls open to the book or text I am needing. I always ask God, the Father, to help me get my car inside of my garage without any damage. I know He is helping me. I have so many obstacles to watch out for. I pray I spelled that right. You see, I will be 90 years old in July. Yes, I am sure I have told you my age before. I pray for God's blessings to be with you and your family. It is so good to get *Present Truth* again. This one was such a blessing. I plan on reading it over and over. Thank you."

South Dakota

"Thank you for the continued subscription to *Present Truth*. I continue to enjoy them and enjoy reading about your ministry. ...I pray we will still be able to receive your publication. Thank you again for everything."

Prisoner in Michigan

"Hey Lynnford, thank you for the package. It couldn't have come at a better time. ... I am so glad that I have someone to help guide me along the way. You are a real godsend. Thank

you. ... I know as long as I follow God, I am safe. One of the things I need is a role model in my life because the people I look up to right now and in the past are walking the wrong path. I no longer need their acceptance in my life because I am my own person and want more for my life and the people around me. So, I thought about how you turned your life around and started helping people. I would like to do the same, so you kind of became my new role model if you like it or not. Thank you for your time and please send me more books. It's good to stay busy. God bless you and your family. You are in my prayers."

Juvenile Prisoner in Arkansas

I am just writing to inform you all that I have changed facilities. Please, would you send all future *Present Truth* newsletters to the location written above. Thank you and God bless."

Prisoner in New York

"I am writing because I have recently been moved to another prison. I have been getting your newsletters and they have been a great blessing. I would like to keep getting them. My new address is below. Thank you for everything."

Prisoner in Missouri

"Please accept this donation to further the Lord's cause. Your books are wonderful and timely. Would you please send me more? Thank you so much! May the Lord and His wonderful Son bless and keep you."

Kansas

Present Truth
Time is Short!

by Lynnford Beachy

I am sure you have noticed the alarming things taking place in our world today. Christians are being persecuted in unimaginable ways in many parts of the world. Please remember them in your prayers. "Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body" (Hebrews 13:3).

The morality of this world is going down fast. Things that people were ashamed to talk about 25 years ago are being promoted as positive, healthy activities today. Let us heed the instruction of the Bible: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:11, 12).

Friends, there is not much time left. Get ready, get ready, get ready! Time is short! "...prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). I pray that you will be ready to meet the Lord in peace.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned

up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:10-14).

Jesus told us about some events that would take place just prior to His coming, and many of them are happening now. You can read about them in Matthew 24 and Luke 21. The greatest preparation is to make sure you are connected to the vine, Jesus Christ (John 15). He is our only safety in the coming trials.

Jesus said, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Maranatha! ➤

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“For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

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“And this is life eternal, that they might
know thee the only true God, and Jesus
Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

John 17:3