

YT Video- Righteousness And Holiness

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Text [KJV unless otherwise indicated]

Rom 3:20 *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

Rom 3:21 *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

Rom 3:22 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

Rom 3:23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Rom 3:24 **Being justified** *freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

Rom 3:25 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to **declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God;*

Rom 3:26 **To declare**, *I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

Rom 5:19 *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many **be made righteous**.*

2Co 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

2Co 6:18 *And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

2Co 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

I. **Predestination To Glorification**

- a. Foreknowledge
- b. Predestinated
- c. Called
- d. Justified
- e. Holy and without blame
- f. Glorified [Adoption as sons]

II. **Foreknowledge**

Isa 46:9 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,*

Isa 46:10 **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:**

Jer 1:4 *Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

III. Predestination

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Eph 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:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

G4309: proorizō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) **to predetermine**, decide beforehand
- 2) in the NT of God decreeing from eternity
- 3) **to foreordain, appoint beforehand**

IV. Called

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

1Co 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Act 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Note: only those who are called will accept the Gospel. So do not be surprised that most people will reject the Gospel.

V. Justified

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

VI. **Sanctification: Holy and Without Blame**

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1Pe 1:2 **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

a. Chosen to be holy: sanctification by the Spirit.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but **if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

Rom 8:14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

1. The Holy Spirit gives us power over sin.
2. To avoid condemnation, walk in the spirit.

Rom 8:1 **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death.**

3. The Holy Spirit frees us from the **law of sin and death:**

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

Rom 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

b. Command to be holy:

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1Pe 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

1Pe 1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

c. Commandment: No Unclean Food

Lev 11:44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Lev 11:46 This is the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth:

Lev 11:47 To make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

d. Be separate: Sanctification

2Co 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and **be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing**; and I will receive you,

2Co 6:18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2Co 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Note: uncleanness is the opposite of holiness

e. Highway of Holiness Not For the Unclean

Isa 35:8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called **The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it**; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Isa 35:9 No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

Isa 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

f. Holiness [Sanctification] necessary for salvation:

Heb 12:14 Follow **peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord**:

ESV 1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

Note: you were washed.....

VII. Justification Without Sanctification

- a. Many preachers do not preach sanctification because obedience to YAHWEH's commandments [Law] is required.
- b. Yes, we are not saved by "works of the Law":

Gal 2:15 *We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners.*

Gal 2:16 *yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

- c. Obedience is necessary for sanctification:

1Jn 5:1 *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.*

1Jn 5:2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.**

1Jn 5:3 *For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

Note:

1. loving God and loving our neighbours are the two summary commandments that embody the 10 Commandments.
2. We cannot know God unless we keep His Commandments:

1Jn 2:3 *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

1Jn 2:4 **He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

1Jn 2:5 *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

1Jn 2:6 *He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

3. Joseph Prince is the extreme example of teaching justification without sanctification. He dismissed the two Great Commandments of Love as "Law". His definition of grace is simply "unmerited favour" but ignores the divine power and influence of the Holy Spirit in sanctification. He teaches his followers to simply rest in the finished work of Christ. The tragedy is that neither he nor his followers will enter into His rest because of unbelief and failure to pursue holiness.
4. When we come to Christ all our past sins are wiped away but we still need to deal with present and future sins:

Rom 3:25 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.*

1Jn 1:8 **If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. Joseph Prince dismissed 1John as a “gnostic heresy”! [Gnostics conceived of the universe as divided into two realms: the present visible world, of matter, dark and evil, and a spiritual world of light and good.] He believes that when a person comes to Christ all his sins, past, present and future are taken care of. He misconstrues the finished work of Christ on the cross to mean the actual status of believers. In

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, *Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

If this is the actual status of everyone born then they are sinless and go not need the gospel or to repent of their sins.

VIII. Adoption as Sons [Glorification] Requires Sanctification

- a. Uihos: mature son of God, like Yeshua

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Thayer Definition:

1) adoption, **adoption as sons**

1a) that relationship which God was pleased to establish between himself and the Israelites in preference to all other nations

1b) the nature and condition of the true disciples in Christ, who by receiving the Spirit of God into their souls become sons of God

1c) the blessed state looked for in the future life after the visible return of Christ from heaven

- b. Purify yourselves:

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

G48 hagnizō

hag-nid'-zo

From G53; to **make clean**, that is, (figuratively) **sanctify** (ceremonially or morally): -purity (self).

IX. Righteousness: Positional And Actual

- a. In Christ: Positional

1. Attributed
2. Declared

b. In Christ: Actual-the practice of righteousness

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.