

*"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the Law: for by the works of the LAW shall no flesh be justified." Galatians 2:16 KJV*



No one gains eternal life by obedience to God's Word; keeping the Law. Not even believers. *"NOT by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."* Even for believers there is always that besetting sin that seems to always catch us off guard. We find ourselves in the middle of sin and it frustrates us to no end. Satan comes along with whispers of guilt and self-berating, challenging our worthiness and sincerity. If we listen, we will end up in the "slough of despond;" up to our necks in the quagmire of doubt and unbelief. Scripture doesn't instruct us to "feel" guilty about our sin, but to confess it. There is no reason to delay. The moment the Holy Spirit convicts you of sin, repent of the deed and immediately confess it to Jesus. Confession is admitting God is right and you sinned against Him! It is not rolling around in self-pity and guilt. Remember every time you sin, it was already laid on Christ at Calvary. *"And He is (present tense) the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."* Remember the agony and anguish of soul and spirit Jesus endured for you. He, who had never sinned, had no sin in Him, had all the guilt and sin of the whole world placed on Him by God the Father. *"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."* Any dalliance in the doldrums of despair is a mockery of the gift of salvation and an abdication of the fellowship of the Son. Godly sorrow will lead us to repentance and confession that we might once again stand clean before our Holy God. Before faith in Christ, we were guilty, but Jesus bore ALL sin and guilt for us on Golgotha! We are freed from the guilt and sin that once bound us with death's penalty. *"Therefore, we are justified by faith."* You can't live a perfect life, but you can confess every sin and be cleansed immediately. Don't listen to the discouraging whispers of the "Hisser." God invites us to confess and to pray without ceasing. We must stay heavenly minded if we are to be any earthly good. Quit walking around in guilt. Cleanse your feet often in the Water of the Word so you may stand confidently on Holy ground. We have been washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb, but we still get the dust of this world on our feet from time to time and have need of cleansing. *"Let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."* Aren't you glad you don't have to earn salvation? Our good works are done out of love, not necessity. *"We love Him because He first loved us."* Once born into the KING'S family, you are forever free!

Freedom's gift was given to me,  
Because I came on bended knee,  
And humbly bowed before the KING,  
And now my heart doth truly sing. ~CGP

You can't earn it, you don't deserve it, you can't buy it, you can't steal it, but you can have it. Salvation is free through the gift of faith which enables humble repentance and petition before the Throne of Grace. Once freed, you can drag your chains around with you, or you can let go of them, but you are not bound anymore!

*"Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16 KJV*