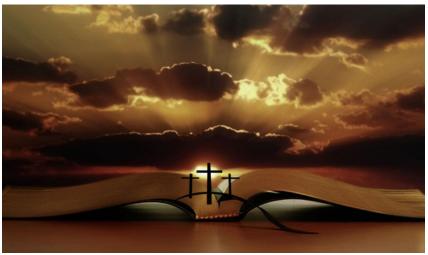
"In Thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline Thine ear unto me, and save me. Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou art my Rock and my Fortress." Psalms 71:1-3 KJV

What is God, if not Righteous? He is thrice Holy: His Omniscience, His Omnipresence, and His Omnipotence! His righteousness wore humanity's robe to render Death's fatal blow



on Golgotha. "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." His righteousness daily intercedes for believers. "We (believers) know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation (conciliating atonement) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." His righteousness preserves believers. "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 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; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." It is an established fact that Christ is righteous! How does that deliver and protect us? Christ is the "Word" made flesh, the Way, the Truth, and the Life." God's Word is the shield that encompasses believers who obey it. Our deliverance and protection is secured through obedience, by faith, to God's Word. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said... 'Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth." Obedience places us in God's righteousness.

> If I obey God's Holy Word, Man's threats will then become absurd, No danger, fear, or threat can turn, My heart from Truth, for which it yearns! ~*CGP*

The simplest yet hardest thing a man must do to gain Heaven is; love and obey God!

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:5-7 KJV