In Jesus We Became The Righteousness of God

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Therefore, <u>if any man (person)</u> **is in Christ**, he is <u>a New Creation</u>; old things have passed away; behold, <u>all things have become new</u>. And all things are of God, who has reconciled us <u>to Himself through Jesus Christ</u>, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; that is: that <u>God was in Christ</u>, reconciling the world <u>unto Himself</u>, not imputing their trespasses (sins) unto them; and has committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then <u>we are ambassadors for Christ</u>, as though God did beseech you through us; we implore you in Christ's behalf, be you reconciled to God. <u>He</u> (Jesus) not having known sin, <u>for us was-made sin</u>, so that <u>we might</u> <u>become the Righteousness of God in Him (in Jesus)!</u>" (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

We: from the Greek word <u>hemeis</u> which means: <u>we</u>, or us; in context: any born-again believer who is a New Creation reconciled to God in and through Christ Jesus; and thus: in Jesus we who believe in Him, we become the Righteousness of God <u>in Him!</u>

Might Become: from the Greek word **genometha** a verb which means: <u>might-become</u>; from **ginomai**: to become, to come into being, to happen, to be made; and in context: signifies a change of persons spiritual condition: going from an unrighteousness sinful state of existence: separated from God; into <u>becoming</u> the Righteousness of God in and through Christ Jesus!

Righteousness: from the Greek word *dikaiosyne* which means: <u>righteousness</u>; in the sight of God; especially in the sense of justification in and through Christ Jesus: resulting in judicial approval and acceptance by God; and <u>not</u> by righteousness accomplished through the Law: through actions performed by oneself. Our righteousness is acquired by faith in, through, and by Jesus: to the standard of the righteousness of God, determined By God.

God: from the Greek word <u>Theou</u> which means: God; the Father, the Supreme Being, <u>Yahweh</u>, the one and only God in existence, who owns and sustains all things that He has Created through Christ Jesus.

In Him: from the Greek words <u>en auto</u> which means: <u>in Him; in Christ Jesus!</u> In context: we are in Christ Jesus because He was and is the holy, and perfect, and sinless, sacrificial Lamb of God who died on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins, by taking our sins upon Himself, thereby becoming sin; whereby we who believe on Him, have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ; and thus we have become the Righteousness of God <u>in Christ Jesus!</u>

God, through the prophets, foretold that believers would obtain righteousness in Him, and with the 'Right Hand' (speaking of Christ Jesus) of His Righteousness:

"Do not Fear; for <u>I am with you</u>; be not dismayed; for <u>I am Your God</u>; I will strengthen you; yes, <u>I will help you</u>; yes, I will uphold You with <u>the Right Hand</u> of <u>My Righteousness</u>." (<u>Isaiah 41:10</u>)

"Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge who set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. Tell you, and bring them near; yes, let them take counsel together; who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I the LORD? And there is no other God beside Me; a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. Look unto Me, and be you saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear (with an oath). surely, shall one say, "In the LORD I have Righteousness and strength." Even to Him shall men come." (Isaiah 45:20-24)

"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments <u>of Salvation</u>, He has covered me with the robe <u>of righteousness</u>, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; <u>so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness</u> and praise to spring forth before <u>all the nations</u>." (Isaiah 61:10-11)

The context is:

- "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses (sins) unto them."
- "He (Jesus) not having known sin, for us was-made sin, so that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him (in Jesus)!"

Our righteousness in Christ Jesus, is the result of being delivered from unrighteousness and sin through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the Cross! Salvation from sin, and Righteousness in Him, is now thus obtained by believers in faith, and in and through Jesus; and not through the keeping of the Mosaic Law. Please consider the following:

"Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh (no people) be justified in His sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the Righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the Righteousness of God which is through faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those believing; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood (His death), 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: so that He might be just, and justifying him of faith in Jesus."

"For <u>Christ is the end of the law for righteousness</u> to everyone <u>believing</u>. For Moses describes the righteousness which <u>is of the law</u>, 'That the man who does those things shall live by them (Leviticus 18:5).' But the righteousness which is <u>of faith</u> speaks as follows, 'Say not in your heart, 'Who shall ascend into heaven?' 'That is, to bring Christ down from above; or, 'Who shall descend into the deep?' That is, to bring up Christ again from the dead. But what does it say? 'The word is near you, even in your mouth, <u>and in your heart</u> (Deut. 30:14),' that is, <u>the word of faith</u> (pisteos), which we preach: that <u>if you</u> shall <u>confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus</u>, and <u>shall believe</u> (pisteuses) in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you <u>shall be saved</u>. For <u>with the heart man believes unto righteousness</u>; and with the mouth <u>confession is made unto salvation</u>. For the scripture says, 'Whoever <u>believes</u> on Him shall not be hasty (to the point of shame) (Isaiah 28:16).' " (Romans 10:4-11)

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yes doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, so that I may win Christ, And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that (righteousness) which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God upon faith; so that I may know Him (Jesus), and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." (Philippians 3:7-10)

"<u>I am crucified with Christ</u>; nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but <u>Christ lives in me</u>**; and the life which I now live in the flesh <u>I live **by the faith** of the Son of God</u>, who loved me, <u>and gave <u>Himself for me</u></u>. I do not frustrate the grace of God; for <u>if Righteousness</u> come by the law, then Christ died in vain." (<u>Galatians 2:20-21</u>)

Please also consider these admonitions, and counsel:

"But **of Him** (of God): **you are in Christ Jesus**, who <u>of God</u> is made unto us: <u>wisdom</u>, <u>and</u> <u>righteousness</u>, and <u>sanctification</u>, and <u>redemption</u>; so that, according as it is written, '*He who glories*, <u>let him glory in the Lord'</u> (<u>Jeremiah 9:24</u>)." (1 Corinthians 1:30-31)

"Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, <u>but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord</u>. <u>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body</u>, that you should obey it in the lusts of it. Nor yield you your <u>members (of your body)</u> as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but <u>yield yourselves unto God</u>, as those who are alive from the dead, **and <u>your members</u>** as <u>instruments of righteousness</u> unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, **but under grace**." (Romans 6:11-14)

"Therefore, take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, with what shall we be clothed?' For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. But **seek you first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:31-33)

"For I am not ashamed of the Good-news of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation to everyone who believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith. (Habakkuk 2:4)' For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." (Romans 1:16-18)

We see that Righteousness is founded upon Faith in Jesus; and not founded by just doing the works of the Law alone. Nevertheless, faith without works is dead, as it says:

"But will you know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he (in obedience) offered-up Isaac his son upon the altar? You see how faith was working with his works, and by (his) works (his) faith was made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which said, 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6);' and he was called the friend of God. You see then how that by works a man is justified (made innocent & righteous), and not by faith only." (James 2:20-24)

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Jesus not having known sin, for us was-made sin,
that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him!!
The Righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ ...
... unto all and upon all those who so believe!!

Those who obey God are those who do so by faith in God !!
And thus, when we so believe Him: it is counted as righteousness in Christ Jesus !!

Lord Jesus You are the power of God unto Salvation to everyone who believes in You!! In You we are made unto: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption!!

Thank You for <u>loving us</u>, and giving Yourself <u>up for us</u>!! All Praise, and Thanksgiving, and Honor be Yours forever and ever!!

Amen and Amen!!