

The Gospel of Righteousness 2

In last week's article, we ended by saying that mankind has been duped by preachers of the "Gospel" (well meaning I am sure) who so deeply embedded sin consciousness into us that we are now unable to accept the true Gospel that was preached by the founding Apostles, and that which was revealed to Paul in his epistles.

Now, I am not saying that we should not preach that if we are sinners (i.e. have not accepted Jesus as Lord and are downright sons of the devil [which we all were at some point] living life as though there is no accountability that we will not go to hell! Far from it - Jesus taught and we believe that there is a hell and there is a heaven! The Gospel of Righteousness is for the Believer! The person who is a Christian but does not believe the Gospel of Righteousness will never live in full victory because we cannot get anything except through faith. We either believe the Word of God or we do not!

The Word of God says Adam's sin is gone! When we were born again it is just as though we had never sinned. God no longer sees us with a sinful nature. He sees Christ in us! He sees us in Christ! Christ is victorious, we are victorious. God gave Jesus all authority, Jesus handed that authority to us! We have victory over sickness, disease, and death! We determine our destiny! We determine how long we live!

The news we heard is that we are just poor sinners saved by grace, we are worms, we are just dust and ashes, God is in control and when our number is up we have to go. We have heard the news that God puts sickness on us and brings us trouble to teach us something! Rubbish! - Why would God give His Son to go through all that He did, gain the victory on our behalf and then ask the devil's help to put the sickness back on us or create havoc in our lives so we could be taught a lesson? Would you, as a loving parent put your child's hand in the fire to teach him/her not to play with matches or break their legs to teach them not to run around your precious china display?

No, you would not! Why then would God who created us just like Him, in His image and likeness do that to us, His sons? The Word of God says that "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" - the lack of knowledge of what? Knowledge of the true Gospel - the Gospel of Righteousness- what I term The Gospel of Righteousness is what the Bible calls The Gospel, or good news of the Kingdom.

(Dr Myles Munroe has written an excellent book entitled "Rediscovering the Kingdom". I recommend that everyone read it!)

Because of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection that complete victory enabled us

to become God's sons like He is. John 1:12-13 (AMP) - *12But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name --*

Much of Paul's teachings are based on the revelation that as born-again Believers, we have Christ living in us. Colossians 1:20-29 (CEV) *20And God was pleased for him to make peace by sacrificing his blood on the cross, so that all beings in heaven and on earth would be brought back to God. 21You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. 22But his Son became a human and died. So God made peace with you, and now he lets you stand in his presence as people who are holy and faultless and innocent. 23But you must stay deeply rooted and firm in your faith. You must not give up the hope you received when you heard the good news. It was preached to everyone on earth, and I myself have become a servant of this message.*

Paul's Service to the Church

24I am glad that I can suffer for you. I am pleased also that in my own body I can continue the suffering of Christ for his body, the church. 25God's plan was to make me a servant of his church and to send me to preach his complete message to you. 26For ages and ages this message was kept secret from everyone, but now it has been explained to God's people. 27God did this because he wanted you Gentiles to understand his wonderful and glorious mystery. And the mystery is that Christ lives in you, and he is your hope of sharing in God's glory. 28We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to warn and teach everyone, so that all of Christ's followers will grow and become mature. 29That's why I work so hard and use the mighty power he gives me.

Christ's work on our behalf is complete! People wait for the glory to come down from heaven or until they die to obtain some glory but the glory is already available to us. It comes from inside. We must learn how to tap into that glory and show it forth in the earth realm.

Jesus said that the kingdom is already here - it is inside us! (Luke 17:21).

*“You are of God, little children, and **have overcome** them, because He who is **in** you is greater than he who is in the world”. (1 John 4:4 NKJV)*

Why can we believe that a person can be demon possessed but not Christ possessed?