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“FREED FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH”

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INTRODUCTION: A PERSONAL TALK TO OUR READERS: Dear Friends, We are in the last days of incredible evil. But, it is a blessed truth that when we are the most cast down, it is then that we are the most lifted up by the help of the Holy Ghost. Trials make more room in our hearts for compassion. Great compassion can be made by great troubles of our own. When we have been there ourselves, we understand the other person's need! The teaching that Jesus suffered so that we might be free from it is not true. Lk. 23:26, says, "On him (Simon) they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus." Our Lord did not suffer so that we should be exempt from it, but that we might endure it. As Simon's cross-bearing was of short duration, so is ours in comparison to Eternity. As I sit at my desk writing this note, how do I know but what it might be the last effort I make for our Lord. Then my cross-bearing will be over. I believe we are so close that today could be it. Thank you Each One for your help. Amen.

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I am thinking of a man who only a Few hours ago believed in the Sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Now he is no longer condemned, though for fifty years he had plunged into all kinds of Sin and vice. But now all his wrongs were forgiven and wiped out when he turned to Jesus and repented. His Sin load is gone and the dark cloud that engulfed him has disappeared. He stands now in the sight of God as though he has never Sinned! And so the Scripture is fulfilled in him declares "He that believeth is not condemned."

Does this Word Pertain to what is to happen at the judgment? Look at the Scripture, what does it say? It does not say, "He that

believeth shall not be condemned." But it says clearly that "He is not now condemned." Then we can know that he never shall be condemned, for having believed in Christ because that Promise stands forever! "He that believeth is not now condemned", "nor" can he ever be condemned. And if one of us has lived in Sin for fifty years, then believed in Christ Jesus until we had reached one hundred, the Promise is still as true as ever it was. The moment a person puts his trust in Jesus, he is free from all Condemnation, Past, Present and what may come later. We stand before God as though "Without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." Forgiveness is not Something

that God gives, then takes it back. It is for past, present, future. It is Eternal!!! Once we have the Holy Ghost Seal, it is Eternal!!!

Of course we know that once we have believed on The Lord Jesus, we must follow Him, love Him and obey Him. This life of obedience must follow our initial belief. Quote: "Masterpiece" page 29. Verse 144 "I'm using this now as a parable of the Bride, the Masterpiece that's coming forth. As the Masterpiece fell, there's a Masterpiece rising. The Masterpiece fell at Nicaea, Rome. After Nicaea, Rome She's come through a process; but She's coming right back again to that Masterpiece, perfected, 'cause She's a part of that Word that

was spoken by Him. He'll have a church without spot or wrinkle. It'll not be connected any way with any kind of organization or a denomination (the cursed thing). It's passed through those such things, but it will never be there. 145. Notice, the seed is coming up. That life is coming up, not going back. There'll be no more resurrection after this. The Life is coming up to go to it's perfection, a resurrection. 146. Notice, the husk put forth...The...Notice, the husk puts the original seed out of itself. In Rev. the 3rd chapter we find this." But you say, "we sin." That we do, but our Sins are not laid to our charge. They were laid to the charge of Jesus. God can never lay the charge of Sins on two people for the same Sin, first on Jesus, then on us the Sinner! But one said, "Yes, but I fall into Sin often." That does happen to some of us, but if the Spirit of Christ is in us, we do not fall as often as we used to. We are overcoming the law of Sin in our flesh.

Rom. 8:33, "Who shall lay anything to the Charge of God's Elect. It is God that Justifieth." Rom. 5:1, "Therefore being Justified by Faith, we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

HOW LONG DOES THIS JUSTIFICATION LAST?? Once we are sealed in by the Holy Ghost, we are saved for Eternity. Eph. 1:13, "In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Verse 14, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."

We sin because there is a law of Sin in our Flesh, and not because we still love the Sin. Because of our new Birth we now hate Sin, although along with the Apostle Paul we sometimes do things that we hate. Yet though we do Sin, we are no more guilty in the sight of God,

because all our Sins were taken from us and laid on Jesus, Positively, Literally and Actually lifted off of us and laid on Him. 2nd Cor. 5:2, "For He has made Him to be Sin for us, who knew no Sin, that we might be made the Righteousness of God in Him." This verse is saying that our Sins have been laid on Jesus. They can't be on us and on Him too. If they were laid on Him then they are not still on us. They can't be two places at once. Even our human law can't charge a man twice for the same violation!!! Were our Sins laid on Him or not? Did He pay our debt or not? Have you read about the Scape Goat in the Old Testament? There is a goat brought out and the Priest confesses the Sins of the people over the goat's head. The Sins are all gone from the people and laid upon the goat, and the goat is loosed into the wilderness. Is there any Sin left on the people? If there is any Sin still on the people then the goat has not carried it away. Because it cannot be on

the people and on the goat at the same time! It cannot be carried away and left behind too!

The Scripture says the goat carried away the Sins, and when we have, by Faith, laid our hands on the head of Jesus, does He take away our Sins or not? If He does not, then there is no use of us believing on Him! But if He does really take them away then our sins cannot be on us and on Him too. If our Sins be on Christ and He has already Paid for them on the cross, then we are Free, Clear, Justified and Accepted in the Beloved.

As soon as a Person believes on Jesus Christ, his Sins are gone from him. They are blotted out at that moment. Then we receive the Holy Ghost and are Sealed in. The debt is gone. Although we may Commit Sin the debt was Paid before we ever did the Sin. We are no longer a debtor to the Law of God, which law can only bring death.

Does not the Scripture say that God has cast our Sins into the depths of the Sea? If they are in the

Depths of the sea, they cannot be on us also. On the day that He casts our Sins into the Sea, that is the day that He Sees us as Pure in His sight. Again He says, "As far as the East is from the West, so far has He removed our Sins from us." They cannot be "Removed" and on us still.

So then, if we are believers in Christ Jesus we are no more Sinners in God's Eyes. We are accepted as though we had never Sinned. And truly there is a Part of the Bride of Christ that has never Sinned. We preached that in last month's Sermon. We are no longer what we were before we believed, we now stand before God as being in Christ Jesus, and being in Him by Faith, we are as Righteous before God as Jesus is. We are the Righteousness of God in Christ. 2nd Cor. 5:21 Again----".....We have been Made the Righteousness of God in Him." (Jesus)

Now, we that believe in Jesus and His death in our Place, we are to walk here on Earth in the Glory of

this Powerful Truth.

We are sinners in ourselves, but we are washed in the Precious Blood of God Himself! He did not send someone to Pay our debt, He came Himself and washed us as white as snow. Though we must confess within myself I am unworthy and unclean, yet believing in God's Plan, He has given me His Righteousness so completely that He said, I am even whiter than snow. We pray for the Faith to lay hold of this Rapturing Faith so that we may know if we die before He comes we cannot be condemned.

Having been in Police work a number of years I learned that in our Courts of Law a verdict of "Not Guilty" amounts to an acquittal, and the Prisoner is at once released! So is it in the language of the Bible. A sentence of "Not Condemned" means that the condemned Sinner has been Justified.

Not that he will be justified at a later time, but he is Present Tense Free from all guilt. Are those who are already back in

their Theophany Justified? Yes! And so are we as free from Sin as those who are already in Heaven! Eph. 1:5-6, 5. “Having Predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself. According to the good pleasure of his will, 6. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”

The thief on the cross was justified the instant he turned his Face to Jesus and repented. The thief was just as Saved as Paul was, and he had no services to offer at all, while Paul had years of Service. There are rewards that we may reap after we get to Heaven, but this ticket to Heaven may be received while we are still here. All the blessings that we could have had if we could have kept all the Holy Law, they are ours now because Jesus kept the Law for us!

Although the Scripture declares that those who believe on Jesus are not Condemned, It does not say that their Faith shall not be tried!!!

God never gives us Faith without intending to try it. Faith is given us for the very Purpose of getting us through the trials that the Father intends to put us through. When God gives a person great Faith, we must realize that a great Trial will come to Prove that Faith! God gives us Some of His Faith, then He allows trials and troubles and Yes Sin at times to come our way. When we plead with God for more Faith, do we understand that we are asking for more troubles to try that Faith?? If we testify to trusting our Lord you will given Plenty of Chances to use it and when the Lord gets though testing us we won't have any Faith left over, it will take it all to Pass the test! The danger is that we might get to thinking that God is judging us for our Sins! That is not Condemnation!!! He That Believes is Not (Now) Condemned. Our Faith may go down to a low level, but we must remember, we are still Justified! We are still “Accepted in the

Beloved.” Our acceptance by God does not depend on what we have been able to do, but on what Jesus has done For us. We may at times get very low as far as our thinking about trusting God. Our feelings will be lying to us—But here's what we must remember, we may at times get desperate and very badly discouraged, But all of that cannot disprove our text that says, “He that Believeth is not Condemned.” The sins of us Creatures does in no way Change the Perfection of our Christ—That Righteousness has been transferred to us. God never takes back our Justification. We Are as black as sackcloth of hair on the outside, but on the inside, in the New Soul, We are as white as snow in God's Eyes. We must keep Believing the Lord while He Purges our flesh man in order to Perfect our Character. And so, as the world would say, the bottom line is to trust Him anyway. It's about over little Bride. Amen