

Faith I Live By (Apr 9 – 15)

Christ Our Righteousness

A Perfect Atonement, April 9

- 1.) In the _____ made for him the believer sees such breadth, and length, and height, and depth of efficiency—sees such _____ of salvation, purchased at such _____ cost, that his soul is filled with praise and thanksgiving. He sees as in a glass the glory of the Lord, and is changed into the same image as by the Spirit of the Lord. {FLB 105.3}

***Thought Question:** It says that our salvation was purchased at an *infinite* cost. We cannot begin to imagine all that it cost God to purchase our salvation. Nevertheless, the bible and SOP reveal some facts surrounding what the Father and His son endured for our sake. List some of the things that Jesus and the Father sacrificed or endured for you and I?

- 2.) _____ and _____ have no right to interpose between Christ and the souls for whom He has died, as though invested with the Saviour's _____, and able to pardon transgression and sin. They themselves are sinners. They are only human. {FLB 105.5}
- 3.) The heaviest burden that we bear is the burden of sin.... He will take the load from our weary shoulders. He will give us rest. The burden of _____ and _____ also He will bear. He invites us to cast all our care upon Him; for He carries us upon His heart. {FLB 105.8}

Type Meets Antitype, (Eph 2:13) April 10

- 4.) From the _____ the _____ law was an essential part of God's divine plan, and was as _____ as Himself. The ceremonial law was to answer a particular purpose in Christ's plan for the salvation of the race. The typical system of sacrifices and offerings was established that through these services the sinner might _____ the _____, Christ.... The ceremonial law was glorious; it was the provision made by Jesus Christ in counsel with His Father, to aid in the salvation of the race. The whole arrangement of the typical system was founded on Christ. Adam saw Christ prefigured in the innocent beast suffering the penalty of his transgression of Jehovah's law. {FLB 106.3}
- 5.) The need for the service of sacrifices and offerings ceased when type met antitype in the death of Christ. In Him the shadow reached the substance.... The law of God will maintain its exalted character as long as the throne of Jehovah endures. This law is the expression of God's character.... Types and shadows, offerings and sacrifices, had no virtue after Christ's death on the cross; but God's law was not crucified with Christ.... Today he [Satan] is deceiving human beings in regard to the law of God. {FLB 106.4}
- 6.) God did not make the infinite sacrifice of giving His only-begotten Son to our world, to _____ for man the _____ of _____ the commandments of God in this life and in the future eternal life. He [Jesus] gave His precious, innocent life to save guilty human beings from eternal ruin, that through _____ in Him they might stand guiltless before the throne of God. {106.6 -7}

Redemption and Forgiveness, (EPH 1:7) April 11

7.) The grace of Christ is freely to _____ the sinner without merit or claim on his part. Justification is a full, _____ of sin. The moment a sinner accepts Christ by faith, that moment he is pardoned. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to him, and he is no more to doubt God's forgiving grace. {FLB 107.2}

***Thought Question:** What does this mean for us? Are there any conditions to receiving this gift?

8.) There is nothing in _____ that makes it our _____. Faith cannot _____ our guilt. Christ is the power of God unto salvation to all them that believe. The justification comes through the merits of Jesus Christ. He has paid the price for the sinner's redemption. Yet it is only through faith in His blood that Jesus can justify the believer. {FLB 107.3}

9.) The sinner cannot depend upon his _____ as a means of justification. He must come to the point where he will _____ all his sin, and _____ one degree of light after another as it shines upon his pathway. He simply grasps by faith the free and ample provision made in the blood of Christ. He believes the promises of God, which through Christ are made unto him sanctification and righteousness and redemption. And if he follows Jesus, he will walk humbly in the light, rejoicing in the light and diffusing that light to others. {FLB 107.4}

10.) Let the _____ sinner fix his eyes upon "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." ... When we see Jesus, a Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief, working to save the lost, slighted, scorned, derided, driven from city to city till His mission was accomplished; when we behold Him in Gethsemane, sweating great drops of blood, and on the cross dying in agony—when we see this, _____ no longer clamor to be recognized. Looking unto Jesus, we shall be _____ of our coldness, our lethargy, our self-seeking. We shall be willing to be _____ or _____, so that we may do heart service for the Master. We shall rejoice to bear the cross after Jesus, to endure trial, shame, or persecution for His dear sake. [

Self-righteousness Insufficient (Matt 5:20) ,April12

11.) The _____ of the human mind in Christ's day was that a mere assent to the truth constitutes righteousness... The Pharisees claimed to be children of Abraham, and boasted of their _____ of the oracles of God; yet these advantages did not _____ them from selfishness, malignity, greed for gain, and the basest hypocrisy.... {108.2}

***Thought Question:** Why do you think this is referred to as the greatest deception?

12.) The same danger still exists. Many take it for _____ that they are Christians, simply because they subscribe to certain theological tenets. But they have not brought the truth into _____. They have not believed and loved it, therefore they have not received the power and grace that come through sanctification of the truth. Men may profess faith in the truth; but if it does not make them _____, _____, _____, _____, heavenly-minded, it is a curse to its possessors, and through their influence it is a curse to the world. {108.3}

13.) The righteousness which Christ taught is _____ of heart and life to the revealed will of God. Sinful men can become righteous only as they have faith in God and maintain a _____ with Him. {108.4}

Filled With His Righteousness, (Matt 5:6) April13

- 14.) Righteousness is holiness, _____ to God, and "God is love." 1 John4:16. It is conformity to the law of God, for "all thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172), and "love is the fulfilling of the law" (Romans 13:10). Righteousness is _____, and _____ is the light and the life of God. The righteousness of God is embodied in Christ. We receive righteousness by receiving Him. {109.2}
- 15.) Not by _____ or _____, not by gift or sacrifice, is righteousness obtained; but it is freely given to every soul who hungers and thirsts to receive it. {109.3}
- 16.) The more we _____ of God, the _____ will be our ideal of character and the _____ our longing to reflect His likeness. A divine element combines with the human when the soul reaches out after God and the longing heart can say, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him." Psalm 62:5.... {109.5}

The First Steps in Justification, (Acts 5:31) April14

- 17.) Many are confused as to what constitutes the _____ in the work of _____. Repentance is thought to be a work the sinner must do for himself in order that he may come to Christ. They think that the _____ must _____ himself a fitness in order to obtain the _____ of God's grace. But while it is true that repentance must precede forgiveness, for it is only the broken and contrite heart that is acceptable to God, yet the sinner cannot bring himself to repentance, or prepare himself to come to Christ.... The **very first step** to Christ is taken through the _____ of the Spirit of God; as man _____ to this drawing, he advances toward Christ in order that he may repent.... {110.2}
- 18.) Who is desirous of becoming truly repentant? What must he do? He must _____ to Jesus, just as he is, without _____. He must _____ that the word of Christ is true, and, believing the promise, ask, that he may receive. When _____ desire prompts men to pray, they will not pray in vain. The Lord will fulfill His word, and will give the Holy Spirit to lead to repentance.... With prayer he [the repentant sinner] will mingle faith, and not only believe in but obey the precepts of the law.... He will renounce all habits and associations that tend to draw the heart from God. {110.4}
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The Righteousness of Christ Sufficient (Rom 3:21,22) ,April15

- 19.) What is justification by faith? It is the work of God in _____ the _____ of man in the _____, and doing for man that which it is not in his power to do for himself. When men see their own nothingness, they are prepared to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. {111.2}
- 20.) The thought that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us, not because of any merit on our part, but as a free gift from God, is a precious thought. The enemy of God and man is not willing that _____ should be clearly presented; for he knows that if the people {111.6} receive it fully, his power will be broken. {111.6}