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Ruled Not Guilty When We Miss The Mark
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We have been studying righteousness, comparing the old covenant with the new covenant, what the old could not do, the new has been successful in accomplishing, more than we can ask or think in regards to our salvation. The purpose has been, speaking to the believers, those that have already accepted Jesus as personal Savior, to those who have missed the mark and how righteousness is restored to them, totally separate from works, coming before God and asking Him to forgive with the area of guilt being addressed. Guilt does not come from God.

In Genesis chapter 3, when Adam and Eve were walking in the garden, and after they had transgressed, the Lord came to them, and they immediately had guilt and shame realizing that they were unclothed. In the beginning, they had been clothed, in the glory of God that was upon them and they had no need for clothing, but after sin came, they saw themselves in the natural, the covering had been taken from them. Guilt and shame came upon them and they ran from God, hiding from Him.

This is what the adversary wants for each of us when we miss the mark, once we have been in fellowship with God. It is his plan for us to feel guilt and shame, wanting to hide from God, feeling unworthy coming into His presence.

Rom 5:17-19 "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.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." KJV

Rom 5:17-19 "For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). 18 Well then, as one man's trespass [one man's false step and falling away led] to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness [leads] to acquittal *and* right standing with God and life for all men. 19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him)." AMP

* one man's offence is speaking of Adam, *in life by one is speaking of Jesus

Because of Adam's transgression in the beginning, unfortunately his DNA spiritually, has been passed on to us and that sin nature comes on us, this is why Jesus came. However, through the free gift of righteousness by Jesus, now we have another DNA spiritually given to us coming from God. We are no longer under the same rule that Adam was under. We are to have kingdom rule and dominion over sin, sin does not have dominion over us, we are to have kingdom rule wherever we are at because of the free gift of righteousness.

Righteousness is a free gift, but under the old covenant there was the law of righteousness that came by works trying to do everything right that no man could attain to. Now we are righteous totally apart from our works because of Jesus being our personal Savior. We receive that free gift of righteousness.

2 Cor 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." KJV

It is Gods plan that we rule and reign in life by that free gift of righteousness that is given to us by Jesus Christ and the dominion of sin does not rule over us. We cannot let the enemy remind us of what we did in the past as we begin to walk in victory. If we have ask Jesus to forgive us, then there should be no remembrance or memory of the past because the blood of Jesus blots it out, does not just cover it, but literally blots it out where there is no remembrance.

2 Cor 5:18-19 "But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him]. 19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor)." AMP

What is the ministry of reconciliation?

On the cross, God judged Jesus for our sins, He made Jesus to be sin for us. God laid on Jesus the sin of the world and in doing that He included every sin that man would commit, past, present and future. It didn't stop there, for three days and nights, He suffered in the bowels of hell and He was judged there for our sins like we should be judged when we sin with no forgiveness. By doing that God has brought the world into harmony with Himself, because He laid sin or judged sin in His son Jesus. He is viewing the world through the finished work of Jesus, and that is why the Father God is not judging the world, like some of the church world believe that He should be doing, but He judged the world by laying sin on Jesus and judged sin through Jesus. We understand that there will be a judging through the law of sowing and reaping. There will be a time of the judgment of the nations and on Israel, if we are born again, we won't stand before the white throne judgment but will stand before Jesus to receive our rewards and at that time our works will be judged by fire.

2 Cor 5:21 "For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]." AMP

1 Cor 3:12-17 "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." KJV

Because of the supreme sacrifice of Jesus, we are under a new covenant, Jesus' blood blots out sin, just doesn't cover it like the blood of bulls and goats did under the old covenant and it is

Gods plan is that we rule and reign in life and we are free from guilt.

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In dealing with guilt, we ask the question, do we really love God? How many of us understand that God loves us? It is always easier to love someone who loves you, but when we begin to understand how much God loves us, it is beyond anything we can imagine, and when we understand His love, then we can begin to love God back, totally separate from works. It will be a challenge for us if we don't understand how much God loves us, this is where guilt and condemnation will rise up.

Guilt will keep you from doing what is right and will keep us from growing spiritually, because we will feel unworthy. Guilt comes from the fall of man, when Adam fell, guilt and condemnation came and Adam passed it along to us. When we accept Jesus and Father God, they passed on to us the new DNA. However, without the renewing of our mind we live under a *cloud of condemnation, even though we may be on our way to heaven, knowing that we are forgiven but we are never able to break out of the guilt and condemnation. Without breaking out of that guilt and condemnation even though we love God and know that He loves us, we put ourselves into a box, unable to walk free into the vast open resources of God by faith and experience His unconditional grace and mercy and kindness and reign in life as a king.

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The plan and purpose is to get us out of the area of feeling condemned, unworthy and feeling guilty and over into the realm of receiving completely Gods forgiveness and the free gift of righteousness. Guilt is not a good barometer of where we are at spiritually, missing the mark that guilt is different, guilt comes from the fallen side. Righteousness and forgiveness comes from Gods side and they will always be opposing one another. If we have asked for forgiveness and are still walking around feeling guilty then we haven't received Gods forgiveness even though He has bestowed it to us.

Rom 8:1 "There is therefore now *no condemnation* to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." KJV

If we are in Christ Jesus, there is no guilt, shame or condemnation. The flesh was how the law endeavored under the old covenant to be kept, the spirit of God was not involved. Paul writes of the battle with the flesh in chapter 7 of Romans, void of the Holy Spirit, but he realizes the answer is "there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." Sin is what gives strength to the law, chapter 15 of Romans teaches this. Those very things we don't want to do we end up doing, we yield to the pressure and pain trying to get away, but after we yield then we feel the

shame and guilt and many times the enemy will put pressure on us in certain areas. How do we deal with the guilt and condemnation?

Rom 8:30-35 "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also *justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" KJV

*justified in the King James usually means the same as righteousness

Righteousness means "just being right with God", having the ability to walk in the presence of God without the sense of guilt or shame, we now have on the robe of righteousness that Jesus gave to us, totally separate from the old covenant of works.

v. 31 - Paul is asking the question who can be against us? He is saying that God is not against us, because it is God that has made us righteous, is Jesus going to condemn us? No, Jesus died and is now risen and is at the right hand of the God and is making intercession for us. Can anything separate us from the love of Christ? God is going to give us all things, He won't be making us feel guilty.

Rom 8:30-35 "He has also called and those whom he has called He has also declared free from guilt and those whom He has declared free from guilt He has also crowned with glory for His presence, what shall we then say to this? He who did not withhold even His own son but gave Him up for all of us will He not also with Him freely give us all things, who shall impeach those whom God has chosen, God declares them free from guilt, who is there to condemn them? Christ Jesus died or rather has risen to life again, He is also at the right hand of God and is interceding for us. What can separate us from the love of God?" Wymans

Adam and Eve were crowned with His glory in the beginning, but because of sin and feeling guilty, they ran and hid themselves. That is what people do today, because of guilt and shame, they run from the presence of Jesus. However, once they ask God to forgive them, He will cleanse them and they can come into his presence and He will give them the crown of glory without guilt. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" KJV

Guilt, inferiority, shame cannot separate us from the love of God. Why? because it was nailed on the cross when Jesus was nailed to the cross. He was judged for that, when we come to Him, He is not there at the cross now, He is seated in heaven at the right hand of the Father. Old Testament looked to the cross, today we look back to the cross and enjoy the finished work of Jesus, if we live at the cross continually we will not live a victorious life, the new covenant is faith we put faith in what Jesus did at the cross and walk toward Him.

Is the guilt we are feeling godly sorrow or is it sorrow of this world? When we are motivated by guilt and not motivated by love for God, the results will definitely be different in our lives and the outcome of that. The results of when we miss the mark like the examples of Peter or Judas. Judas was sorry but it wasn't out of love, it was out of guilt and remorse, it was a worldly

sorrow that you cannot overcome and leads to death.

2 Cor 7:10 "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death." KJV

When we miss the mark the sorrow that comes out of a heart of love for God, is like when we come to Him, just like we would someone we love and ask forgiveness, wanting to restore a relationship. That kind of godly sorrow leads to life and will be a fresh start. After repentance there is always a fresh beginning. Many times guilt comes from our early upbringing, people who have a hard time loving others or God, especially in a place of condemnation and guilt. Jesus has already dealt with this, He paid the price where guilt and condemnation will not control us. Guilt will keep us from doing what is right and keep us stuck and we are always going to have people massaging us, seeking their approval, trying to put them in the place of God, there will be no faith at all in the finished work of Jesus.

Paul tells us in the following scripture that this is what some of us used to be like, but we are now cleansed and are righteous. We are no longer the way we used to be, don't listen to the enemy and his lies.

1 Cor 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." KJV

In chapters 7 through 10 in the book of Hebrews, the author is talking about the superiority of the blood of Jesus in contrast with the blood of bulls and goats. He also contrasts the superiority of the priesthood that Jesus now has over the Aaronic priesthood. If they were perfect they would have not made the sacrifices regularly, Jesus came and made one sacrifice, it is perfect and complete, no more sacrifice for sin.

Heb 10:1-4 "For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." KJV

Many believers do not realize the power of the New Testament or covenant, they believe that sacrifice must be made daily to be able to walk in victory. After we have asked for forgiveness but are still sin conscience, we are living under the old covenant, because Jesus came with the perfect sacrifice, shed His blood that doesn't just cover sin, but blots it out there should be no more conscience of sin, but most believers have greater sin conscience than righteous conscience. In heaven we won't be conscience of sin, we have to deal with this now. God declares that we have righteousness because He has given it to us.

1 John 3:20-22 "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." KJV

1 John 3:21 "Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence." NLT

1 John 3:21 "And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God," AMP

1 John 3:20-21 "My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves. 21-24 And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us." MESSAGE

The benefits of knowing that we are righteous, right standing with God and what our privileges are and what God expects of us and what our potential can be. God is greater than our guilt and shame and He has declared righteous when we come to Him. He has declared us free from guilt, condemnation and shame, God is greater than that, we serve a great God. So many people never accomplish on this earth what God wants them to do because they never rise up in God's righteousness they feel unworthy.

Heb 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." KJV

By keeping His commandments and doing those things which are pleasing to Him, keeping the law of love. Guilt and condemnation will have to be shut down, then you will be able to come boldly before Him. He has crowned us with glory and honor