

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

The Opposite Opportunity

Is it possible to be RIGHTEOUS and be WRONG?

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John 8 & Romans 3

John 8

[1] But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. [2] At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. [3] The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group [4] and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. [5] In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” [6] They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. [7] When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” [8] Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

[9] At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. [10] Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

[11] “No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Also READ Romans 3.21-26

The Two Choices

- Righteousness – What we do to “remain innocent and please God.”
- Two paths that people can choose
 1. Righteousness of the Law and the prophets
 - Path of _____ and _____
 2. Righteousness through Faith in Jesus
 - Path of _____ and personal _____

Applied Theology

Two Types of Righteousness:

1. _____: “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”
 - I will make others look bad so I look good.
2. _____: Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”
 - I will do good because it is the right thing to do.

Choosing between

- All have Sinned
 - Fall short of the glory of God
- Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
 - _____ – Declared innocent or not guilty
 - _____ – Free EXPENSIVE Gift
 - _____ – Full Price paid

The Price of Sin

- All have Sinned
 - _____ sin: Woman was caught in adultery
 - _____ sin: If you are without sin – They all went away one at a time
- Justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
 - _____ sin – No longer condemned
 - _____ sin – went away one at a time

The Replacement

- God presented Jesus as:
 - A sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood
- Sacrifice = something done _____
- Atonement = replacement brought to the mercy seat
- In his blood = Leviticus 17.11
- In the temple courts = something done _____
- To accuse him = replacement brought to the mercy seat
- Neither do I condemn you = by his blood

The Reason

- To demonstrate _____ justice
 - You are forgiven because the sin has been paid for in full by Jesus
- Passed over sins previously committed
 - He has done this before as an example
- Demonstration of _____ justice at the present time
 - He is the same today in regards to sin and faith
- Now he justifies those who have faith in Jesus
 - There is one way to deal with this matter
- To demonstrate His justice
 - If any one of you is without sin...
 - The woman standing there alone...
- Passed over sins previously committed
 - This woman caught in adultery
- Demonstration of His justice at the present time
 - Neither do I condemn you
- Now he justifies those who have faith in Jesus
 - Go now and leave your life of sin.

Is it possible to be righteous and be wrong?

Is it possible to be wrong and be righteous?
