

Sin-Consciousness vs. Innocence-Consciousness (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, 34
- Romans 4:8, 25
- Romans 6:14
- Titus 2:11-14
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*
- Romans 6:10, *NLT*
- Romans 4:6, 7, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 16:22

Summary:

The devil is always actively working to destroy us. One of the ways he makes inroads in our lives is by getting us to be more aware of our sins and shortcomings than of our righteousness. God sees born-again believers as innocent and acquitted of all accusations the enemy has made against us. We must therefore be more conscious of what Jesus has done for us than of sin, and the shame and guilt that accompanies it. Focusing on grace instead of on the law shows us that we're no longer sinners, but saints. Accepting our stance in Christ positions us to enjoy eternal life in heaven with God. Choosing to live under grace frees us from the law's curses and reveals our righteous stance in Him as citizens of heaven.

Notes:

1. Paul taught that believers are righteous before God. We must focus on that, not on our sins.
2. Living under the grace of God breaks sin's power over us. Paul exhorted the believers to realize that they no longer had to live as if sin still defined them.
3. Many Christians still aware of their sins think that Jesus no longer loves them because they missed the mark. However, because of what He did, sin is no longer on the agenda.
4. Christians don't have to earn their righteousness. Jesus died to make us right before God.
5. Believers have been declared righteous without having to work for it. The church today, however, says we must work for our righteousness and our salvation.
6. God's grace rescues us from wrong-thinking and all the junk in our minds that religion and sin-consciousness deposit there by revealing our righteousness.

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