

## Embracing Innocence-Consciousness

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### Scriptures:

- John 3:17
- John 8:3-11
- John 1:16, 17
- Acts 8:1-40
- Romans 8:1, 2
- 2 Corinthians 7:2, 3
- 1 Corinthians 15:31
- Romans 6:11
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Colossians 3:3
- Genesis 2:25
- Genesis 3:7
- Romans 5:17-19
- Hebrews 10:2
- Matthew 11:28-30, MSG
- Matthew 18:3

### Summary:

*Our mindset makes a huge difference in how we live our lives. Being conscious of our sins causes us shame and condemnation; by contrast, being aware of our innocence in Jesus Christ frees us from negative emotions and changes our behavior. Most churches constantly focus on sin; however, Jesus delivered us from this, and God has now forgiven all believers. Faith in this makes us righteous, so that we no longer have to define ourselves by our performance. No matter how many past sins we've committed, grace reveals our righteousness. Religion tells us we must strive and work to earn right-standing with God when all we need to do is to rely on the Holy Spirit to transform us. Jesus is enough; believing Him reveals to us who we really are.*

### Notes:

1. Jesus never condemns, but instead shows compassion and forgiveness when we miss the mark.
2. Jesus did something no one else could do—He perfectly fulfilled every part of the law. Faith in Him justifies us and causes God to see us as if we perfectly kept all the law.
3. We shift from sin-consciousness to innocence-consciousness by recognizing what we already have in Christ, by meditating on Scriptures that affirm our righteousness rather than our failures, and by measuring our worth by our union with Christ.
4. God created us to be aware of our innocence, but sin redirects our focus to guilt and shame.
5. Jesus came to undo what Adam did. Adam introduced sin-consciousness; Jesus restored innocence-consciousness.
6. We walk in innocence-consciousness by seeing ourselves as God sees us, by shifting from performance to rest, by speaking the language of grace, by embracing a childlike faith, and by making the right choice.

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