

The "5 Truths" of the Gospel

Truth #1: Already Forgiven – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

Truth #2: Made Clean – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

Truth #3: Made Righteous – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

Truth #4: In Union – you are "in Christ" because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

Truth #5: By Faith – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

The "5 Keys" to Understanding the New Testament

Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God's spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Key #2: Proper Context - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

Key #3: Spiritual Beings - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a "born again" spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

Key #5: Hebrew Law - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**



1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God.** {This statement is literal; it does not mean a "lifestyle" of sin as many teach.}



Romans 10:10a for with the heart a person believes, **resulting in righteousness,**



1 Peter 1:16 because it is written, "**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**"

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What is Christian Holiness?

Are Christians holy, or are they just credited with being holy? The Bible is very clear.



Ephesians 4:24 and put on **the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness** of the truth.



Ephesians 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, **but now you are light in the Lord;** walk as children of light



1 Corinthians 6:9a Or do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?** ...

What is Christian Holiness?

Entire denominations have been built around “Christian holiness.” Originally the belief was that people could become sinless if they dedicated themselves to God and had enough faith - this is called “sinless perfection.” But now others say that sinless perfection is not possible; rather, people can become more “Christ-like” as they consecrate themselves to God.

This concept of holiness misses the great truth of the Bible - all Christians are made righteous and holy in their spirits because they are “born again.”

Being born again means that, upon faith in Christ as Savior, God removes your old sinful nature and replaces it with a brand new, clean heart (spirit). Then, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your new clean heart to make you literally righteous by His indwelling presence. You are holy in your spirit because the Holy Spirit lives in you and joins as one with you. Since He is holy, you are holy.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Do you not know that **you are a temple of God**, and that **the Spirit of God dwells in you?** [17] ... for **the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.**

Mortal Body Not Yet Redeemed

The confusion about holiness comes from traditional teaching that either ignores or rejects the dichotomy of a Christian being righteous in spirit but still living in a not-yet-redeemed mortal body. “You can’t divide people into parts,” is the claim of those who do not understand this truth. Yet, the Bible is clear that people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body.

2 Corinthians 4:16b ... though our **outer man** is decaying, yet our **inner man** is being renewed day by day. (Also, read 2 Corinthians 5:1-6)

All Christians are holy in their spirit; otherwise they would **not** be saved. Righteousness is a gift, and the gift is a person.

Romans 5:17b ... much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

If Jesus is holy (and He is), then you are holy because He lives in you and makes you righteous. (“Christ in you” is synonymous with being indwelled by the Holy Spirit.)

Romans 5:10b ... much more, having been reconciled {forgiven}, **we shall be saved by His {indwelling} life.**

Why Believers Live By Faith

Romans 8 has the definitive statement in Scripture about the difference between a believer’s redeemed spirit and their not-yet-redeemed mortal flesh.

Romans 8:10 and if Christ is in you, **though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

Only your inner spirit was saved when you trusted Christ as your Savior. Your human body will not be saved until later (Romans 8:23). Therefore, you will not be able to live righteously if you try to live your life by your own human self-effort. Even though Jesus was sinless, He did not live by His own power - He lived by the power of the Holy Spirit in Him. He is your model for a life of faith. (See Matthew 12:18,28; John 14:10)

The Apostle Paul said ...

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.