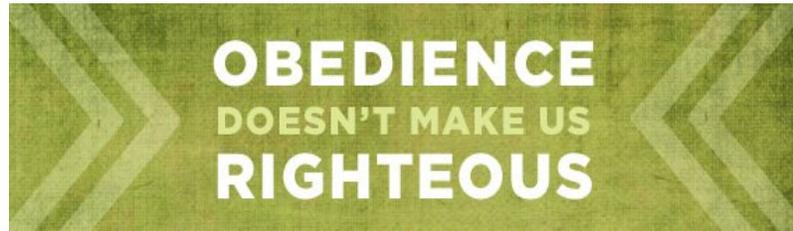


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**KARNATAKA CONGREGATION**

### **EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

“Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness... Daniel 9:24

Righteousness is not about right conduct. It is a gift from God to us through Jesus. And since it is a gift, we cannot earn it by our law-keeping and right conduct. We can only receive it! How do we receive this gift? We receive it through the cross. God made Jesus “who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”. So today, we are the righteousness of God in Christ. We are as righteous as Jesus is!

In Sunday, we hear a message that says, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ.” On Monday, we are still confessing, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ.” But come Wednesday or Thursday, we begin to confess our sins! Then, when Sunday comes, we get a fresh revelation of our righteousness in Christ and we start to confess our righteousness again. Why do we do that?

It cannot be that on Sunday, we are righteous. Then, a few days later, we become unrighteous because of sin, but are “re-righteoused” when Sunday comes again. No, our righteousness is an “everlasting righteousness”! Jesus has obtained “eternal redemption” for us. (Hebrews 9:12) “But Pastor Prince, I have just sinned. How can I still be righteous?”

My friend, it is not what you do that makes you righteous. It is what Christ has done at Calvary. Romans 5:19 says, “For as by one man’s [Adam] disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.” It is the obedience of one Man — Christ — and not your obedience, that has made you righteous!

God wants you established in what Christ has done. He wants you conscious of your everlasting righteousness in Christ. How do you do that? You can listen to anointed messages that remind you of your righteousness in Christ. And don’t just know it in your head. Speak it. Every morning, tell yourself, “I am the righteousness of God in Christ!” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

You don’t need a revelation of how sinful you are. You know it when you sin. The devil reminds you of your sins. Even your friends and loved ones sometimes point out your sins. What you need, instead, is a revelation of how forever righteous you are in God’s eyes, especially when you sin. And when you are conscious of this gift of righteousness that is everlasting, you will reign in life! (Romans 5:17) You will reign over sin, bad habits, sicknesses, lack and everything that holds you back from a victorious life!

Thought For The Day : It is not what you do that makes you righteous. It is what Christ has done at Calvary. *Devotion By Joseph Prince*

## RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT RIGHT DOING BUT RIGHT BEING

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, *Romans 4:5*

What do you think righteousness is about? Something you do or something you **are**? Right **doing** or right **being**? The Bible tells us that after Jesus' sacrifice at the cross, God imputes righteousness not to those who strive to obey the law (Galatians 2:16), but to anyone who believes in His Son. Because Christ took our sins and gave us His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21), the moment we believe in Him, God treats us as righteous apart from our works or obedience. (Romans 4:5–8) This is new covenant righteousness — a righteousness that comes by faith and not works.

You are not righteous because of how morally upright you are. You are not righteous because you exercise self-control. You are not righteous because you read 10 chapters of the Bible daily. You are not righteous because you feel righteous. But you are the very righteousness of God in Christ solely because the sacrifice of Jesus made you so. When you believe this, your faith is accounted for righteousness. And this is what God wants you to use your faith for. If you are righteous by your deeds, you don't need faith. You also don't need faith to know that you are sinful. But you need faith to believe and declare that you are the righteousness of God in Christ, in the midst of your struggles with temptation and sin.

Some Christians believe that they have to work at becoming more righteous. And they kick themselves when they do wrong. They don't realize that by doing these things, they are not seeking God's righteousness, but are trying to establish their own righteousness by their law-keeping and right conduct. The devil may remind you of your foul temper and question your integrity: "How dare you call yourself righteous when you just did that!" Just ignore his lies and boldly declare, "I am not righteous because of what I have done or not done. I am righteous only because of the blood and finished work of Jesus at the cross!"

When God gave us Jesus, He became our righteousness. So we have His righteousness. This means that we are 100 per cent righteous in God's eyes! We cannot but have first-class righteousness!. You might say, "Pastor, I don't understand. How can I be righteous when I have done wrong?" Think about this: Jesus, who knew no sin, became sin for us. Jesus knew no sin, did no sin and in Him was no sin. But at the cross, He received our sin and became sin for us. Likewise, we, who were sinners, knew no righteousness, did no righteousness and in us was no righteousness. But at the cross, we received His righteousness and became the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

At the cross, the divine exchange took place. Jesus took our place so that we might take His place. He did not deserve to be made sin, but He was made sin in our place. We did not deserve to be made righteous, but we were made righteous because we received His righteousness. What good news! What amazing grace!

## Righteousness Confessions

For if by the one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. - **Romans 5:17**

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.- **2 Corinthians 5:21**

...that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...- **Philippians 3:8-10**

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works. - **Romans 4:5-6**

For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. - **Romans 4:13**

...so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. - **Romans 5:21**

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. - **Isaiah 41:10**

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." - **Romans 4:3**

For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield. - **Psalms 5:12**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. - **Matthew 6:33**

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, but He casts away the desire of the wicked. - **Proverbs 10:2-3**

Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot. - **Proverbs 10:6-7**

The labor of the righteous leads to life, the wages of the wicked to sin. - **Proverbs 10:16**

## “...NOT SIN IMPUTED TO YOU”

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin.” Romans 4:8

As believers, we have been given right standing with God forever. It has nothing to do with our performance. We are established in His love. Therefore, we should focus on our righteousness instead of our faults and failures. God wants us to focus on our righteousness because it positions us to receive from Him.

When we become born again, we receive God’s gracious gift of righteousness, which is right standing with Him. The only thing we ever have to do to receive this gift is to accept it. We receive it by faith just as we receive our salvation. From this point, God wants us to develop our faith until we completely trust Him, more than we trust ourselves.

Christians who turn away from God because they have sinned. Through Adam we were all made sinners, but through our faith in Jesus Christ we are all made righteous (Romans 3:20-23). Sin consciousness makes sin even worse because when we are focused on our sins we do not want to accept that we are righteous in God’s eyes (Romans 5:12-21). Good deeds will not make anyone a Christian. Likewise, bad deeds will not cancel out a Christian’s status as a Believer in Jesus Christ. In order to be effective as Believers, we must focus on our righteousness more than our sins. When we are focused on our right standing with God, it is difficult to continue sinning (1 Corinthians 15:34). Being aware of our righteousness makes us want to do what is right.

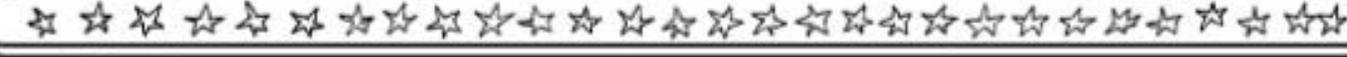
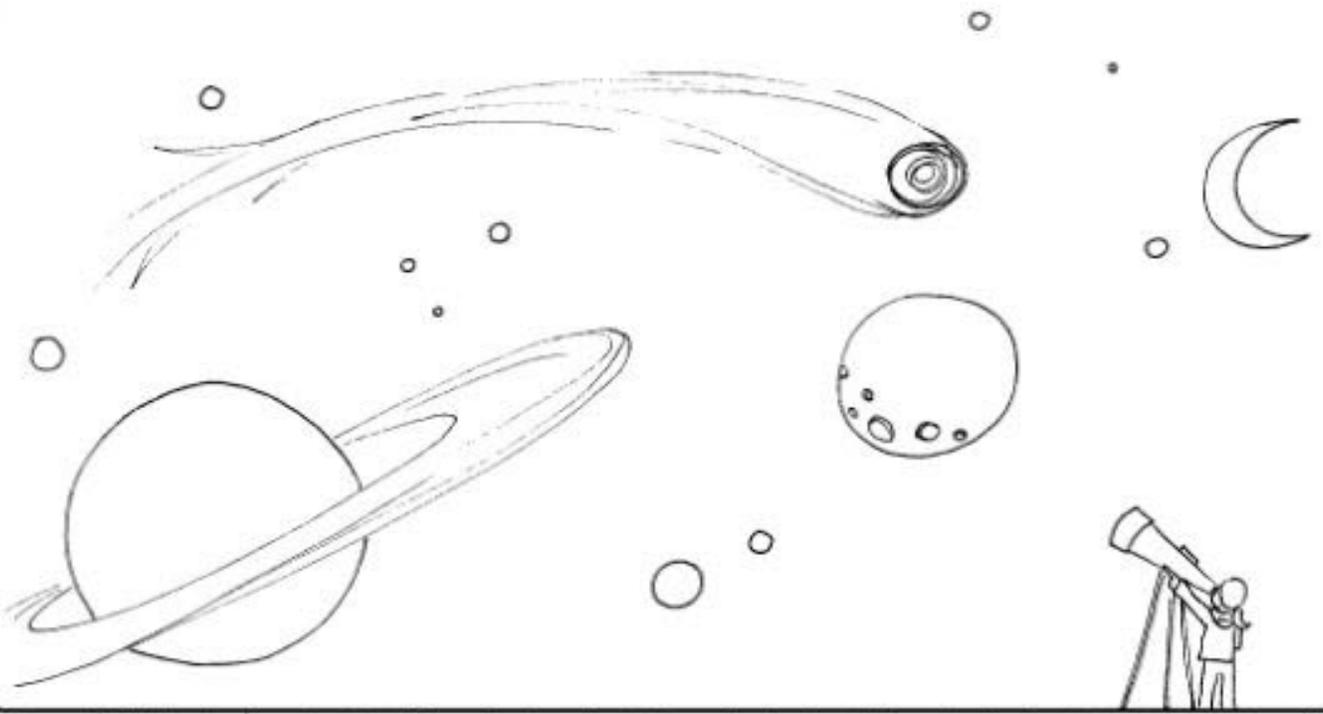
You are blessed today because all your sins are forgiven in Christ. God does not count your sins against you. Instead, He counts you righteous in Christ. That is why you are the blessed man to whom the Lord does not and will not impute sin! What happens to such a man? Let’s look at the story of Jacob to find out.

The Bible records how Jacob had deceived his father and cheated his elder brother Esau of his first-born blessing. (Genesis 27:1–41) Yet, in spite of his sin of deception, God chose to speak to Jacob. God did not say to this cheat, “You terrible sinner! How can you deceive your own father? You are cursed!” No, to deceitful Jacob, God said, “I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants... Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.” (Genesis 28:13–15) *Here was a man to whom God did not impute sin!*

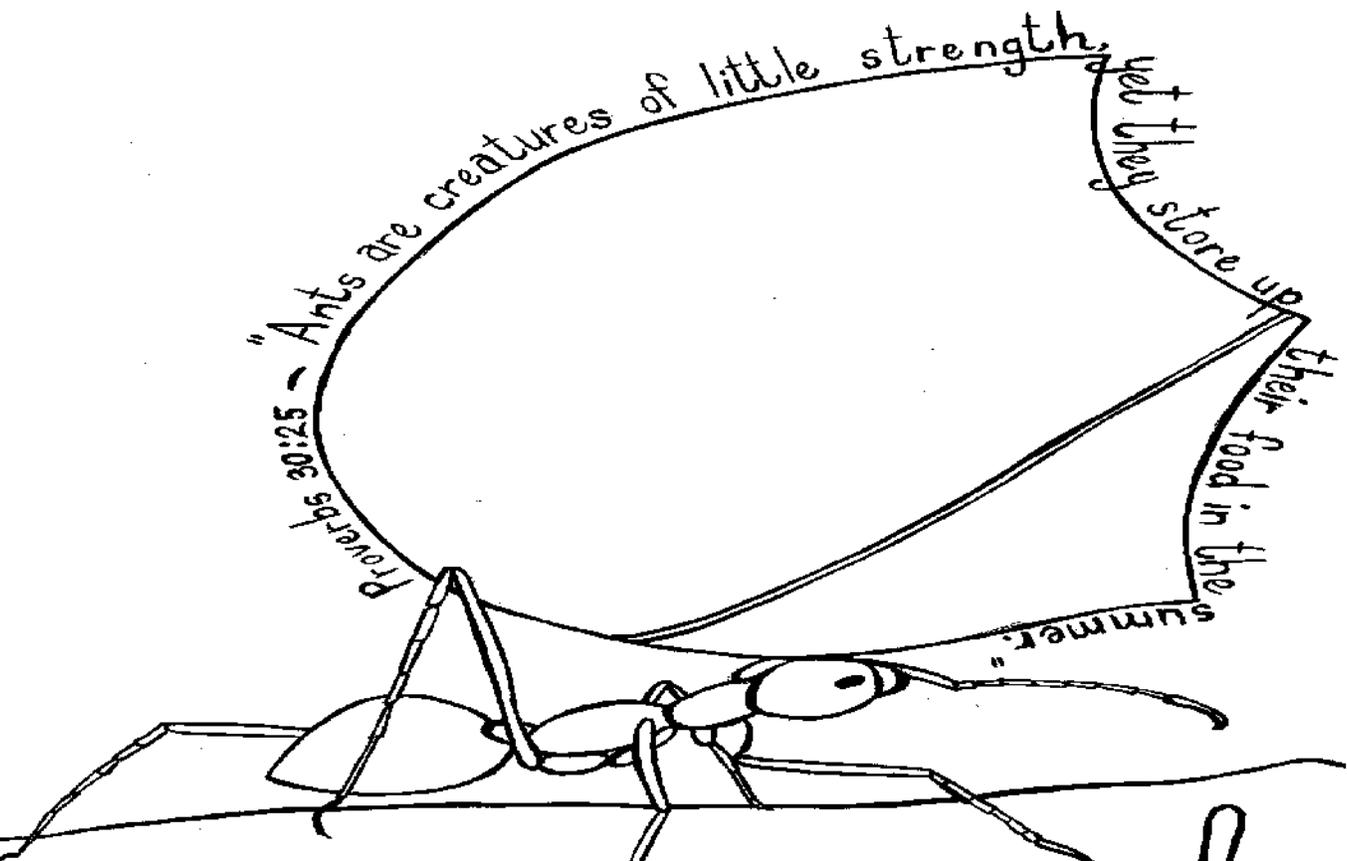
God did not rebuke Jacob at all. Instead, we hear Him telling Jacob, “I will give to you... I am with you... I will keep you... I will bring you back... I will not leave you...” Jacob certainly did not deserve these blessings. This is one man who walked in the truth of Romans 4:8 — “Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin!” Now, I am not encouraging you to sin, but I want you to see the love and grace of God toward us.

If Jacob was so blessed, how much more you and I today, who are under the new covenant of grace established by the blood of Jesus. How much more is our blessedness because Jesus has removed all our sins at the cross!

Beloved, because of Jesus’ finished work, God does not impute sin to you. What He does impute to you is righteousness apart from works. (Romans 4:6) And because you are righteous, get ready for His blessings! (Proverbs 10:6) **by Edited & collected by Crefflo Dollars**



The Heavens declare the glory of God.  
Psalm 19:1



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Promise Word—Psalms 112:2

*"...The generation of the upright will be blessed ."*



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I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart...

**27th Sep 13 @ 6pm**  
**Hall of Hope**

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PSALM 111:1

**service Times**  
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**Annex Hall @ 4pm (Kan)**  
**Hall of Hope @ 6pm**

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