



# 2 Parts of LIFE!

## The 2 Parts Of Life & The Gift of Righteousness 7/2016

### **Part 1: The 2 Parts of Life**

**Job 2:11-13 NASB** Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him. (12) When they lifted up their eyes at a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky. (13) Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

**Then they started talking :-)**

**What to do & not do. What Job did wrong. (The Law)**

**Job 42:7 NASB** It came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as My servant Job has.

**Job 42:10 NASB** The LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased all that Job had twofold.

Recently heard someone's thought that in church some of the main things taught should be the connections between sin & punishment & between obedience & the blessing.

**Please understand, that's the law.**

**James 2:10 NASB** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

**So, if we just tell someone to do this or don't do that, it leads to death.**

**Then what should we do?**

**2 Parts of Life:**

1. Receive Love From God
2. Give Love To God

**2 Parts of LIFE!**



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## **Part 2: The Gift of Righteousness**

**Righteousness: A Created Place, Position & Character**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NASB**

(17) Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

(18) Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

(19) namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

(20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God

were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

(21) He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Tracy Harris:** *"Righteousness is not something that we do, but something we are!"*

**Tracy Harris:** *"We are in a kingdom. You don't become king by being a very good prince. You're born into the royal line."*

### **Power Linked to Righteousness**

**Romans 1:16-17 NASB** For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For **in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed** from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

**Tracy Harris:** *"A gospel that reveals no righteousness carries no power to deliver."*

### **Reign in Life Through Righteousness**

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

**Tracy Harris:** *"In this kingdom we reign by righteousness, not by performance but by position."*

### **Grace Reigns by Righteousness**

**Romans 5:21 NASB** so that, as sin reigned in death, even so

**grace would reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Righteousness is the Sceptre of His Kingdom**

**Hebrews 1:8 KJV** But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a **sceptre of righteousness** *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.

## **Maturity is Measured in Righteousness**

**Hebrews 5:11-14 NASB**

- (11) Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.
- (12) For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
- (13) For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the **word of righteousness**, for he is an infant.
- (14) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

**Hebrews 5:13 NIV (13)** Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the **teaching about righteousness**.

**Hebrews 6:1 NASB** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

**Righteousness Partners Us With The Holy Spirit & Power!**

### Hebrews 6:3-5 NASB

- (3) And this we will do, if God permits. *[there's an allowance]*
- (4) For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made **partakers of the Holy Spirit,**
- (5) and have tasted the good word of God and **the powers** of the age to come,

### **Moving Into Righteousness By Faith**

#### Romans 4:18-24 NASB

- (18) In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."
- (19) Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;
- (20) yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,
- (21) and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
- (22) Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- (23) Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,
- (24) but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- (25) *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

### **Righteousness' Connection to Resurrection Power!**

Romans 4:25 YLT who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised up because of our being declared righteous.

**When we were declared 'righteous' our sin no longer held Jesus in the grave!**

**Tracy Harris:** "A revelation of righteousness is tied to resurrection power!"

### Romans 10:9-10 NASB

- (9) that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- (10) for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

### Philippians 3:7-11 NASB

- (7) But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
- (8) More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,
- (9) and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness** which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,
- (10) **that I may know Him [intimacy, RESET] and the power of His resurrection** and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;
- (11) in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

This is why the gates of hell will not prevail against the church built on the rock/foundation of righteousness.

The 2 covenants & covenant children are referred to in Galatians 4:27 as he references Isaiah 54

### Isaiah 54:9-10 NASB

- (9) "For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you.
- (10) "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake,

But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

## **Righteousness Is Your Foundation!**

### Isaiah 54:13-14 NASB

(13) "All your sons [*2 covenants*] will be taught of the LORD; And the well-being of your sons will be great.

(14) "In righteousness **you will be established**; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you.

### **Foundation speaks of 5 things:**

1. Create/Formation
2. Preparation for a future event
3. He wants Influence & Control
4. Dynasty
5. Fixed/Done/Established

### Isaiah 54:15-17 NASB

(15) "If anyone fiercely assails *you* it will not be from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you.

(16) "Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals And brings out a weapon for its work; And I have created the destroyer to ruin.

(17) "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their vindication is from Me," declares the LORD.

## **We are Trees of Righteousness, Planted by The Lord**

### Isaiah 61:1-7 NASB

(1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has

sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

- (2) To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,
  - (3) To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. **So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.**
  - (4) Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.
  - (5) Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.
  - (6) But you will be called the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of *as* ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.
  - (7) Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*, And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.
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## **Entering The Gift of Righteousness by Faith**

**Romans 4:25 NASB** *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

**Romans 4:25 YLT** who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised up because of our being declared righteous.

### **Romans 4:1-9 NASB**

- (1) What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found?
- (2) For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
- (3) For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

- (4) Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.
- (5) But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,
- (6) just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:
- (7) "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.
- (8) "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."
- (9) Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

#### Romans 4:17-25 NASB

- (17) (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, *even* God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.
  - (18) In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."
  - (19) Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;
  - (20) yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God,
  - (21) and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.
  - (22) Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
  - (23) Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,
  - (24) but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
  - (25) *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.
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## **Moving into Abundant Grace In Finances, etc.**

**2 Corinthians 9:8 NASB** And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

**2 Corinthians 9:10 NASB (10)** Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

### **God's will for you:**

- ALL Grace ABOUND to you
- Sufficiency in Everything
- Abundance for EVERY Good Deed
- Seed to the Sower
- Bread for Food
- Multiply Seed for Sowing
- Increase the Harvest of your Righteousness

**That list of GREAT things came from the verses before that...**

### **2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NASB**

**(6)** Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

**(7)** Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

This brings up grace vs. sowing & reaping

### **General Mindsets towards Biblical Finances:**

1. God wants you poor & humble
2. God will sovereignly give prosperity
3. God wants me prosperous (head knowledge but no faith or action)
4. Seed, Time & Harvest
5. Prosperity through Grace alone

**Seed, Time & Harvest:** "I will abundantly increase as I sow abundantly" (basically works followed by faith)

**Prosperity through Grace:** "I will abundantly increase simply because of grace" (basically faith without works)

**1 Corinthians 6:12 NASB (12)** All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.

**1 Corinthians 10:23 NASB (23)** All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify.

**2 Corinthians 9:10 NASB (10)** Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and **increase the harvest of your righteousness**;

How can we have grace alone give us ALL things YET not all things bring profit or have more or less harvest of righteousness?

### **Two scenarios:**

#### **1) Seed, Time & Harvest:**

- works but limited
  - sowing for increase
  - not a bountiful, 'cheerful' giver even though they may give much
  - seed not multiplied
  - harvest is based on seed sown & seed sown is based on their current financial levels
  - easy to not use faith in Grace
  - ultimately just receiving seed & eating their seed constantly
- It kinda works, but slower than necessary & not in fullness

#### **2) Prosperity through Grace:**

- works but limited
- receiving from Grace
- not a sower, because that is works

- receives basically for themselves
  - easy to not use faith in giving
  - can easily lead to giving only when God audibly speaks
  - ultimately just sowing out of their fruit meant for them & not receiving seed for sowing, because they're not sowers
- It kinda works, but not in fullness & overflow to every good work

**You don't earn your salvation in ANY area! Even Prosperity & provision! It is by faith! But faith has a response & corresponding action.**

**Prosperity through Grace:** Faith towards Righteousness then Receiving

**Seed, Time & Harvest:** Sow then Faith then Receiving

Faith Purposed to be a Abounding Cheerful Sower Through Righteousness

- >Seed To The Sower
- >Giving BECAUSE they are a Sower
- >Faith To Receive on Multiplied Seed
- >Provision & Prosperity Received

**So what do we need to do?**

PURPOSE in your heart by faith to be an ABOUNDING, CHEERFUL GIVER!

## **Entering Into Rest Through His Love**

**Hebrews 3:12-14 NASB**

- (12) Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.
- (13) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- (14) For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

### Hebrews 3:18-19 NASB

- (18) And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient?
- (19) *So* we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

### Hebrews 4:9-16 NASB

- (9) So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- (10) For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.
- (11) Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.
- (12) For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- (13) And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
- (14) **Therefore**, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- (15) For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.
- (16) Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.