

FREED FROM CONDEMNATION

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The human race needs to know the facts about God's salvation and the positive effects that flow from it. The clarity and assurance of forgiveness needs to be the primary understanding for the church. The role of the priest has always been one of clear and precise intercession on behalf of the person they are dealing with. It was God's intention that people would confess, offer a sacrifice and leave the temple with a clear understanding of forgiveness. Too many times, the doctrinal or economic corruption of the priesthood left people uncertain about their spiritual status. We can help others avoid the same problems by having a clear understanding of how forgiveness and New Testament salvation works.

Salvation is much more than a spiritual status, we are also blessed naturally and very importantly, we are given freedom from guilt.

If we continually feel guilty, how can we live in a positive or motivated state? EZE 33:10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? **11** Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

God already set in motion the principles of future blessing and release from guilt and struggle.

Every seven years Israel were commanded to forgive all the people their debts so poverty would be prevented. **DEU 15:1** At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a **release** (forgive). **2** And this is the manner of the **release** (forgiveness): Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD's release. The seventh day and year were periods of rest. Salvation is the same... a rest from our own works and shortcomings... a rest from guilt too.

Fear and guilt work against God's rest... they totally fail in the bigger picture.

We have entered into the Lord's rest (Sabbath) as a way of life.

HEB 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his **rest**, any of you should seem to come short of it. **2** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. **3** For we which have believed do enter into **rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my **rest**: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. **4** For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did **rest** the seventh day from all his works. **& 11** Let us **labour therefore** to enter into that **rest** (see Titus3:5), lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. **12** ******For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** God does what we cannot do.

Any effort to be righteous in our own strength... will always fail.

God makes us righteous. TIT 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; **6** Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; **7** That being **justified by his grace**, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Making choices in total freedom is what sorts us out... Satan failed this.

ACT 13:39 ... And by him all that believe are **justified from all things**, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

There needs to be clarity of forgiveness. ROM 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **25** I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. Temptations are not our problem if we have a Godly solution.

Also; blind faith, and punishment-based repentance are equally useless... God offers scriptural clarity.

8:1 There is **therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (make a genuine effort to support fellowship and God). **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. God alone is the source of our forgiveness and prosperity... we cannot earn anything, nor should we block others from God's mercy and forgiveness.

We are not permitted to create nor threaten condemnation in others, through ignorance or poor use of doctrine.

Care is needed. MAT 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Condemnation is for the guilty and rejectors of God's will; it should not be part of the overcoming church.

ISA 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. **12** To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to **rest**; and this is the **refreshing**: yet they would not hear.

****ROM 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our **infirmities** (weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (speaking in tongues). **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Just as the priest interceded for the people, the spirit now intercedes for us... God's way.