



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST." EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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OUR RIGHTEOUTNETT IN CHRIST



Forgiveness is only half the story of the GOSPEL OF GRACE!

There are many people who believe GOD has forgiven us in CHRIST. Where they have trouble is the second half of the good news: that just by believing in JESUS CHRIST, GOD accounts us righteous!

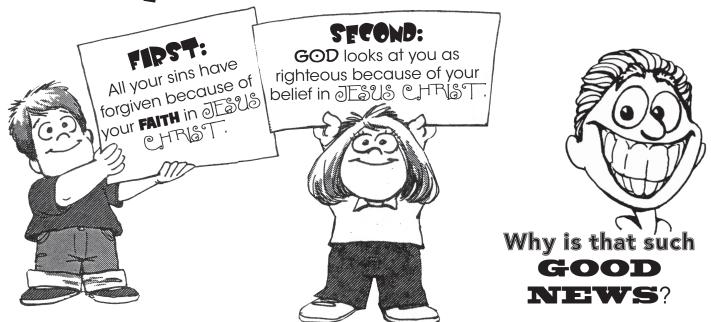
My actions show me that I am not as good as I want to be, nevertheless, I am righteous before **GOD** and He looks at me as perfectly righteous because of my **FAITH** in **JESUS** CHRIST.

LÕK Up, READ, arepsilon Fill in the Blanks of $ext{ROMANS 10:9-10}$

"That if you confess with your ______ the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the _____ one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

These are the parts of the GOSPEL OF GRACE:



BECAUSE I never need to fear and say, "Oh, I can't go to God because I did something wrong." But...

BECAUSE I have failed to achieve a certain standard, **SATAN** will try to keep me from coming to **GOD!**

He will say things like: You have no right to ask GOD to help you when you have just failed Him again. You know your action is displeasing to GOD, yet you did it anyway. Now, you're in trouble and you want GOD to help you. You think He is going to listen to you? No way!"

SATAN wants to make us think that GOD won't hear our prayers.

But, if I am looking to JESUS CHRIST and I realize that I am accounted righteous because of my FAITH in CHRIST, SATAN can never keep me from GOD!

I have **NO** hope in my own self and in my own goodness.

But, I have great hope in the work that JESUS CHRIST did for me and in the work that GOD is doing in me by the power of his Holy Spirit. He is conforming me into the image of CHRIST!

Those things that I cannot do for myself, He is doing for me. Those areas where I am so weak. He has made me strong. I have recognized my weakness and have cast myself upon Him. In those areas where I once was weak and constantly stumbling, I now stand strong because His strength has made me perfect in my weakness.



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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I am not yet all that GOD wants me to be -

FAR FROM IT!

But thank GOD, I am not what I was! GOD looks upon me and accounts me righteous and holy. We must never see ourselves apart from Him.

What things do I think I can do to make GOD accept me?

Be honest:



GOD MAKES US RELITEOUS BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF AND TRUST IN WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID FOR US.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 6:14

"But God forbid that I should _____ except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been

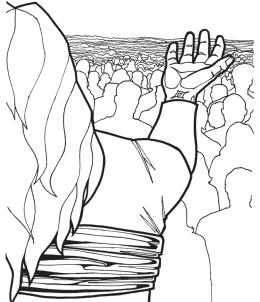
to me, and I to the world."



Our righteousness is not a question of good works, trying hard, or in keeping certain rules. Our righteousness - both here, now, and for all eternity, is a result of our simple FAITH in GOD'S Son, JE പ്രീ.



Sometimes I will feel that my relationship with GOD is good and at other times I will feel it is bad. Why? Because I am trying to relate to Him on the basis of my own righteousness!



If my relationship with GOD is dependent on how I feel or how I am living or on my own righteousness, I will not be able to relate to GOD most of the time!

When my **RELATIONSHIP** with GOD is dependent upon GOD'S **GRACE** towards me, however, the door of blessing is never closed. GOD'S blessings are given on the basis of His GRACE, His undeserved favor.



I never deserve or earn a blessing. The blessings that come into my life are always dependent undeserved upon GOD'S favor to me. GOD LOVES me so much, He blesses me anyway. GOD is so good!



The BIBLE says that someone who places his FAITH in JESUS CHRIST has been "JUSTIFIED".

K Up ROMANS 10:9-10 again to see how we are "JUSTIFIED."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

It means that GOD has granted us a standing before Him just as if we had never sinned. This was no small thing for GOD to accomplish! For if we have all sinned, how can GOD look at us as if we had never sinned and still be just?



How can He treat us as though we are perfect?

This is where the power of the Gospel comes in. GOD made the sinless a പ്രാധം to be sin for us. The SCRIPTURES declare that GOD laid on the innocent CHRIST the sins of us all. JESUS took my place and took the punishment that I deserved as a guilty sinner.

This is the glorious GOSPEL OF GRACE - our righteousness in JESUS CHRIST before GOD!

In CHRIST, I have an absolutely perfect righteous standing before GOD. In His eyes, I am perfect!

This doesn't mean that I am perfect. It means that also used to the second of the seco CHRIST is perfect and I have righteousness given to me because of my FAITH in Him!

It is AMAZING to know and experience the GRACE of GOD and the GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE!



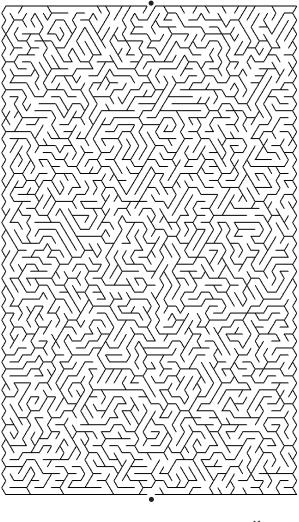
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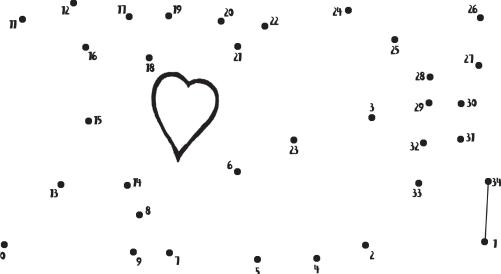
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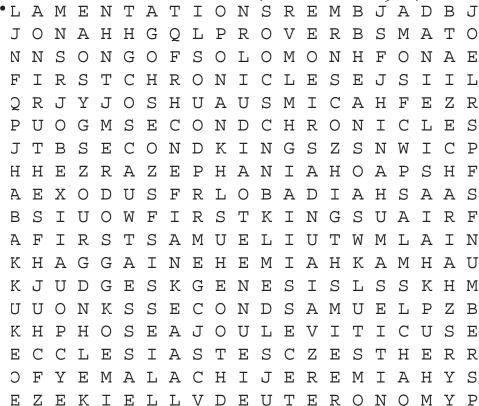
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