

## **"Living Life with a Clear Conscience"**

### **"Keys to Right Living."**

**Romans 1:1-7** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—<sup>2</sup>the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures<sup>3</sup>regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David,<sup>4</sup>and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.<sup>5</sup>Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.<sup>6</sup>And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.<sup>7</sup>To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Everything we need in order to be righteous is found in Christ.**

**Romans 3:10** As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

**Paul understood that his righteousness fell short of God's expectation.**

**Philippians 3:9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

**I Corinthians 3:9-15** For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.<sup>10</sup>By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.<sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.<sup>12</sup>If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,<sup>13</sup>his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.<sup>14</sup>If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.<sup>15</sup>If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

**II Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**We cannot stand in Christ presence depending on our own works.**

**Philippians 3:1-7** Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.<sup>2</sup>Watch out for those dogs, those men who do evil, those mutilators of the flesh.<sup>3</sup>For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—<sup>4</sup>though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put

confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

**Paul warns these believers that a religion apart from Christ's righteousness is meaning less.**

**Paul completely refutes his self-righteousness as wrong, the wrong way to approach and know God.**

**Listen to what Paul declares in these verses about his self-righteousness:**

- 1) He had the right birth.
- 2) He had the right heritage.
- 3) He had the right lineage.
- 4) He had the right customs.
- 5) He had the right religion.
- 6) He had the right zeal.

**Yet with all this going in his favor, he still came up short.**

**Philippians 3:8** What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

**Romans 9:30-32** What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. <sup>32</sup>Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone."

**Ephesians 2:4-9** But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.

**"Grace allows us to love, regardless of what others have done to me."**