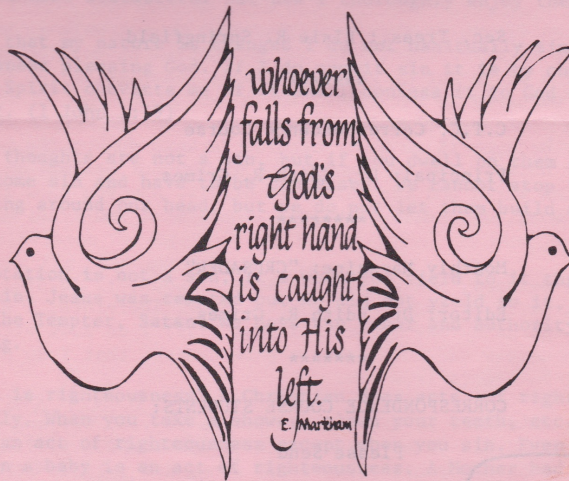


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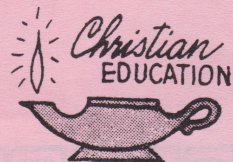
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HOW RIGHTEOUS AM I ?
Edith R. Grimes

A young couple at Church just had a baby boy born into the family. That boy is just as much their son today as he will be fifty years from now. Oh, he may become a great Preacher or Evangelist, or he could be a disgrace to the family, in being a disobedient son and doing evil things, but he is still their son.

The day you accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life, you were born into the family of God and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. What a transformation! From a child of Satan to a son of God. Truly I was a sinner, but now I'm saved by grace, the unmerited and unearned favor of God. What mercy!

Now we have a new nature born in us. Old things pass away and all things become new. The worldly things I liked before, I do not care for anymore. Going to Church, Sunday School and Prayer Meeting used to be most distasteful but now I thoroughly enjoy them.

Now that my nature is changed I do not habitually sin, I walk in righteousness pleasing God. If I do commit sin it is by choice, and the Holy Spirit convicts me of it and I confess it to God and get rid of it. (1 John 1:19)

Bad thoughts are not a sin, but if you dwell on them then it could become sin and have to be confessed. We cannot stop the birds from flying around our head, but we do not let them build a nest in our hair.

Temptation is not a sin, it's when you yield to it then it becomes sin. Jesus was tempted but He did not yield to it, rather He rebuked the Tempter, Satan. We have the power and authority to do the same thing.

What is righteousness? A Christian does acts of righteousness continually. When you take a shower, clean your teeth, etc. Every thing is an act of righteousness except when you sin. Even changing diapers on a baby is an act of righteousness. A Mother had three small children and she was always condemning herself because she couldn't be working at the Church like the others. She heard a message on Righteousness and discovered that doing the Will of God and raising those babies for Him was just as much an act of Righteousness as what the others were doing at the Church. Do you minister Righteousness or

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condemnation? We need to discover who we are and accept the Gift of Righteousness.

If you feed people and accept them they will listen to you and gradually become like you. A girl from a rich home where she had everything picks up with a good for nothing boy and takes off with him, why? He accepted her. She had everything at home but acceptance. People liked to be accepted and needed.

Jesus accepts us and clothes us in His robe of Righteousness, then feeds us His Word.

In our standing before God we are sons and daughters, this never changes. Our state may fluctuate as to how I feel and the circumstances and conditions around me. I may not feel like a son or daughter but I am. The circumstances do not change the fact.

God does not disown us when we do wrong or do not walk in His Will. He deals with us as disobedient sons and daughters. He may let us go our own way for a while but He will eventually chastise us and bring us to where He wants us to be. (Heb.12:5-7)

Eagles fly because it is their nature. Turkeys do not fly because it is not their nature. You are an Eagle - it is your New Nature. Now you fly above the world and the things it offers. Now you know the truth of God's Word, and believe it, and it has made you free. (John 8:30,31)

John says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God". (1 Jn.3:2) I can never be more a child of God than I am right now. Therefore, I practise Righteousness - it is my new nature. (1 John 2:29) I do away with my own self-righteousness and put on His righteousness, that I do not deserve, but it is a gift from Him.

How do you take care of sin? You do not go to your boy and say "You've done wrong", and then start punishing him without telling him what the wrong is he has done. Satan comes along and falsely accuses us saying, "You've sinned. You've sinned," but does not tell you what sin you have committed. He likes to keep us under condemnation and sin conscious. We are clothed in Christ's Righteousness, and if we sin, it is by our own choice, and not our nature anymore. We confess it and receive forgiveness and then go on serving the Lord.

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A little girl is told by her parents that she is ugly and it is often repeated to her. She grows up believing it when really she is beautiful. She has been brainwashed. In the same way, Satan tries to brainwash us, and keeps us sin conscious and condemned when really we are free, clothed and walking in His Righteousness.

Paul went to preach at Corinth. He had heard of the bad things going on in the Church there. Did he start condemning them? No!

How does he start out? You are sanctified, called to be saints. You have all the Gifts working in the Church. Your looking forward to the Rapture and enjoying fellowship with Christ. This is who you are - quit committing sin, it is not your nature. You are an Eagle and ride on the wind above all those awful things.

In writing to the Ephesians Paul says, "That we are in heavenly places in Christ and blessed with all spiritual blessings". What more do you want? Why hide with the Turkeys when you can fly with the Eagles, which is your New Nature!

We are to reign with Christ. I am clothed in Christ's Righteousness and as righteous as He is in my standing before God. In my state I may not always feel like it but that does not change the fact. I can never be more of a child of God than I am now.

Let us be obedient sons and daughters of God and enjoy the blessings and provision He supplies for His children. Be what we are - Eagles - and fly. Why settle for less!



Judy Dunn was presented with her Certificate of "Graduate of Theology for finishing the Charismatic Course and the Advanced Course of The Christian Training Center.

Dr. John and Jeanette Erickson came from Fresno to assist in the Presentation. It was made at the Christian Faith Fellowship Church where I attend.

NEWSLETTER

Every Feb. I go to my Doctor for a physical exam. This year everything was fine but one thing. He sent me to a Specialist who gave me a negative report. There are cancer cells in my Uterus. Radiation treatments and a Hysterectomy operation is in the Doctor's plans. X-rays have been taken and other tests which show all is in good shape and functioning well. Praise the Lord! I am taking radiation treatments each morning, five days a week for five or six weeks. One minute on my stomach and one minute on my back daily.

The Lord gave me the promise He gave Martha. "Said, I not unto thee that if thou wilt believe thou shalt see the glory of God". (John 11:40)

What am I driving now? A lovely Tan coloured 1987 Topaz Mercury. Praise God for Elders who help care for widows. The Elders assisted me in choice and payment along with the Insurance. It had 15,700 miles on it, just nicely broke in. Thank God for good solid Transportation to do His Work.

Leslie and LaVanna Nikkel will be continuing on at the Great Salt Lake State Park in Northern Oklahoma where he is Superintendent. The Lord is continuing to use and bless them in many ways.

Mary Jo and Jim Baldwin are keeping busy in Ponca City. They are assisting and ministering in The Salvation Army there. They are both working. Jim's Sister is very ill and needs our prayers.

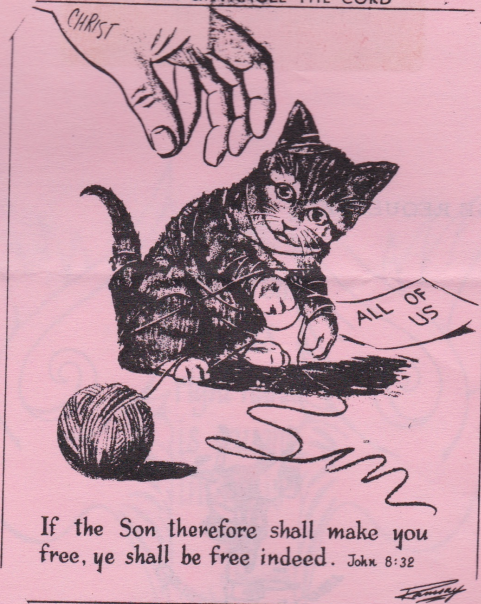
Joe and Lois Cummings are in Colorado Springs. He is an associate Pastor with the Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Hopes to start his own work soon. Pray for them.

George is sharing an apartment with two other Christian young men. He is working and wants to minister to School-age children.

Elsie is still attending C.O.S. and taking Computer along with other subjects. Remember her in prayer as she needs a job as soon as she finishes this Semester.

Write and let me know what you are doing and where you are Teaching or Ministering so we can share it.

HE CAN UNTANGLE THE CORD



If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. John 8:32