

7 Iniquity

**IF I REGARD INIQUITY IN MY HEART,
THE LORD WILL NOT HEAR.**

Psalm 66:18

(Pg 61) Iniquity is the hidden desire to do evil. It is an ungodly desire in a dark and unknown place in the heart. It is self-will. It is the opposite of righteousness. It is lawlessness. It is perverseness and crookedness in the heart. It is a hidden defect that causes failure under stress. In the Scriptures it is illustrated and spoken of as a “blemish”.

Iniquity is in the heart (spirit) while sin is in the flesh (mind) and caused by members of the body, i.e., the tongue, arms, eyes, sexual organs, etc.

Ephesians 5:27 – “spots, wrinkles, blemishes”

“Spots” = “spots in your love feasts” – Jude 12
Evil, foul, seducing spirits. Demons.
Cast out with the name and power of Jesus.

“Blemishes” = Iniquities within.
Ask God to burn out with the baptism of fire.

“Wrinkles” = “Raw flesh” (Lev.13). Works of the flesh.
Go back in your life with the Holy Spirit &
Have God cleanse & heal your whole life, re-
Moving from the record all flesh past. Be
Truly “born again” with the word from
Conception.

(Scriptures are available – understand Proverbs 25:2)

Jude 1:12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

Lev 13:1

And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: 2 “When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body like a leprous sore, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

Lev 13:3 “The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. 4 “But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his body, and does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate the one who has the sore seven days. 5 “And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; and indeed if the sore appears to be as it was, and the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him another seven days. 6 “Then the priest shall examine him again on the seventh day; and indeed if the sore has faded, and the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only a scab, and he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

Lev 13:7 “But if the scab should at all spread over the skin, after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again. 8 “And if the priest sees that the scab has indeed spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy. 9 “When the leprous sore is on a person, then he shall be brought to the priest. 10“And the priest shall examine him; and indeed if the swelling on t he skin is white, and it has turned the hair white, and there is a spot of raw flesh in the swelling, 11 “it is an old leprosy on the skin of his body. The priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he is unclean. 12 “And if leprosy breaks out all over the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of the one who has the sore, from his head to his foot, wherever the priest looks,

Lev 13:13 “then the priest shall consider; and indeed if the leprosy has covered all his body, he shall pronounce him clean who has the sore. It has all turned white. He is clean. 14 “But when raw flesh appears on him, he shall be unclean. 15 “And the priest shall examine the raw flesh and pronounce him to be unclean; for the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy. 16 “Or if the raw flesh changes and turns white again, he shall come to the priest. 17 “And the priest shall examine him; and indeed if the sore has turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him clean who has the sore. He is clean. 18 “If the body develops a boil in the skin, and it is healed, 19 “and in the place of the boil there comes a white swelling or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shown to the priest;

Lev 13:20 “and if, when the priest sees it, it indeed appears deeper than the skin, and its hair has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore which has broken out of the boil. 21 “But if the priest examines it, and indeed there are no white hairs in it, and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days; 22 “and if it should at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore. 23“But if the bright spot stays in one place, and has not spread, it is the scar of the boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 24 “Or if the body receives a burn on its skin by fire, and the raw flesh of the burn becomes a bright spot, reddish-white or white,

Lev 13:25 “then the priest shall examine it; and indeed if the hair of the bright spot has turned white, and it appears deeper than the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the burn. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore. 26“But if the priest examines it, and indeed there are no white hairs in the bright spot, and it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall isolate him seven days. 27 “And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day. If it has at all spread over the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous sore. 28 “But if the bright spot stays in one place, and has not spread on the skin, but has faded, it is a swelling from the burn. The priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is the scar from the burn. 29 “If a man or woman has a sore on the head or the beard,

Lev 13:30 “then the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed if it appears deeper than the skin, and there is in it thin yellow hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a scaly leprosy of the head or beard. 31 “But if the priest examines the scaly sore, and indeed it does not appear deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall isolate the one who has the scale seven days. 32 “And on the seventh day the priest shall examine the sore; and indeed if the scale has not spread, and there is no yellow hair in it, and the scale does not appear deeper than the skin, 33“he shall shave himself, but the scale he shall not shave. And the priest shall isolate the one who has the scale another seven days.

34 “On the seventh day the priest shall examine the scale; and indeed if the scale has not spread over the skin, and does not appear deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. He shall wash his clothes and be clean. 35“But if the scale should at all spread over the skin after his cleansing, 36“then the priest shall examine him; and indeed if the scale has spread over the skin, the priest need not seek for yellow hair. He is unclean.

37 “But if the scale appears to be at a standstill, and there is black hair grown up in it, the scale has healed. He is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean 38“If a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the body, specifically white bright spots, 38 “If a man or a woman has bright spots on the skin of the body, specifically white bright spots,

39 “then the priest shall look; and indeed if the bright spots on the skin of the body are dull white, it is a white spot that grows on the skin. He is clean. 40 “As for the man whose hair has fallen from his head, he is bald, but he is clean. 41 “He whose hair has fallen from his forehead, he is bald on the forehead, but he is clean. 42 “And if there is on the bald head or bald forehead a reddish-white sore, it is leprosy breaking out on his bald head or his bald forehead. 43 “Then the priest shall examine it; and indeed if the swelling of the sore is reddish-white on his bald head or on his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy on the skin of the body, 44 “he is a leprous man. He is unclean. The priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his sore is on his head. 45 “Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’

46 *“He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp. 47 “Also, if a garment has a leprous plague[fn] in it, whether it is a woolen garment or a linen garment, 48 “whether it is in the warp or woof of linen or wool, whether in leather or in anything made of leather, 49 “and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the leather, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it is a leprous plague and shall be shown to the priest. 50 “The priest shall examine the plague and isolate that which has the plague seven days. 51 “And he shall examine the plague on the seventh day. If the plague has spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, in the leather or in anything made of leather, the plague is an active leprosy. It is unclean.*

52“He shall therefore burn that garment in which is the plague, whether warp or woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of leather, for it is an active leprosy; the garment shall be burned in the fire. 53“But if the priest examines it, and indeed the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, 54 “then the priest shall command that they wash the thing in which is the plague; and he shall isolate it another seven days. 55 “Then the priest shall examine the plague after it has been washed; and indeed if the plague has not changed its color, though the plague has not spread, it is unclean, and you shall burn it in the fire; it continues eating away, whether the damage is outside or inside. 56 “If the priest examines it, and indeed the plague has faded after washing it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, whether out of the warp or out of the woof, or out of the leather.

Lev 13:57 And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire. 58 And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean. 59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

Pro 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

THE INHERITANCE OF INIQUITY

(Pg 62)

We get iniquity in two ways. We may acquire iniquity:

**If a person sins,
and commits any of these things
which are forbidden to be done
by the commandments of the LORD,**

**though he does not know it,
yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.**

Le.5:17

And we inherit iniquity. We all inherit the iniquities of our father and our forefathers in his lineage.

**You shall not bow down to them nor serve them.
For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God,**

**visiting the iniquity of the fathers
on the children to the third and fourth generations
of those who hate Me,**

**but showing mercy to thousands,
to those who love Me and keep My commandments. Ex.20:5,6**

Those who “hate” God are those who are disobedient to His commandments. Their iniquity is passed down through their descendants to the third and fourth generation. This line of iniquity

goes all the way back to Adam (*Jos.3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho.*) And with each generation, iniquity has accumulated with our forefathers' disobedience. Thus we can see why today, iniquity has matured.

The inheritance of iniquity is mentioned often in the Scriptures. And nowhere does the Lord say this inheritance is taken away, except through deliverance. It is wise then to consider how much iniquity each of us may have received (*Ps.65:3 Iniquities prevail against me: as*

for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.; Ps.143:1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Psa 143:4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. 5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah

7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. 10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. 11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. 12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

**For our iniquities have risen higher than our heads,
and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.**

Ezr.9:6

**For innumerable evils have surrounded me;
My iniquities have overtaken me,
So that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head;
Therefore my heart fails me.**

Ps.40:12

THE JUDGMENT OF INIQUITY

(Pg 63)

Many people think they were pardoned (dismissed) of all judgments against them when they confessed Jesus as the Son of God. This is not so. Jesus “bore” our sins in His body that we might through

Him, with Him living His life through us, put away sin in our own body and live unto Christ. Thus, through Jesus Christ, the “Perfect One”, we are justified unto the Father, Holy *(Isa.57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.)*. Therefore our sins are taken upon Jesus, in us, that we might have salvation.

**Who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree,
that we, having died to sins,
might live for righteousness,
by whose stripes we are healed.**

1Pe.2:24²²

Nor were our iniquities taken away. Instead, the righteous Servant shall bear them, that we might come to eternal life.

By His knowledge

My righteous Servant shall justify many,

For He shall bear their iniquities.

Isa.53:11

If Jesus had taken away our iniquities, why would He have said to those who questioned Him about salvation:

I tell you I do not know you, where you are from.

Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,

when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob

and all the prophets in the kingdom of God,

and yourselves thrust out.

Lu.13:27,28

If we are without sin or iniquity by our verbal confession of Jesus Christ, what remains to be “overcome”?

**To him who overcomes
I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,
As I also overcame**

And sat down with My Father on His throne. Rev. 3:21

(see Acts 14:22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”)

If we were pardoned of everything, why must all face the judgment seat of Christ?

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, (Pg 64)
that each one may receive the things done in the body,
according to what he has done,
whether good or bad.**

2Co.5:10

If you seek it (*Ps.7:6-8 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded! 7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high.*), you may be judged now and the iniquity may be removed (*Isa.40:2 “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.” ; Zeph.3:15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.*)

**But when we are judged,
we are chastened by the Lord,
that we may not be condemned with the world. 1Co.11:32**

A heart filled with iniquity “risen higher than our heads” shall not come into the kingdom of God. Only those whose heart is cleansed of all iniquity will come before God. This is why Jesus said,

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God. M't.5:8**

Your iniquities keep you separate from God and His holiness, both here on earth and in the life hereafter *(Jo.9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.)*.

**But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.**

Isa.59:2

By iniquity in your heart, you are separated from God and He does not even hear your prayers. And without Jesus, there is no way from your fallen state to God's holy presence.

**Much more then, having now been justified by His blood,
we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

**For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God
through the death of His Son,
much more, having been reconciled,
we shall be saved by His life.**

Ro.5:9,10

The Father's sentence of death for sin and iniquity was put upon His Son. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. This reconciled us with the Father, that we might have a "way" to the kingdom of God. The sentence of death upon all flesh deriving from Adam's disobedience was not removed. It was reconciled through Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ was the spirit

(Pg 65) Man who gave birth to the spiritual lineage to replace the flesh lineage of Adam. If we become one with Christ (*Jo.17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*), we are born into the lineage of the Spirit. But the sentence of death to sin and flesh must still be paid.

We are born into the Spirit (*Ro.8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*) only when we put to death the deeds of the flesh (sin) and the ungodly desires in the heart (iniquity).

**For if we have been united together
in the likeness of His death,**

**certainly we also shall be
in the likeness of His resurrection,**

**knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him,**

**that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

**For he who has died has been freed from sin.
For the wages of sin is death,**

**but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Ro.6:5-7,23

Jesus died in sinful flesh to fulfill the righteous requirement of the law. When He is in me, it satisfies my debt, and my sin is finished. The sin in my flesh is no longer alive and thus no longer has power over me. However, I must walk in the Spirit to have it.

If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, because Christ died for you. His flesh was made sin and sin was condemned on the cross. Therefore if He is in you, His body is your body, and His body was killed for sin. So if Christ is in you, the body is dead because the sin that is in you has been condemned to death by the cross.

When Christ came in, your flesh died because the law was in Christ. When the law came in, you knew you were in sin, and then you died. You died a spiritual death. It was just a matter of time until you were buried.

But if you now have the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead come into you, He will resurrect you with Christ, and righteousness will dwell in you. He raises you as He raised Christ.

When Christ came within, He became your flesh, and He died for you as sin in your body. And when the Spirit of Him who raised Christ

(the Word) from the dead within you, that you may have life with Him (Pg 66) in righteousness. The Word is resurrected within you by the power of God!

If you know this and understand it, you can speak it and believe it, and the Word of God will bring it to pass *(2Co.4:13,14 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.)*.

THE LINEAGE OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus was sired by the Spirit of God with the Word (God's seed) in the virgin girl, Mary. His Father, God, was without iniquity or sin. Thus He inherited no iniquity. He began a new lineage, the lineage of the Spirit, a lineage without iniquity.

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of Spirit is spirit.**

Jo.3:6

(your new spirit is born of the Holy Spirit.)

Therefore to be born of the Spirit and adopted into the lineage of God through Christ, we must be cleansed of iniquity.

We may have salvation by confessing the Lord Jesus with our mouth.

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

Ro.10:9

In this condition your iniquity is retained. It is still in your heart. But in the next verse a different position is given.

**For with the heart one believes to righteousness,
And with the mouth confession is made to salvation.**

Ro.10:10

These two verses establish two very different conditions. In one, the iniquity remains, but for the other the iniquity must be cleansed. If “one believes to righteousness with their heart,” they practice.

righteousness from their heart. For if one believes something with their heart, they live it and practice it. If iniquity is in our heart, we cannot practice righteousness because iniquity is a will to unrighteousness.

(Pg 67) In the first condition (*Ro.10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved*) the iniquity remains and the heart is filthy. In the second condition (*Ro.10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*) the iniquity is cleansed and the heart is made righteous. Which condition you are in at death may determine your everlasting condition.

**He who is filthy, let him be filthy still;
he who is righteous, let him be righteous still;** Re.22:11

If we find righteousness while yet on earth, we are born into the spiritual lineage of Jesus Christ, and will remain righteous after physical death. But if we are saved only through confession off our lips, and if we never see the iniquity in our heart and get it out, we remain “filthy still”. In this condition we shall not enter into the “Holy City” in which dwells the temple, which is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (*Re.21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*).

**There shall by no means enter it
anything that defiles,
or causes an abomination or a lie,
but only those who are written
in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

Rev. 21:27

Those who die filthy with iniquity may be saved, but they will not come into God's presence (*Re.14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*). They will be able to see the light of the "City of God" (*Rev.21:24-27 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations³⁷ into*

it. 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.) and will live in its light, but they cannot enter into it (Jo.3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.; 1Jo.3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.).

**And the nations of those who are saved
shall walk in its light,**

Re. 21:24

Those in the nations will have everlasting life, but outside the “city” will not be the most honored place to be, even with everlasting life.

**Blessed are those who do His commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life,
and may enter through the gates into the city.**

**But outside are dogs
and sorcerers
and sexually immoral
and murderers
and idolaters,
and whoever loves and practices a lie.**

Re.22:14,15

(Pg 68)

Could it be that those who have salvation on this order merely go to the hell of their own evil spirits and desires? That those things which they have hidden in their heart will be manifested, yet never satisfied?

God being a just God gives a man his desires. But what a man really wants is what is hidden and denied in his heart. And it says often in the Scriptures that only God knows what is in a man's heart (*Ps.44:21; Would not God search this out? for He knows the secrets of the heart.; De.29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this very day.; Ro.11:8 Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day."; 1Ki.8:39 "then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men), 1Co.4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.*)⁴⁰.

Death will be a terrible day for many when the covers of the mind and flesh are removed and they see for the first time what is really in their spirit and know that now it is too late to change.

**The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made;
In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught.**

**The LORD is known by the judgment He executes;
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.**

**The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.**

Ps.9:15-17

**And if Christ is in you,
the body is dead because of sin,
but the Spirit is life
because of righteousness.**

Ro.8:10

The iniquity of the heart and the sin of the flesh must be put to death in order to have life in Christ.

**And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.**

**If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.**

Ga.5:24,25

(Pg 69) What is the flesh? The flesh is the desire of the mind. The flesh is our own desire, as opposed to God's. Our own desire separate from God is iniquity. Therefore, in order to be delivered from iniquity, our flesh must be crucified as Jesus' flesh was crucified.

When we give up our own desires, then we may be led by the Spirit. When we are fully led by the Spirit of Christ, then we have become one with the higher Spirit (*Jo.17:21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."*), and we leave the old man (the lineage of the flesh) behind with the old desires.

**knowing this,
that our old man was crucified with Him,
that the body of sin might be done away with,
that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

For he who has died has been freed from sin.

**Now if we died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with Him,** Ro.6:6-8

When we become one with Christ, then we know Christ and Christ knows us (Ro.8:10 *And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*). Then we have life in the Spirit, and when we have life in the Spirit we have the “way”,

(2Pe.1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.) to the Father's kingdom. This is why Jesus said,

**I am the way,
the truth,
and the life.**

No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jo.14:6

Christ bore our sins in order to reconcile the Father's judgment of death on all flesh, that we might have the opportunity to die to our own sins, and this acquire life by righteousness.

**who Himself bore our sins
in His own body on the tree,**

**that we, having died to sins,
might live fore righteousness-**

1Pe.2:24

Righteousness is being in the right standing (condition) with and before God. Righteousness is to be without guilt and shame before a most holy God. If we are righteous when we die, then we will forever be righteous.

(Pg 70)

**He who is righteous,
Let him be righteous still;**

Rev.22:1

The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus is thus acquired while yet on earth.