

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SELF-HOLINESS INSULT THE GRACE OF GOD

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Avoid Foolish Controversies

Titus 3:8-10 (NASB) 8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds. These things are good and profitable for men. 9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 Reject a factious man after a first and second warning,

Do Not Insult The Spirit Of Grace by denying the Gift of Grace. Grace is Free, but it is not cheap. It cost Jesus everything!

Hebrews 10:28-31 (NASB) 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:28-31 (KJV) 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 10:28-30 (NKJV)

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."

Hebrews 10:28-30 (TPT)

28 Anyone who disobeyed Moses' law died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses. 29 How much more severely do you suppose a person deserves to be judged who has contempt for God's Son, and who scorns the blood of the new covenant that made him holy, and who mocks the Spirit who gives him grace? 30 For we know him who said, "I have the right to take revenge and pay them back for their evil!" And also, "The Lord God will judge his own people!"

Hebrews 10:28-31 (MSG)

28-31 If the penalty for breaking the law of Moses is physical death, what do you think will happen if you turn on God's Son, spit on the sacrifice that made you whole, and insult this most gracious Spirit? This is no light matter. God has warned us that he'll hold us to account and make us pay. He was quite explicit: "Vengeance is mine, and I won't overlook a thing" and "God will judge his people." Nobody's getting by with anything, believe me.

You see, to reject Jesus' sacrifice is not merely to "miss the boat" and not enter into the eternal resurrection mercies and blessings of God. It is to "Insult the Spirit of Grace, to do Despite to the Spirit of Grace, to Mock the Spirit of Grace." This truly Offends God and angers Him. Before you were aware of God's offer, before you intentionally rejected God's offer the possibility of eternal resurrected blessing was still open to you. After you reject God's offer only the anger and judgement and punishment of God remains for you. DO NOT reject Grace!

Furthermore, there is a rash of non-Pauline teachings prevalent today that teach that you must “make your case” to God for you to receive His blessings. You must argue in the “courts of heaven.” When you receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord, Court is closed for you forever. You have forever been declared “not guilty.”

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. John 5:24 (NASB) To continue to argue your case is to Insult Grace. God does not take this lightly. Sure, you can always repeat the promises of God to others and to yourself. But God is NOT the One who needs convincing. People need to be convinced, you yourself need to be convinced.

Also, the Devil has been shut down by Jesus’ life and sacrifice.

5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Part of

your “life” can also be your self-righteous reputation and pride.)
Revelation 12:5-11 (NKJV)

This is clearly action completed in the past. Do not allow any teacher or author to tell you that it is not.

We are told clearly how to overcome, by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Where and How do we get Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption?

From Jesus Himself, by Surrender, by imputation, by Infusion!

[1 Cor 1:30] But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us ...

1. Wisdom, and

God gives us the spiritual wisdom to recognize that Jesus is our comprehensive Savior. This is foolishness to the unbelievers.

2. Righteousness, and

Jesus imputes to us His righteousness legally before God and enables our righteous actions.

3. Sanctification, and

Jesus imputes to us His holiness if we let Him. Holiness

(sanctification) is not gained by flesh inspired good works nor indeed any works that we can produce by self effort.

4. Redemption

The final end of salvation is the resurrection of the body like His own glorious body.