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(Dr. Peter P. Ventura)



THE GRADUATION OF BROTHER JOSEPH GIBSON, III

It pleases me to share with the reader that,
there is life in Christ Jesus, after prison!

Moreover, Brother Joseph graduated from the GSBBM Associate of Theology Program on March 20, 2026 and was presented his well-earned degree at FBCW on March 22, 2026, with all Honors appertaining thereto.

The following is Brother Joseph's address to the Alumni and public:

A Call To Serious Christianity

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

Church, we live in a generation drowning in opinions but starving for truth. We have more Bibles than any generation before us, yet less biblical understanding. We have more sermons, more podcasts, more devotionals, more conferences – yet less discernment. And into this confusion, Paul speaks with clarity and authority: “Study...rightly divide the word of truth.” This is not a suggestion. This is not for pastors only. This is not for scholars only. This is the responsibility of every believer who names the name of Christ, because if we do not rightly divide the Word, we will wrongly divide our lives.

“Study”...The Discipline of a Serious Believer. Paul begins with a word many Christians avoid: “Study”. Not skim. Not glance. Not scroll. Study. To “Study” means to dig. To compare Scripture with Scripture. To labor until

understanding comes. To approach the Bible with humility, not assumptions. God is not impressed with how many verses you can quote. He is concerned with how deeply His Word has shaped our thinking, our decisions, and our character. A Christian who refuses to study is like a soldier who refuses to train. They may look the part, but they will not stand in the day of battle.

“Approved unto God...” – The Audience matters. Paul does not say, “Study to impress people.” He does not say, “Study to win arguments.” He does not say, “Study to sound spiritual.” He says: “Study to shew thyself approved unto God.” There is only one set of eyes the ultimately matters. Only one voice that will judge our doctrine. Only one Throne before which we will stand. The approval of God is worth more than the applause of men.

When you rightly divide the Word, you may lose popularity, but you gain God’s approval. You may lose followers, but you gain faithfulness. You may lose comfort, but you gain conviction.

“A Workman...” – Christianity requires effort. Paul calls the faithful student of Scripture a workman. Not a spectator. Not a consumer. Not a spiritual tourist. A Workman! This means there is effort involved. There is discipline involved. There is sacrifice involved. There is perseverance involved. Lazy Christians will always mishandle Scripture, But a workman – one who labors in the Word – will stand unashamed before God.

“Rightly Dividing...” – Handling Scripture with precision. This is the heart of the verse. To “rightly divide” means to cut straight, like a carpenter who measures twice and cuts once. We interpret Scripture in context. We distinguish between covenants. We understand the difference between Israel and the Church. We recognize the unfolding of God’s revelation.

We do not mix law and grace. We do not force the Bible to say what we want. We let the Bible interpret the Bible.

Moreover, “Rightly Dividing” protects us from: False doctrine. Emotional theology. Cultural compromise. Misapplied promises. Misunderstood warning.

When we “Rightly Divide the Word” we see Christ in every page, every prophecy, every pattern, every promise.

“The Word of Truth” – The only foundation that stands. Paul calls Scripture “the word of truth.” Not the word of opinion. Not the word of tradition. Not the word of culture. Not the word of feeling. Paul calls the Word “Truth”. Unchanging truth. Eternal truth. Authoritative truth. In a world where everything shifts, the Word of God is fixed. In a world where people redefine everything, God’s Word remains the standard!

The Result: “Not ashamed”. When you rightly divide the Word: You will not be ashamed in doctrine. You will not be ashamed in trials. You will not be ashamed in temptation. You will not be ashamed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Shame comes from mishandling Scripture. Confidence comes from rightly dividing it.

Conclusion: A Call to Return to the Book! Church, the greatest need is a return to the Word of God – rightly divided, faithfully taught, and boldly lived. Let us be Student of the Scripture, lovers of truth. Workmen approved by God. Believers who handle the Word with reverence, Christians who stand unashamed.

May God raise up a generation that does not twist the Word to fit their lives, but shapes their lives to fit the Word.

END

CHRIST RISEN

Sermon Given Resurrection Sunday 2026

(FBCW - Dr. Peter P. Ventura)

Text: Mt. 28:6

Introduction:

The fact that Christ had been in the Tomb

Proclaimed three things to every man and woman, boy and girl, saved or sinner: 1) Sin's Climax; 2) Love's Giving; and, 3) Christ's Accomplishment.

Before I begin this sermon, I want to state clearly and unequivocally that, we are not gathered here this morning to celebrate Easter Sunday. Easter is a Pagan Holiday. And Scripture reading Christians (those who don't have bibliophobia), know that no-where in the Bible is anyone told to celebrate "Easter Sunday". Jesus Christ Himself did not tell anyone to celebrate Easter. No Apostle told anyone to celebrate Easter. Easter is a pagan festival celebrated to the goddess of fertility. In Ephesus she was called Semiramis. In Phoenicia she was called Ashtoreth. In Greece = Astarte. And in English – Easter! Easter has nothing to do with Christians. Nothing to do with Jesus the Christ!!! If you are a Christian sitting here this morning, or listening by phone or internet, Easter has nothing to do with you! Not this Sunday – not any Sunday! Not in this Church! Every Bible Believing Christian should stand with Joshua who said in the Book of Joshua: "...but as me and my house, we will serve the LORD"!!! Amen and Amen!

I don't know about you, but I came to Celebrate "**Resurrection Sunday**"! And if you can't figure out the difference, maybe you need to get saved today! Or, maybe you need to read your Bible – not just any bible, but the KJB (AV). Amen. Hosea 4:6 says: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..." Read the Scriptures! You do not want to be rejected by God Almighty! Hebrews 10:31

says: "*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*"

Moving on into the body of this sermon this morning, our Text this morning is **Mat. 28:26** – "**He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the body lay.**" "He is not here: for he has risen"!!! Amen, Hallelujah!!! He has risen, indeed!

I began this morning by stating: The fact that Christ had been in the tomb proclaimed three things: 1) Sin's Climax; 2) Love's Giving; 3) Christ's Accomplishment.

SIN'S CLIMAX:

"He was buried" is the Holy Spirit's affirmation, and is part of the Gospel Message as read in 1 Cor. 15:1-4. One of the answers to the question, "Why did Christ die"? is, He died to give a satisfaction for man's sin. If you and eliminate the fact of sin's presence and penalty, Christ's death has no meaning! A Professor of Theology by the name of Orr, declared: "The whole of Christianity is but a Divine Counsel and Provision for repairing the ruin of man's sin."

Moreover, at the Cross sin abounded to its wicked and wretched climax, for there it superabounded beyond anything sin had done before, and yet, there, grace did much more abound! Someone has well said: The Cross is God's final treatment of sin, the one compendium work of grace – the hinge of human destiny. Apart from sin, the Cross has no meaning at all. It revealed the exhibition of the worst in the heart of man, and the best in the Heart of God."

LOVE'S GIVING:

It was God who gave Christ up for our offenses, and raised Him on account of our justification. Ro. 4:15 – speaking of Jesus the Christ, says: "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Our beloved Lord deliberately gave up Himself – His life, for us! Love alone enabled Him to give Himself out to death. And love could not be satisfied with anything else –

gold, nor silver, not any other precious earthly riches – nothing but the Blood of Jesus. Love could not be satisfied with anything else but His death and following resurrection! An unknown Author once penned these very words:
*Love saw the need, and the need was met;
Love gave its best when life so rich He gave;
Love spent it all when for our sins He died;
Love comes in grace, and with His blood doth save!*

WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

Christ Jesus our only Savior not only died, but accomplished what no other could do in dying. Death did not come to Him in the fulfillment of His mission, it *WAS* His mission! Amen and Amen!!! Our Savior's death was no accident. The Gospel writer, Luke, testifies in Lk. 23:46: "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost". His star of destiny was His death on Calvary. But wait! There is more to the Lord's Work Accomplished! Look at what Matthew recorded in his Gospel. Mt. 28:1-6 – open your Bibles and read it with me.

Christ finished it alone! No one can do it after Him! No one needs to do it! **"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said..."** (Mt. 28:6).

Now, the Christian man and woman, boy and girl. Can say: "The Father and the Lord Jesus Christ by and through the power of the Holy Spirit settled the matter on my salvation between them, and I got the benefit!"
THANK YOU JESUS!!!

END

WAS IT A GOOD FRIDAY OR A BAD WEDNESDAY?

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

First and far most, take notice Paul said twice, **"according to the Scriptures"**! Christ died for our sins, was buried, and resurrected, according to the Scriptures. Not according to any man-made tradition. Not according to anything else taught or believed or made up!

The first thing the Scriptures teach us about how God keeps time is found in Gen. 1:5 - "...And the evening and the morning were the first day." God keeps time from the evening and the morning.

The second thing the Bible student must realize is that, the Jewish people did not keep time by a 365 day Solar Calender. The Jewish people used a 360 day Lunar Calender. To balance out the Calender (like our leap year), they would add intercalary days every so often.

The third thing to realize is that, according to Moses who wrote the Book of Leviticus, in Chapter 23 the Scriptures teach that the Nation of Israel had more than the Saturday Sabbath. During the Seven Feast days, there were extra Sabbath days called "holy convocations". "These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons" (Lev. 23:4). Notice: "In the fourteen *day* of the first month at even *is* the Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have a **holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein***" (Lev. 23:5-8). Realize a **"holy convocation" is an extra Sabbath, and not a weekly Saturday Sabbath wherein no servile work could be done!!!**

So let me recap what we have studied so far. God and Israel keep time from **"evening to morning"**. Israel kept a 360 day Lunar Calendar and not a 365 day Solar Calendar. During Israel's Feast Days they observed extra Sabbath Days which are **"holy convocations"**. Thus,

Saturday was not the only Sabbath an Israelite observed according to the Law of Moses.

In Matthes 12:38-41, Jesus clearly stated: "...no sign shall be given to it [Israel], but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (vss. 39-40).

That is pretty clear to me! Three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Not a day and a half, not two days, but "THREE DAYS"!!!

Before moving on here, you ought to know that there are "religious people" who will lie to your face, knowing they are lying just to achieve their desired goal(s). In Chapter Seven of the Gospel of according to John, you find the Religious Leaders of Israel who certainly knew the Scriptures arguing with Nicodemus who was sticking up for Jesus. The Religious leaders said: "...Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet" (Jn. 7:52). See, Religious leaders are like that. They first insult Nicodemus, a leader and well educated man. They ask him, "Art thou also of Galilee? People from Galilee were generally not well-educated people. They were primarily plain old fisherman. Then they lie to Nicodemus telling him: "Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet". However, in 2 Kings 14:25, we read in part: "...according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher". You see, according to the Scriptures Jonah is indeed from Gathhepher which is in Galilee!!!

Did you get all of that? Religious people will lie to justify their means! Some do it out of ignorance not knowing the Scriptures. Beware who you are listening to. And that is exactly why I began this article with 1 Cor. 15:3-4 – **"ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES"!!!** If it isn't

according to the Scriptures, then my friend, it isn't true!

Now Jesus said the sign He was going to give them was the sign of Jonah – 3 days, 3 nights in the heart of the earth! Not Friday afternoon until Sunday morning! Remember we have established that Israel kept a 360 day Lunar Calendar, and time from evening to morning – 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. = 24 hrs. You and I keep a Solar Calander from 12 am – 12 pm. At 12:01 am we start the next day. The Nation of Israel started their next day at 6:01 pm.

So let us examine the Feast Days of Lev. 23 in part. The 14th day of the first month Abib (March/April) is the Passover. The very next day which begins to the Nation at 6:01 pm. Is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This Feast is for 7 days. The first day of the Feast is an extra Sabbath, and the last day of the Feast is an extra Sabbath (holy convocation wherein no servile work may be done). The first Sunday that occurred during the Feast of Unleavened Bread is designated the Feast of First Fruits!

One of the most misunderstood application of Scripture is thinking that Jesus was Crucified on a Friday. First of all, you cannot get 3 days and 3 nights, the sign of Jonah, from Friday afternoon until Sunday. That's a fact, and a fact never needs to apologize for itself! Got that?

However, following the Scriptures for the Feasts of Lev. 23. Christ was Crucified on a Passover which was a Wednesday, Christ had to come off the Cross and into the Tomb by 6:00 pm. Remember the Jew keeps time 6 pm to 6 pm. 6:01 begins Thursday to a Jew which is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ex. 12:16; Nu. 28:18, 25; Lev. 23:7-8) which is a Holy Convocation (extra Sabbath Lev. 23). The only Gospel writer who alerts the reader to the fact that it is not a regular Saturday Sabbath is John: "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain

upon the cross on the sabbath day, (**for that sabbath was a high day,**) besought Pitale that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away” (Jn. 19:31). The first day no matter what day, it was a sabbath. Also, the last day.

Keeping in mind what the Apostle Paul wrote: “...For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Cor. 5:7). Thus, Jesus was crucified on a Wednesday and had to be off the cross and into the tomb by Wednesday 6:00 pm., because to a Jew who keeps time 6:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at 6:01 it is Thursday the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a “high day” – extra Sabbath. Thus, Christ is in the tomb by 6:00 pm. Wednesday. Thursday (day 1), Friday (day 2), Saturday (day 3). Three days and three nights – the sign of Jonah as Christ had said! At 6:01 pm Saturday it is Sunday to a Jew.

Let me conclude with Mat. 28:1 – “In the end of the sabbath [regular Saturday Sabbath], as it began to dawn [Sun not up yet] toward the **first day of the week [Sunday], came Mary Maggdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher.**” Jesus was in the tomb three days and three nights. Resurrects by 6:01 p.m. Jewish time which is Sunday. The women get there before Sunrise and Jesus is not there!!! Opps – that does away with Sunrise Service!!!

END

ABOUT THAT DOVE

Three times that Dove was sent out. Three is the number of the Trinity. The second time out, the Dovee finds life. **Father, Son, Holy Spirit!!!**

END

BEST O.T. VERSE ON THE TRINITY

Isaiah 48:16

END

IN DEFENSE OF THE KJB (A.V.)

QUESTION: My Bible college professor showed me what he described as errors in the King James Bible. Is he correct?

ANSWER: No. There is an error in your Bible college professor, not the Bible.

EXPLANATION: If God **could not** PRESERVE His words, He’s not much of a God. If God **chose not** to preserve His words, He did us all a great injustice.

The Apostle John said, That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life (1 John 1:1).

Consider these words. The Apostles **saw** Jesus Christ with their own eyes. You never have. The Apostles **heard** Jesus Christ speak with their own ears. You never have. The Apostles **touched** Jesus Christ. In fact, the Apostle John is recorded to have laid his head on the Lord’s bosom at their last supper. You never have.

No one alive today has ever **seen, heard, or touched** Jesus Christ. Yet our modern day infidelic Bible rejectors would have us believe that, in addition to these blessings of living with the Lord and seeing Him daily and hearing Him speak, those same apostles **were given a perfect Bible**. But we, who have never seen Him, never heard Him, never touched Him, get an **error-riddled, inferior mere translation** of God’s words. It would seem to me that **they** should have gotten the corrupted English Standard Bible and we should have gotten God’s perfect Originals. When they were down or depressed or destitute, they could remember His image, His voice, His touch. All

we have is the Bible, and an imperfect one at that if today's Bible critics are correct. (Used by Permission, The Third Answer Book, Dr. Samuel C. Gipp, Th.D., Ph.D., DayStar Pub., P.O. Box 464, Miamitown, OH 45041 (2021).

END

EXHORTATIONS IN HEBREWS

1. **"Consider Him"** (12:3). See how He acted, and you will know what to do.
2. **"Lift up"** (12:12). Hanging hands and feeble knees come from neglected prayer, and want of work.
3. **"Make straight"** (12:13). How can we walk straight if our path is not straight? Besides, we cause others to be crooked if we do not make a straight path.
4. **"Follow peace"** (12:14). Holiness and peace are the directors of our way, and the powers that stay.
5. **"Looking diligently"** (12:15). To fail the grace which will never fail us is the height of folly and the robber of supply.
6. **"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh"** (12:25). To refuse Him is to deprive ourselves of blessings, to distress ourselves in life, and disqualify ourselves for the future.
7. **"Serve God"** (12:28). To serve Him is to serve our own interests. We can serve Him in everything, and He saves us to serve.
(*Don't be a Bible Blockhead – read the Verses*)

END

HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE CALLED INTO THE MINISTRY

1. You have a desire to preach, and that desire cannot be quenched (Jer. 20:8).

2. If you fail at everything else until you get into the ministry. You're trying to do this and that, and God won't bless you, because He called you into the ministry.

3. Providential circumstances.

4. You couldn't be happy doing something else!

END

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM DR. VENTURA

I want to thank each, and every one of you for your prayers, get well Emails, letters, and phone calls. Your prayers have power, and the Lord has heard them, indeed. You are also prayed for each, and every day.

In the hallway outside my office are photos from incarcerated Christian Brethren. Each photo has its own frame. When the Brethren and visitors come to my office, they always ask about your photos. I tell them, these are some of the Brethren FBCW/GSBBi love, pray for, and minister too. These Christian men pray for us, too. If you would like your photo to be on my favorite wall, please send them to me. They also help me to know whom the Lord has called me to minister to.

As I write this personally to you, today, April 10th, I have been out of prison for 16 years. My original incarceration began in 1983, 42 years ago. Walking the Christian walk in prison was not easy. I've been to the Big Houses, Lewisburg, Terre Haute, El Reno, and in total 17 prisons across the country. Through them all the Lord sustained me. If you are saved, the Lord will sustain you, too.

There is life after prison. Yes, God has forgiven me and given me a whole new life (2 Cor. 5:17). But, don't be fooled, some people never forget, nor do they forgive! Here it is 42

years later and some days in society I must still deal with my criminal past; So, will you. One thing I do not do is, I do not let anyone or anything get between the Lord and me. As King David wrote "I foresaw the Lord before my face always"!!!.

This is not about bragging, because I am probably the lowliest Christian servant in the world. I am nothing without Jesus.

Let me congratulate those of you who have graduated from the GSBBI Associate Degree of Theology Program. Especially those with Honors. Some of you became angry with me, because I made you earn your Degree. But, earn it you did! Realize you completed over 183 hrs. of theological study! Many of you have completed the GSBBI 21 week Discipleship Course and have gone on to Advanced Certificate Courses. Congratulations to you also – don't stop studying now! To those of you who have and continue to support this ministry, let me personally thank you.

I want to address some of you Brothers behind those concrete and steel walls! Your lives in prison are a living testimony! The Bible tells us that in God's house there are vessels of honor (i.e., beautiful flower vases), and vessels of dishonor (i.e., sinks and toilets). God allows you to choose what vessel you want to be, because God gave you the gift of free will! It is commonly reported among the Brethren that some of you naming the name of Jesus Christ are not walking right as Christian men. Some of you are backslidden and have not repented. That, an unsaved person could not tell the difference between you and an unsaved person! Personally I am ashamed of you, and you know who you are! I would ask, no, I will plead with you to read Ro. 6:6-13. The excuse I hear is, "Well I have changed". OK, so let me ask you, But how much? It is quite apparent that the change that takes place is through the

power of God....BUT.... it is also apparent that God expects some changes to be made by the one being changed.

Brethren in Christ, WHAT WAY HAVE YOU CHANGED? When the change happened within, it would have been displayed without.....in other words, there should, by cause and effect, be a visible fruit of that change within. In the life of the born again child of God....sin should be the occasional exception.....NOT THE NORM OF EVERY DAY LIFE. Your best thinking got you to prison. How about that!!! Why don't you quit playing with GOD! Stop embarrassing the Brethren around you who are daily walking the Christian walk. Brethren, you need to check yourself. You should not be acting like the world. Speaking the foul and filthy language of the world. Watching on TV and I-Pads the programs of the world. No it is not just acting! Hollywood is full of filth! Some of those actors and actresses are married men and women, yet they are acting out sexual scenes, kissing and bedding other men and woman's husbands and wives! And you're watching them? Cut it out! Some of you are listening to filthy Rap Music and Rock and Roll with foul lyrics! You name the name of Jesus Christ? You think that the God who made your eyes and ears doesn't know what you are doing, even alone in the dark of night?

Let me conclude with this, there are no little sins. A sin is a sin is a sin! The world's opinion may have changed about what sin is and isn't, but God's opinion has not! The Holy Bible says: **"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOR EVER"** (Heb. 13:8). You want to keep playing with God, well here is God's own thoughts on that: **"But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh. When your fear cometh as**

desolation, and your destruction as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish come upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD" (Prov. 1:25-29).

END

GLEANINGS FROM PSALM 20

The entire Psalm is 2nd Advent Psalm

20:1 – “the day of trouble” – is the “time of trouble” Dan.12:1; Mt. 24:21 (time of trouble for Israel).

20:2-3 – Help must come from the Jewish sanctuary on Mount “Zion” where “burnt sacrifices” are being offered in the Tribulation – Rev. 11:1-3. “Selah” shows up again to tell us where we are at. (Note, every time “Selah” appears in Scripture, notice the 2nd Advent connection).

20:4 –

20:5 – “Our God”, and “our banners” – show the Jewish context. “the LORD fulfill all thy petitions” – thy petitions can be aimed at a Gentile who is helping a Jew at this time – Deu. 32:43; Mt. 25: 24-46.

20:6 – “Now knoweth I that the LORD saveth his anointed” – three (3) applications for “his anointed” A reference to David personally and historically, and, is a reference to the Nation of Israel being delivered in the Tribulation. “the saving strength of his right hand” – a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ -Ps. 17:7; 139:10; Picture of Jesus saving hand – Mt.14:31.

20:7-8- The antichrist is gathering his troops for the last attack against Israel – Zec. 14:1-6; Joel 3:11. “They are brought down and fallen” – at Armageddon – Rev. 19:20. “but we are risen and stand upright” – Isa.2, 9, 65, 66. At that time – Deu. 32:43 will be fulfilled to the jot and title.

20:9 – “let the king hear us when we call” – The “king” is the KING of KINGS – a Jewish King = for, “salvation is of the Jews” – Jn.4:22, “us” – is the “us” of Ps. 122; 124.

END

ABOUT PSALM 26 IN BRIEF

The Psalmist appeals to his personal self-righteousness in order to get an answer to prayer – O.T. Salvation – Hab. 2:4. Under a Works – plus Faith set up he is allowed to appeal to his own righteousness as a means of getting his prayer granted. Vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 – there isn’t any N.T. prayer request in the list.

A N.T. Saint’s righteousness is Jesus Christ alone. The grounds for answer prayer are His High Priestly intercession for you (Christian). In Vs. 9 – David prays for salvation on the grounds of David’s good works and personal integrity. **Devotionally Speaking:** The lessons for the Christian are that – vs. 1 – he should “trust the Lord”; vs. 3 – “he should walk in the Word”; vss. 4-5 – “separate from evil company”; vs. 6 – He should “wash himself daily” – Jn. 13:8; Eph. 5:26; vs. 7 – Witness publicly; vs. 8 – he should love to assemble with the Saints.

END

THE IRONY OF SIN – REV. 18:14

Sin deceives a man., because he thinks in sin he can have joy and pleasure evermore. Sin tricks him. He doesn’t see the judgment of God, which, when it comes, all that is left is bitterness and disappointment, death. “...the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee...” Babylon thought they would have it forever – Rev. 18:7 – I sit a queen = deceived by sin – now all they have is death and destruction. According to Mat. 6:19-24 – you can’t have it both ways!

END

“Whatever keeps me from the Bible is my enemy; however harmless it may be”
(Quoting A.W. Tozer)

HOW TO BE SAVED

Admit you are a sinner. Ask God to forgive you for your sins. Tell God you believe Jesus Christ shed His precious Blood upon the Cross. That you believe Jesus died, was buried, and resurrected the third day and is now seated at God's right hand. The Word of God says: "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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Ro. 10:9-10). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Ro. 10:13)

RESOURCES FOR YOU

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One Heartbeat Away
One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven
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