

The Righteousness of The Righteous Shall Not Deliver Him

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Ezekiel 33:12, “Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, **The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression**: as for **the wickedness of the wicked**, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.”

1. **The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression**

- a. Ezekiel 33:10, “Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, **If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them**, how should we then live?”
- b. Isaiah 64:6, “But we are **all as an unclean thing**, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and **our iniquities**, like the wind, **have taken us away**.”
- c. Isaiah 64:7, “And **there is none that calleth upon thy name**, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for **thou hast hid thy face from us**, and **hast consumed us, because of our iniquities**.”
- d. Romans 1:18-23, “For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men**, who **hold the truth in unrighteousness**; Because that which may be known of God **is manifest in them**; for **God hath shewed it unto them**. For the invisible things of him **from the creation of the world** are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even **his eternal power and Godhead**; so that **they are without excuse**: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but **became vain in their imaginations**, and **their foolish heart was darkened**. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of **the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man**, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”

2. **The wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness**

- a. Ezekiel 33:11, “Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked**; but **that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways**; for **why will ye die, O house of Israel?** **Why will ye die? Why will ye die?**
- b. Romans 3:23, “For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God...”

- c. Romans 3:10-12, “As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:** There is none that understandeth, there is **none that seeketh after God.** They are **all gone out of the way,** they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**”
3. **Neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth.**”
- a. Ezekiel 33:13, “When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; **if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered;** but **for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.**”
- b. Romans 10:3-4, “For they **being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.** For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**”
- c. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but **the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**”
- d. Romans 3:24-26, “**Being justified freely** by his grace **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:** Whom God hath set forth **to be a propitiation through faith in his blood,** to declare **his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, **through the forbearance of God;** To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**”

Every head bowed and every eye closed – Christians praying for lost souls that are here and hanging in the balances between heaven and hell. If you are here you have heard the message what will you do now? Salvation is as easy as A B C:

- A. Admit you are a sinner before a Holy God Almighty
- B. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to save your soul from hell fire
- C. Confess the Lord Jesus Christ to God Almighty and before men

Pray now sinner:

Dear Lord God Almighty, I admit I am a sinner before you and deserve to go to hell for my sins; but Oh Lord God I don't want to go there; please have mercy on my wretched soul and save me from hell fire. I now receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and trust in Him alone as my payment for my sins against you. I will confess the Lord Jesus Christ openly as I have done now in my heart. Thank you, Lord God for saving my soul from hell fire and damnation; in Jesus Name, Amen.

If you have just prayed that or something like that for the first time raise your hand. (Count number of raised hands). If you rededicated your life to the Lord praying for forgiveness at this time raise your hand. (Count number of raised hands).

Close in prayer...