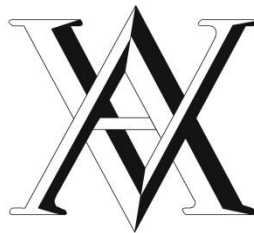
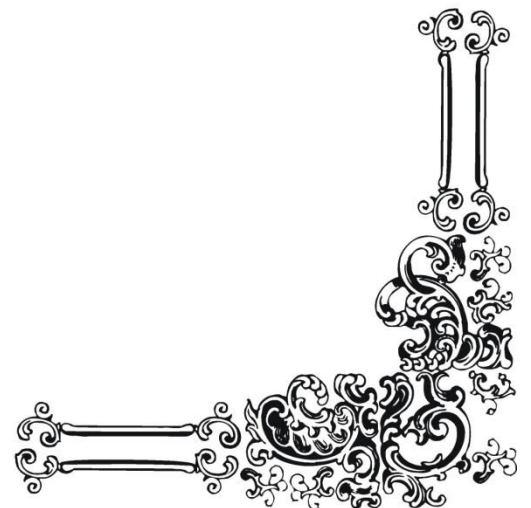
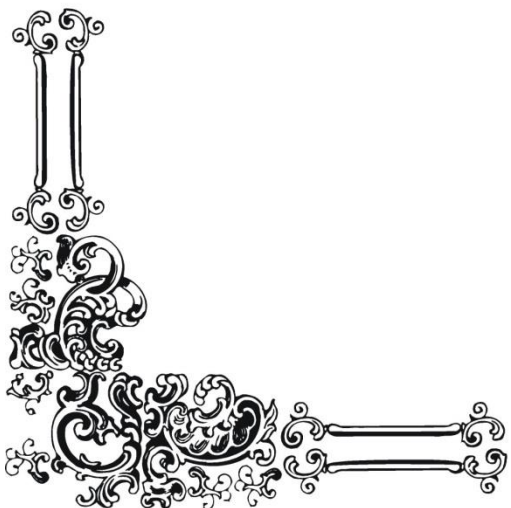


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This is the ONLY place in the Bible where the "...robe of righteousness..." shows up. It is called the "...garments of salvation..." this is obviously imputed righteousness for the Christian at salvation and after salvation as we will see as we continue this study.

Let's examine what we are doing as Christians and what we are not doing when we do what is required that will be tried by fire. A distinction of things or dividing of things is important so as not to put things together that do not belong:

There are three (3) buildings in a Christian's life. 1. The tabernacle we are in now (our body) is the temple of God. It is no longer a living body. When this tabernacle is dissolved we have a new one **MADE WITHOUT HANDS**. 2. We have a corporate city in the heavens wherein we all have a mansion. This is a building of God that Jesus Christ is preparing for us. 3. We are building and garnishing an invisible house inside us; build with the mortar and bricks from Bible, prayer, Fruits of the Spirit all of which is the building made by our motives in our will, and yielding to the Spirit and mind of Christ in us. **THIS** is what we are going to be judged on at the judgment seat of Christ. **NOT SIN, NOT UNRIGHTEOUSNESS and NOT WICKEDNESS**. All my sin, sins and me as a sinner are **PAID FOR**. What bad I get under the Blood **NOW** is **PAID FOR**. That then becomes silver. The **GOLD** is for doing it with the right motive the **FIRST TIME**. Next to that is getting things **RIGHT: SILVER**; then there are **SOULS**, our motive for what we have done for them can be as simple as a witness or testimony that is done with the right motive! The stuff that was **NOT** done for the right motive can be admitted to God and washed by the Blood of Lord Jesus Christ, and it becomes **SILVER**. For those **SOULS** we influenced for good and for God with the right motive we are given **PRECIOUS STONES**.

1 Peter 2:5-10, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

Different levels of this for the different stones of worth. Souls won to the Lord are lively stones who have been called OUT of darkness into HIS marvellous LIGHT having obtained MERCY. And not only mercy, but the assurance of the promise given to David: Isaiah 55:3, "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." And Acts 13:34, "And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David." It was prophesied and fulfilled in the resurrection of Jesus Christ that the promise was made complete: and when we are IN HIM we are made COMPLETE: Colossians 2:9-12, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." It is therefore given to US NOT to fear: 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." We are NOT to fear, and we are NOT given the spirit of FEAR or DREAD or TERROR: 2 Timothy 1:7-12, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

We are going to get REWARDED and also suffer LOSS, but not the loss of our SALVATION. IF we could lose our ROBE of RIGHTEOUSNESS then we WOULD lose our salvation! Isaiah 61:10, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." It is the jewels that the bride adorneth herself with not the robe: the ROBE GOD has clothed us with: ergo: the garments of salvation GOD has covered me with the robe of righteousness... This is an absolute truth that cannot be detracted from unless you want to teach the heresy of the loss of salvation when you just read that "...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." And this is confirmed by: Romans 8:35-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height,

nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Then there are 7 CROWN TYPES given for distinctive service, some given only once, while other crowns may be given more than one. In other words you can earn more than just seven crowns. One in particular will be difficult to get and you can only get it once because it is the Martyrs Crown. But there are many crowns to be gotten and many of them are quite easy to get because it is all about your MOTIVE. This is at your disposal to DO; and if you mess it up, get it under the blood: 1 John 1:5-10, “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” By getting more of the words in us we will have to do less of that for some things, and then more for others. Some of us just have to be blood pleaders. Get used to it: that is part of the Christian life. If you are NOT doing that, you are failing in your need for fellowship with the Lord. God did not make it hard or a TERROR to get a crown. Especially for the Church proper: that is the Bride of Christ. We get these crowns INDIVIDUALLY. We get a ROBE, a RING, SHOES, CROWNS, and GOLD, SILVER & PRECIOUS STONES. We do NOT get the wood, hay, and stubble, they get burned up: SO how is that a terror? The SAINT does NOT get burned. Those who teach this ridiculous unscriptural non-sense of standing there without being clothed upon need to take care HOW we lose what we can lose there. IF the ROBE is taken, it is BURNED! WAIT, the robe is PART of our new BODY! IT IS LIGHT! But somebody just MISSED that little nugget.

Now I said our robes we put on at the resurrection are part of our BODIES and is LIGHT. Is a lot to take in I know. But it's true. First of all the passage in question shows this truth: 2 Corinthians 5:1-3, “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.” Notice that the HOUSE is what we are CLOTHED upon that is MADE WITHOUT HAND after our EARTHLY tabernacle is dissolved. That so being CLOTHED we shall NOT be found naked. It does not say that we SHALL be found naked! It is not SAYING THAT AT ALL! Romans 6:5, “For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:” with 1 Corinthians 15:35, “But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?” and 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, “So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.” And 1 Corinthians 15:49, “And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” And 1 Corinthians 15:51, “Behold, I shew you a

mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” And 1 John 3:1-3, “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

Now we know that we will have a body LIKE the Lord’s body after his Glory shown at the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:2, “And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.” With Mark 9:3, “And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.” The body of Christ was not naked there! Compare with: Psalms 37:6, “And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.” And Psalms 104:2, “Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:” and notice our designation as the sons of God we are also called the Children of Light: John 12:36, “While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.” And Ephesians 5:8, “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:” and 1 Thessalonians 5:5, “Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.” So if God is our Father he MUST be God of Light: 1 John 1:5, “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” And John 1:1-5, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” And about our inheritance when we are partakers of the inheritance we will be the saints IN LIGHT: Colossians 1:12-15, “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:” What a THING!

Where is therefore the TERROR of the Lord? It is HERE and NOW for the LOST! John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” And Romans 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;” and Ephesians 5:6, “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” And Colossians 3:6, “For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:” now THAT is TERRIFYING! That is WHY I got SAVED!

So when Paul is saying: 2 Corinthians 5:11, “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.” He is 1. Speaking in the PRESENT TENSE in the HERE AND NOW. Then says “...WE persuade men...” WHY? Because: Jude 1:22-23, “And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” Because: 2 Timothy 2:24-26, “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” THAT is TERRIFYING!

Why would we have to THINK on the Judgment Seat of Christ as a TERRIFYING thing when Paul did NOT say to do this: Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” He did not say whatsoever things are TERRIFYING! That is not lovely or virtuous and is not pure, and matter of fact is not true!

The things in the list of “TO DOs” Peter gives NOTHING that is TERRIFYING to DO: 2 Peter 1:5-15, “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.”

Now about our RIGHTEOUSNESS: IF our “righteousness” is Jesus Christ; and IF we are the BODY of Christ; then why would the LORD expose himself to open shame AGAIN? It is IMPOSSIBLE! Hebrews 6:1-6, “Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit. For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves

the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.” Notice here the things we are leaving to go on to perfection...

1. The principles of the doctrine of Christ
2. The foundation of repentance from dead works (notice this is given in the negative)
3. Faith toward God
4. The doctrine of baptisms
5. The laying on of hands
6. The resurrection of the dead
7. Eternal judgment

These 7 things are what the previous chapter tells us are: Hebrews 5:12-14, “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” The discerning of both good and evil is the tree that Adam ate from. The first principles of the oracles of God are listed above and there are 7 of them. These are considered MILK! Going on to perfection is the strong meat. That perfection has to do with the impossibility of crucifying the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame. That is **JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!** Hebrews is to the Hebrews in the Church where it lines up with Paul and where it does not it is for the Hebrews during the tribulation. Those things that line up with Paul we can take for Doctrine. This is a notorious passage that **SEEMS** to teach that a “Christian” can lose his salvation. However with a careful examination of the passage we can see that not only is this **NOT** the case, but there are some truths we need to take heed to.

Notice: It is impossible for those who were:

1. Once enlightened
2. Have tasted of the heavenly gift
3. Were made partakers of the Holy Ghost
4. Have tasted the good word of God
5. The powers of the world to come

But that is not all: Hebrews 6:10-12, “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

6. Your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister
7. You do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end
8. That ye be not slothful

## 9. Followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises

Justification of the person is three fold: and for each part of us our righteousness to justification is every wit IMPUTED. What would it be like in the body of Christ if someone saw you in the corner hiding in shame for the thousand year reign of Christ? Would there be boasting then? Romans 3:27, “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Romans 9:30-33, “What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.” How can you NOT be ashamed if you are NAKED? If you attained ALL your righteousness by FAITH, and then you are to WALK by FAITH: what work we are doing now is by FAITH: Colossians 2:6, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:” You received Him by FAITH: so our walk is by FAITH.

The bottom line is our “robe of righteousness” comes to EVERYONE from Genesis to Revelation as a direct result of SALVATION. Isaiah 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.” IF you are making your garments, then part of your salvation is based on your WORKS and part is based on FAITH (O.T. & Tribulation Saints) For US in the New Testament Church age it is FAITH ALONE. Romans 8:38-39, “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Philippians 1:6, “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”

But if you are NOT Saved! Then you are LOST:

If you read this and are still LOST you have the knowledge of the man that gets WHIPPED at judgment, having not on a wedding garment, but the filthy rags of his OWN self-righteousness; and then stands at the Great White Throne Judgment to be found NOT written in the Book of Life; and be cast alive into the lake of Fire which is the second death.

Perhaps you want to miss this and get in on the GOOD STUFF that God has prepared for His sons. If so, then THIS is the MOST IMPORTANT thing you ever read:

1. Admit YOU are a SINNER before a Holy God.
  - a. Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”



- b. Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”
  - 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.
2. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to take away your sins.
- a. Acts 16:31, “And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”
  - b. John 1:12-13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”
  - c. Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
  - 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.”
3. Confess Lord Jesus Christ before others.
- a. Romans 10:9-10, “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.”
  - b. Matthew 10:32, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”
  - c. John 11:27, “She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”
  - d. Acts 8:37, “And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

After you are SAVED: you want to continue to: 2 Peter 3:18, “...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” And dedicate yourself completely to HIM: 1 Chronicles 26:27, “Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD.”

*The End*