

Title: transformed II – the veil
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****NB: grace does not condone sin, grace is the power to overcome sin.**

***Righteousness is received, not achieved.**

Romans 5:1–2 (NLT) ¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

- **Not do, do, do. But done, done, done.** We can now simply receive it.
- **Confidently and joyfully look forward...** not fearful and miserable.

Romans 6:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

- Grace always results in victory over sin! **Any believer who is living in sin, with no desire to break out of it, is not under grace.**

the veil

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed (or transformed) into his glorious image.

- **Transformation:** only when the veil is removed!
- Righteousness needs to be received, but that is only possible if the veil is renounced.
- **What is this veil?** *Not realizing what Jesus has done for us.* **The veil is wrong believing.** It is holding onto the law and trying to achieve righteousness by our own works.
- **Changed into his glorious image** – when God looks at us **He sees Christ.** *The same righteousness, holiness, purity that is in Jesus, He sees in us.* We have become the righteousness of God through Christ.

the veil (in reading the scriptures)

2 Corinthians 3:14–16 (NKJV) ¹⁴ But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. ¹⁵ But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. ¹⁶ Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

- **A veil** is to read the scriptures with a law focus, where we still think we need to earn our righteousness, instead of knowing that Jesus has purchased our righteousness already.
- **Jesus has already fulfilled all the law, all of scripture, in Him, on our behalf.** As if we have done it all...
- **Scripture interpretation** – we must view scripture in the context of the cross of Christ. We mix law and grace to the extent that we get confused and become **Schizophrenic Christians.**
- **Ask yourself? Who is this scripture speaking to? How has the cross changed this?*
- **The Veil – we read "what must I do?" Instead of reading "what Christ has done!"*

It's not good enough!

Satan = accuser. *Satan uses the law or scripture to accuse us and to condemn us.*

- **Not good enough:** "Even when you do something right, the accuser will say,"It's not good enough." Like the constant sound of dripping water, he will keep on accusing and spewing condemnation toward you. And so often believers under condemnation would even think it is the Holy Spirit convicting them of their sins and pointing out their faults." *Joseph Prince.*

- **The enemy uses scripture to accuse us, to condemn us and to shame us.**

2 Corinthians 3:9 (NKJV) ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

John 10:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Conviction of what?

When you have sinned, who points that out to you?

“There is no scripture in the bible that speaks of the Holy Spirit convicting us of sin.” (Joseph Prince)

John 16:8–11 (NKJV) ⁸ And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; ¹¹ of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- **Convict the world?** Unbelievers. Those who do not put their trust, their faith in Jesus Christ. Of sin, not sins. The sin of unbelief.
- **Of Righteousness?** That’s to believers. The Holy Spirit’s primary role for believers is to convict us, remind us, confirm to us our righteousness in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:34 (KJV) ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and sin not...

****Right believing always lead to right living.**

No condemnation. Now.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- **Striving for perfection leads to condemnation when we fall short** and so we put a heavy burden upon ourselves. **Example:** Shooting an arrow, but missing. Because of grace we still hit the target!
- *We give our best, but our trust is in God to do the rest.*
- **Schizophrenic Christianity?** Subscribing conviction or accusation or a heavy burden to the Holy Spirit, when it is in actual fact Satan, the Accuser who brings condemnation.

Judgement!

Judgement? Has the Holy Spirit come to convict you and me of God’s anger and judgement against us? No! God’s wrath has been spent on the cross and every believer is therefore free from wrath and judgement. But the Holy Spirit has come to remind us that the ruler of this world, the accuser has been judged.

Colossians 2:13–15 (NKJV) ¹³ ... He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵ Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

- **The accuser has been disarmed.** His ammo against us has been removed..
- **What is the Holy Spirit convicting you of?**
- ***The Holy Spirit will always remind us of our righteousness in Christ.** From that position of security we can deal with the sin in our lives.