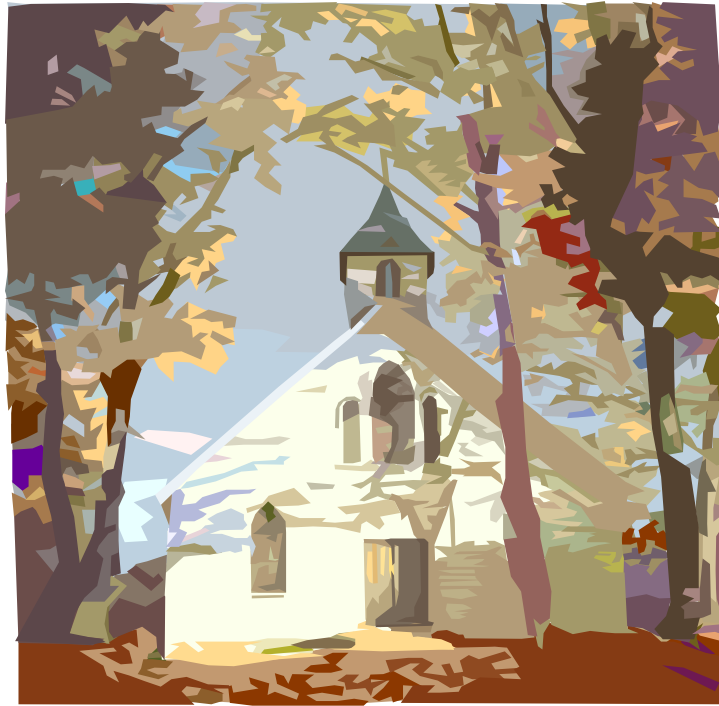


EXPOSING THE CON'S

SERIES 1

(Restoring TEXT back to CON to get the CONTEXT)



Studying Misinterpreted Bible Verses in Context to understand their true meaning.

EXPOSING THE CON - DO NOT BE A CAST AWAY.

Religion always likes to remove the text from con-text, which always leads to CON as a result. And CON has a totally different meaning from CONTEXT. Today we are looking at one of those CONS.

In a bid to preach Salvation from works, have you heard someone say to you that: "Even Apostle Paul was trying to discipline his body so that he would not be a castaway, how much more us. We must be careful so we don't be a cast away at the end..."... They are referring to 1 Corinthians 9: 27 KJV

" But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

Simply reading this in CONTEXT reveals the true meaning of the text. In fact, when you read the context in the previous 3 verses, it is so clear that it takes only religion to misunderstand it. Here we go:

1 Corinthians 9.24-27.NIV

Do you not know that in a RACE all the runners run, but only one gets the PRIZE? RUN in such a way as to get the PRIZE. Everyone who COMPETES in the GAMES goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but WE DO IT to get a CROWN THAT WILL LAST FOREVER.

Therefore I do not RUN like someone running aimlessly; I do not FIGHT like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be DISQUALIFIED for the PRIZE. (KJV used castaway for disqualified")

It is clear when you read the context of that Scripture that Paul was not talking about Salvation by works. He was talking about reward and getting prizes for his ministry. Take note of the words RACE, RUN, FIGHT, GAMES. PRIZE , CROWN, (REWARD). Paul was simply talking about getting rewarded for his preaching. He did not want to get disqualified from getting his prize and crowns after he has done the work of ministry for the Lord, hence, he had to do it correctly and discipline his body.

This has nothing to do with his Salvation. Salvation is 100% God's Grace and 0 % work. No mix up. It is either Grace or works, no mixture. Read passages below

"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." Romans 11:6

"Now to him that works is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness." Romans 4:4-5.

Take note: Salvation is neither a race to run, nor a prize to win but a Gift to receive by putting our faith in the Lord Jesus!

Get it right. Believers are saved 100% by Grace plus no work. However, our works shall be rewarded and just like Paul, we don't want to be disqualified from the heavenly prizes, so we have got to allow Holy Spirit to work out His good works in us, so that our works can stand the test of that day. It will be tested through fire. Every work that is not God-originated is made with inferior materials and shall be burnt up, but the person shall be saved only like passing through fire. Read the passage below:

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

"11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

We are not discouraging good works in any way, but we are putting things in their rightful places. I have always challenged believers to good works and I am still challenging everyone reading this to good works. Our good works shall be rewarded. Besides, we are created unto good works

"For we are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

To live out our the true nature of our new creation is to produce good works - that is what we are naturally meant to do as God's children. Good works is our new creation. So, it is just our natural norms.

However, our works do not define us. We take our identities from God and that is the perfection of His love for us. We have confidence in the day of judgment based on this heavenly identity. Read below:.

"By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world." 1 John 4:17

God sees us 100% as Christ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. That perfects His love for us. And that is the basis of our confidence in the day of judgment. So, keep holding unto your true identity.

Don't let devil define you by your works, because our works are often imperfect. But God does not see us based on our works, but based on our true identity before Him "As He is, so are we in this world" God sees you as Christ. So, base your confidence on that. That is how to live. Glory!!!

EXPOSING THE CON "ENTER THE STRAIT GATE AND NARROW ROAD"

Rightly Dividing Matthew 7:14. "But strait is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. "

First let us examine what that verse does NOT mean....How many times has religion misinterpreted that Scripture to mean that "it is so DIFFICULT to serve God and have eternal life....."?

THE FIRST PROBLEM with that interpretation is that it contradicts 1 John 5:3 and Mathew 11:28-30.

1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME (NOT DIFFICULT).

Matthew 11:30 "For my yoke is EASY and my burden is LIGHT." - JESUS.

The SECOND PROBLEM with that interpretation is that "It does not identify what or WHO the Door and the Gate is"

THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION:

Scriptures interpret Scriptures and Looking at the Verse from the person of Jesus.

What / Who is the Strait Gate and the Narrow Door that Leads to Life (Matthew 7:14)?

Jesus said "I (JESUS) AM THE GATE; whoever enters through me will be SAVED (HAVE ETERNAL LIFE). They will come in and go out, and find pasture." John 10:9.

Jesus said "I (JESUS) am the WAY, the Truth and the Life....." John 14:6

So putting the three Scriptures together, it means JESUS IS THE STRAIT AND NARROW GATE THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE (SALVATION).

The next question is "Why is the Gate strait and narrow?"

Simply because it cannot accommodate your load - IT CAN NOT ACCOMMODATE ANYTHING FROM YOU AND OF YOU. It cannot accommodate your work -good or bad. IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS. Jesus is sufficient, He needs no support nor supplement. On the cross, He said, it is finished; you cannot improve upon what He did.

That confirms that SALVATION IS BY GRACE (JESUS) ALONE. It is narrow, your work cannot be accommodated neither is it needed. "Come as you are, just you, the road is narrow, no room for work."

Natural man derives sense of pride and accomplishment in his works, which is why the narrow way of the Grace is foolish to him; hence very few will find it.

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. – 1 Corinthians 1:22-24

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification (holiness), and redemption. – 1 Corinthians 1:30

Jesus is the Grace of God. We do not need Grace and holiness; neither do we need Grace and wisdom. God's Grace is Holiness and Wisdom and Power and Everything We need. That is why the road is narrow. Nothing Else is needed nor can be accommodated. IT IS ONLY JESUS!!!

If you want Jesus plus your works, then you can't take the narrow way. You have to opt for the wide way. The wide way can take everything of you and all your achievements (good works). The only problem is that it does not lead to life. Only Christ, the narrow way leads to Life. For me, I opt for CHRIST ALONE.

Do you also remember 2 Corinthians 11:3

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST"

If it is Christ alone, it is SIMPLE, STRAIT AND NARROW. But if it becomes complicated, it is no more Christ alone.

I will end this note with the lyrics of the Song:

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

EXPOSING THE CON - JESUS IS COMING FOR A GLORIOUS CHURCH WITHOUT SPOTS OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING, ARE YOU SURE YOU GONNA MAKE IT? - (Please Read patiently to the end)

Religion has used this verse erratically to breed FEAR about the second coming of Jesus into so many believers by quoting it completely wrongly and making believers to start focusing on themselves. But I was so surprised when I re-read the verse to discover I was never told the Truth about the verse. Ephesians 5:25-27. I was conned. Now we wanna expose that con for all to see. Let us read:

"..... as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." Ephesians 5:25 - 27.

Now please read that verse again. It is completely CHRIST-CENTERED. It is only informing us, His bride about what Christ is doing for us. Do you see that? Christ gave Himself for us, to make us holy, by cleansing us by the washing with water through the Word. Furthermore, HE WILL PRESENT US TO HIMSELF (we are not going to do it), AS A GLORIOUS CHURCH, WITHOUT SPOT, OR WRINKLE OF ANY SUCH THING.

The cleansing and the presentation of the church to Christ at His coming is not the church's work. It is the work of Christ Himself. He is doing it. It is only written there for our information and awareness.

So the duty is not for us to start focusing on ourselves and start judging how prepared we think we are and how "without spot or wrinkle" we think we are. IT IS OUTSIDE OUR JOB RESPONSIBILITY, THAT IS JESUS'S JOB. It is the work of Grace.

Now I want to share with you the two fold work of Grace:

1. Finished Work of Grace and
2. Present Work of Grace.

And of course, Jesus is using the finished work to accomplish the present work. The finished work of Grace is specifically for our spirit. The present work of Grace is specifically for our soul and is guaranteed.

PERFECTION OF OUR SPIRIT AND SOUL - GUARANTEED WORK OF GRACE.

1. FINISHED WORK OF (CHRIST) GRACE - Our spirit is saved, perfect and exactly like Christ RIGHT NOW !!!

1 John 4:17 "By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; BECAUSE AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD."

Colossians 2:10 "And you are complete in Him, who is the head of principality and power"

Hebrews 10:14 "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." (Note the past and the present tenses respectively. Our spirit has been perfected forever, SEALED. Being made holy is in the dimension of the soul).

Know that right now, the real you, (your spirit) is exactly like Christ. You got the exact life of God in you. Your spirit is born of God and is complete and perfect in Him right now. When God looks at you, He sees His masterpiece. His very self - we are exactly like Him. God practically relates with our spirit, and not our soul or body, because He is spirit and He is called THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, NOT SOULS.

GOD SEES YOU AS PERFECT, AND EXACTLY LIKE HIM RIGHT NOW.

2. PRESENT WORK OF GRACE IN US - Our Soul is being renewed and conformed to the image of Christ.

"Philippians 2: 12-13 "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS (present work) IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE."

Galatians 4:19 "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you"

So Christ is presently working in us to help us renew our mind and soul. He is helping us day by day both to submit our will (desires) to Him as well as our actions (behaviors) to Him but not mechanically in the way of religion but through the renewal of our minds. He is helping us to live out the reality of Galatians 2: 20

"I have been crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live, but not I. Christ lives in me. The life that I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who died and gave Himself for me"

He is beautifying us and making our soul to conform to His finished work. He is doing that using the finished work - OUR CRUCIFIXION WITH CHRIST. WE ARE DEAD TO SIN BUT ALIVE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS. He is helping our soul to grasp this Reality and be transformed by it. So that the life we now live, we can live by the faith of the Son of God who died for us.

WE ARE NOT TO LIVE EVER BY OUR OWN STRENGTH BUT BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD. The extent to which we are currently living by the Faith of the Son of God is the extent of our spiritual maturity. That is what Jesus is still working on in us - to be conformed daily in our soul to our true identities in Christ. That is the Sanctification of Our Soul.

OUR SOUL WILL BE PERFECTED AT HIS COMING – GUARANTEED!!!

Being CONFIDENT of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to COMPLETION until the day of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1: 6 NIV

And I am CERTAIN that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally FINISHED on the day when Christ Jesus returns - Philippians 1:6 NLT

The comfort for all God's children is that God will complete His good works in us by the day of Jesus Christ, no matter what stage you are. He will bring your SOUL into PERFECTION/COMPLETION on the day of the Lord's returns.

HE IS PRESENTING THE CHURCH UNTO HIMSELF A RADIANT, GLORIOUS CHURCH, WITHOUT ANY SPOT OR WRINKLE OR OTHER BLEMISH.

"..... as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless." Ephesians 5:25 - 27.

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Our job is simple and I describe in these 3 Graceful words: Believe. Rest and Yield.

Believe: Let us read this important Scripture in versions: Isaiah 7:9b

"...If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established." Isaiah 7:9 KJV

"...If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all." NIV

".....Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm." NLT

".....If you will not believe, you surely shall not last." NASB

Do you see that? Believing in Christ finished is the most important step. You must accept all He did and that as the only basis of acceptance before God. And accept all He already said you are,

Rest: Rest is the work of faith.

"for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.... "

If you believe, then act like it. How do you act like you believe? **REST IN THE FINISHED WORK.** Stop struggling. Stop laboring. Live a seated life. You are seated with Christ in the heavenly places. Rest on the promises of God. Rest **FROM** your own works and **ON CHRIST'S WORKS.**

"So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief." Hebrews 3:19

Resting is a direct result and outside demonstration of your faith. If you believe, then act like it - rest.

Yield: As the Holy Spirit prompts you daily, **YIELD TO HIS PROMPTINGS.** He is very trustworthy. The more you yield, the quicker your growth becomes. Yield as He speaks to you through His Word. Yield as He leads you to study and pray. Yield as He tells you to lay hand on the sick and preach the Gospel. Yield as He tells you to give your money to the church or a worthy cause or a family/person in need. Yield as He tells you to preach Grace to your friends. **YIELD. YIELD. YIELD. HIS GRACE ACCOMPLISH HIS INSTRUCTION.** His Words also possess the power of performance.

Coming to the end of this post. Once again, I am glad God is not asking us to cleanse ourselves and present ourselves for His coming because we can't. I am glad He is doing this Himself. I am glad of His finished works for us. I am glad of His present work in us. Keywords: **HIS FINISHED WORKS FOR US AND HIS PRESENT WORKS IN US.** To God be the Glory!!!

Reflect on this message please and share with me in the comments below what God spoke to you - the part that hit you most. **YOU ARE BLESSED IN CHRIST!!!**

EXPOSING THE CON: DO YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS?

Has this been preached to you before "Jesus said, if you love Him, you would keep His commandments. So many people here who sing and shout that they love Jesus don't really love Him. God is judging how much you love Him by how much of His commandments you keep brethren?"

Now, let's go: Case Study

Jesus said "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" John 14:15.

Yet, Peter loved Him but denied Him which meant he broke one of His two commandments (1 John 3:23).

When Jesus wanted to restore Peter's righteousness consciousness, He asked him three times "Do you love me more than these? " Peter answered without hesitation "Yes. YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU" He used Jesus as a witness that he loves Him and Jesus did not deny Peter's love for Him. (John 21:15-17)

So what does this teach us? God does not judge us based on our action when we fall. Jesus didn't tell Peter: "Remember If you love me, you will keep my commandment. Since you didn't keep my commandment of believing in me. You denied me 3 times, that means you didn't really love me" He never judged Peter's love for Him using his performance.

This is in contrast to how the religion translates that word of Jesus. Religion takes it as a test and self-examination Scripture. I have heard many Pastors say it and I once preached it myself under religion: "Many believers here who claim to love God, they really don't love God. Because if they do, they will not be breaking His commandments" Hence I (as a religionists) judged anyone and everyone who broke His commandments that they did not really love God. It is a CON. Sincere apology to all those I conned when I was under religion!

Put it into real life relationship. Do you love your physical parents? Yes most of us do. Do you always keep their commandments especially as kids? Surely no. Most of us broke them. Did our parents then use that to judge us and told us straight: you really don't love me.? Surely they knew we loved them but we were just being stupid as part of our growth process, the worst they did was to spank or flog us. They would not hurt us with such words like "You really don't love me." That hurts deeply brother.

CORRECT APPLICATION OF JOHN 14:15 :

So what was Jesus intention when He said "If you love me, you will keep my commandment" ? It was NOT to CONDEMN or JUDGE us BUT TO ENCOURAGE us to demonstrate our love for Him by keeping His commandments.

It is like something to REMIND or MOTIVATE us anytime we want to break His commandments "Don't do it. You surely love Jesus, then keep His commandments. Don't displease the One you love. Don't grieve the one you love" That is what that Scripture is saying. IT IS A MOTIVATION FOR OBEDIENCE OUT OF OUR LOVE FOR GOD. But it is not a judgment or a yardstick for self examination. Does somebody spot the difference?

Lastly: Another lesson to learn. When Jesus was restoring Peter ' s righteousness consciousness back after resurrection, He didn't ask him to confess his sins. He didn't even remind Peter about the past failure of Peter. Rather He pointed him and empowered him for his future assignments: "Keep my sheep" Jesus told him. It was like when He told the woman caught in adultery "Neither do I condemn you. GO AND SIN NO MORE"

Brethren, there is much more in your future than dwelling in your past failures. Move on quickly. Jesus does not judge you. Restore yourself in Christ's love and His righteousness quickly and move onto your glorious future in Christ Jesus. GOD BELIEVES IN YOU. WALK WITH HIM TO EMBRACE YOUR GREATER TOMORROW IN JESUS NAME. AMEN!

WILL JUDGMENT REALLY BEGIN IN THE HOUSE OF GOD?

Exposing the CON: Don't you know judgment will begin in the house of God? 1 Peter 4:17

I was asked to explain this verse few weeks ago and that brought to my mind one of those verses always used to suggest the believers would be subjected to judgment just like unbelievers. Then, I looked for the verse in the Scripture to understand what it means, and NOT to my surprise, it is another verse read out of con-text in order to distort its meaning. We were CONNED by it. Check for yourself:

PROOF 1: Proof by contradiction. Verse 17 CANNOT mean judgment based on the time factor in the first line.

Read the first line of 1 Peter 4:17 in different versions:

"For **IT IS TIME** for judgment to begin with God's household.." NIV

"For **THE TIME IS COME** that judgment must begin at the house of God.." KJV

"For **IT IS TIME** for judgment to begin at the household of God;..." ESV

"**For THE TIME HAS COME** for judgment, and it must begin with God's household.." NLT

This Epistle was written almost 2000 years ago, and Peter said "IT WAS TIME 2000 years ago for judgment to begin in the house of God". He was NOT talking about future tense, He was talking about what STARTED almost 2000 years ago.

If Peter was referring literally to judgment of Believers as misrepresented by the religion, then the question is "DID JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS/ UNBELIEVERS START ABOUT 2000 YEARS AGO WHEN PETER WROTE THIS VERSE?"

Of course, we all know that judgment is still a FUTURE event, it did not start 2000 years ago which when Jesus barely ascended to heaven (as 1 Peter 4:17 says). Judgment has not even started as at now. THAT SIMPLY PROVES THAT PETER WAS NOT REFERRING TO JUDGMENT in that verse. He must be referring to something else, not judgment. Now let us read in context to know what Peter was referring to.

PROOF 2: Context Flow of thought.

Now, we want to put the CON back in con-text so we can understand what exactly 1 Peter 4:17 is referring to. In fact, by reading it in context, I will not need to say much. It will be too obvious that it will take only religion to misinterpret it.

1 Peter 4:12 - 19. Please read PATIENTLY.

Suffering for Being a Christian

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery trial that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

17 For IT IS TIME for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

18 And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

19 So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

First, do you notice that the Bible titles those verses "Suffering for being a Christian". Verse 12 clearly introduced the theme "Dear friends, DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THE FIERY TRIAL that has come on you.." and that flow continues till the end of the chapter in verse 19.

Peter was writing to believers who were scattered abroad because of fierce persecution they were facing then and this part of his epistle was meant to encourage them to stay strong and not be discouraged at such times. And every verse through verse 19 was on that same theme of suffering for Christ.

That clearly means verse 17 is NOT referring to "judgment" literally but the **persecution and the suffering the believers were passing through.**

In the right context, verses 17 and 18 actually read like this

17 "For it is time for persecution (suffering) to begin in God's household; and if it begins with us, don't you know those who do not obey the Gospel will suffer much more at the end?"

18 " And if God is hardly intervening to save the righteous from this fierce persecution and suffering, do you think He will spare the ungodly and sinner who refuse His Salvation gift at the end?" and then verse 19 concludes the thought. "

PROOF 3: Believers have passed the general judgment. Believers will not be judged like unbelievers.

Read the VERILY VERILY word of Jesus below:

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and BELIEVES him who sent me has ETERNAL LIFE and will NOT BE JUDGED but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:22- 24. **Clear?**

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS by A MAN WHOM HE HAS APPOINTED (JESUS); and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31.

"On that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by CHRIST JESUS." Romans 2:16

I once did a series on this. Believers cannot partake in the general judgment, which God will do by JESUS CHRIST. That judgment will be based purely on whether you believed on Jesus Christ or not. And all believers have escaped that judgment. And for us to have so much confidence on the day of judgment, this is what God did:

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD"**

So, God already gave us JESUS identity. That day we will all look exactly like Him, because AS HE IS, SO ARE WE RIGHT NOW. That is the basis of our boldness on the Day of judgment.

THE ONLY JUDGMENT BELIEVERS WILL PARTAKE OF IS THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, WHICH IS PURELY FOR REWARDS.

Sons and daughters of God, stay strong in your confidence which have lots of rewards. Be immovable. You are not condemned. You cannot be judged. Judgment is not beginning in the house of God as wrongly interpreted, persecution did. Rejoice in the Lord and continue to grow in Grace in Jesus name!!!

Grow in the Grace and the Love of God. Continue to renew your mind by focusing on whom you are in Christ Jesus. Live by the Faith of the Son of God!!!