

2 Timothy 4:5-8
A Crown of Righteousness

Understating the matter ...

I. The Work of Christ

- A. His Merits
- B. Perfected
- C. Shared

II. Imputed to Us

- A. Unrighteous
- B. Believing
- C. Made Righteous

... at a loss for words.

Children, Listen ...

1. Is there anything we can do to save ourselves from our sin?
2. Did Jesus ever disobey God's commands? Did He do anything He wasn't supposed to do?
3. Does Jesus' death save us from all our sins or just some of them?
4. Does someone have to believe that to be saved?
5. If God were to ask you today why He should let you into His Kingdom what would you say?

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59. Q. But what does it help you now that you believe all this?

A. In Christ I am righteous before God and heir to life everlasting.

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.

He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.