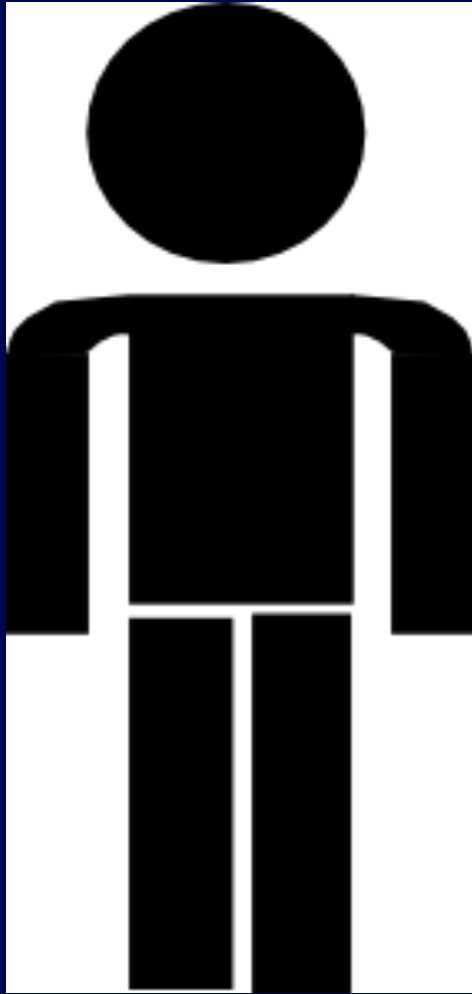


Know The Truth

Recovering The Theology
Of Our Faith

Pt.10
The God Who
Saves Pt. C

The Sinner



Lacks forgiveness and
righteousness

Jesus



Possesses forgiveness
and righteousness

1 Corinthians 1:30

And **because of him you are in Christ**
Jesus, who became to us wisdom from
God, righteousness and sanctification
and redemption,

“in Christ” used **82 times** as in

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is
a new creation.

“in him” occurs **20 times** as in

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his
blood

“with Christ” used **12 times** as in

Colossians 3:3

For you have died, and your life is hidden **with Christ** in God.

“with him” occurs **12 times** as in

2 Timothy 2:11

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died **with him**, we will also live **with him**;

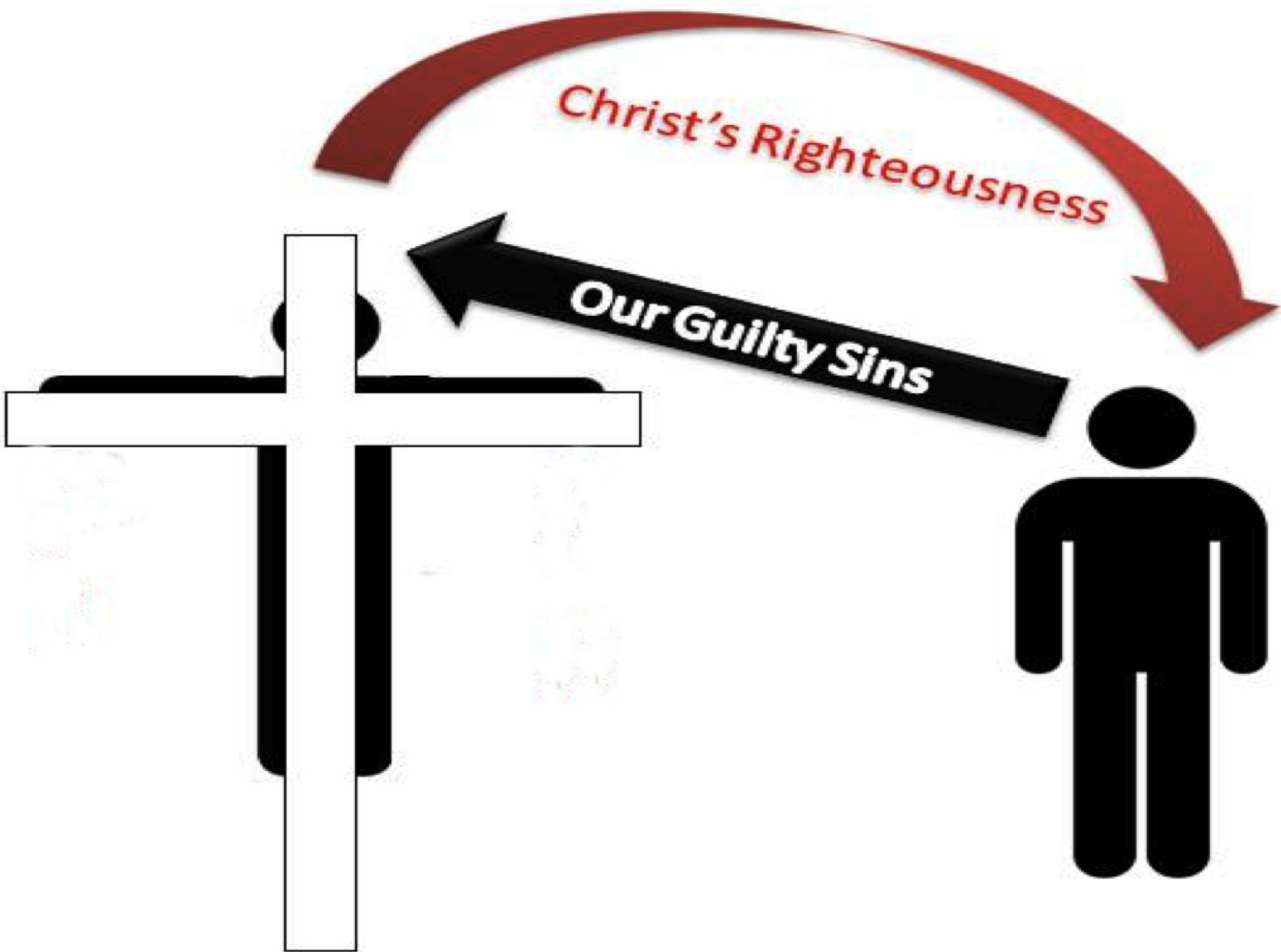
The Lord led me into the knowledge of the mystery of union with Christ, that I was joined to him, that I was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. By this also my faith in him as my righteousness was the more confirmed for if he and I were one, then his righteousness was mine, his merits mine, his victory also mine.

– John Bunyan



2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



John 3:14-18

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever **believes** in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should not perish but have eternal life. ..Whoever **believes** in him is not condemned, but whoever does not **believe** is condemned already, because he has not **believed** in the name of the only Son of God.

Romans 4:1-5

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness

A Popular Understanding Of Abraham In Paul's Lifetime

“Abraham was perfect in all his deeds with the Lord, and well-pleasing in righteousness all the days of his life” (Jubilees 23:10)

“Abraham did not sin against Thee.” (Prayer of Manasseh chapter 8)

“No one has been found like him in glory” (Sirach 44:19)

For if Abraham was **justified by works**, he has something to **boast** about, but not before God.

Romans 3:24

and are justified by his grace as
a gift

Justified- A judge's declaration- to pronounce someone righteous.

A Gift- Something that cannot be achieved; it can only be received.

For what does the Scripture say?

“Abraham **believed God**, and it was **counted to him as righteousness.**”

The faith by which we are justified is saving faith. Faith is like a channel through which the benefits of Christ flow to us. We are not justified on account of faith; we are justified through faith. It is the work of Christ, not our faith, which is the foundation of justification. Faith itself is the gift of God.

– Alistair McGrath



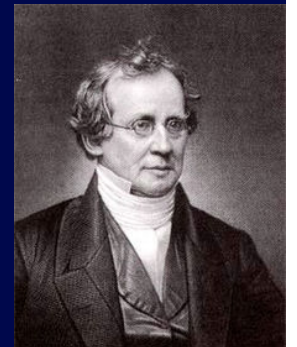
John 1:12

But to all who did **receive him**, who **believed in his name**, he gave the right to become children of God,

Now to the one who **works**, his **wages** are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who **does not work but believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **counted as righteousness**

The two methods of justification cannot be united. They are as inconsistent as wages and a free gift. If of works, it is not of grace. And if of grace, it is not of works.

– Charles Hodge



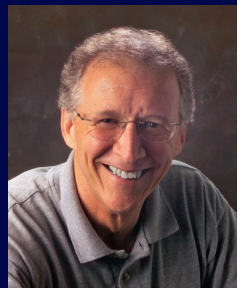
Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being **ignorant of the righteousness of God**, and seeking to **establish their own**, they **did not submit to God's righteousness.**

Philippians 3:9

and **be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the **righteousness from God that depends on faith**

This is the rock where we stand when the dark clouds gather and the floods lick at our feet: justification is by grace alone (not mixed with our merit), through faith alone (not mixed with our works) on the basis of Christ alone (not mingling his righteousness with ours), to the glory of God alone (not ours).

– John Piper



Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.

We tend to drag up our old sins, that we tend to live under a vague sense of guilt...we are not nearly as vigorous in appropriating God's forgiveness as He is in extending it. Consequently, instead of living in the sunshine of God's forgiveness through Christ, we tend to live under an overcast sky of guilt most of the time.

– Jerry Bridges

