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BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
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2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

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3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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Luke 16:11

11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?"

2 Cor 8:9

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Rev 2:9

9 I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

Rom 9:23

23 And He did so to make known the **riches** of His glory upon vessels of mercy,

Rom 10:12

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in **riches** for all who call on Him;

Rom 11:33

33 Oh, the depth of the **riches** both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

Eph 1:7

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the **riches** of His grace

Eph 1:18

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the **riches** of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph 2:7

7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing **riches** of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 3:8

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable **riches** of Christ,

Eph 3:16

16 that He would grant you, according to the **riches** of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

Phil 4:19

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His **riches** in glory in Christ Jesus.

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Joel 2:28

8 "It will come about after this
That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;

Rom 8:9

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

John 7:37-39

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Rom 5:3-5

3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

The 12 Ministries of the Holy Spirit

1. *Convicts (Jn. 16:8)*

John 16:8

8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

2. *Regenerates (Jn. 3:5-8)*

John 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

3. *Baptizes (I Cor. 12:13)*

1 Cor 12:13

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

4. Seals (Eph. 1:13; 4:30)

Eph 1:13-14

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 4:30

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

5. Illuminates/Teaches (Jn. 14:26; 1 Cor. 2:13)

John 14:26

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

1 Cor 2:12-13

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

6. Gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-11)

1 Cor 12:11

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

7. Assures (Rom. 8:16,17)

Rom 8:16-17

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

8. Prays (Rom. 8:26,27)

Rom 8:26-27

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;
27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

9. Produces (Gal. 5:22,23)

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control;

10. Controls (Eph. 5:18)

Eph 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

11. Leads (Rom. 8:14)

Rom 8:14

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

12. Empowers (Acts. 1:8)

Acts 1:8

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.“

Eph 3:20

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

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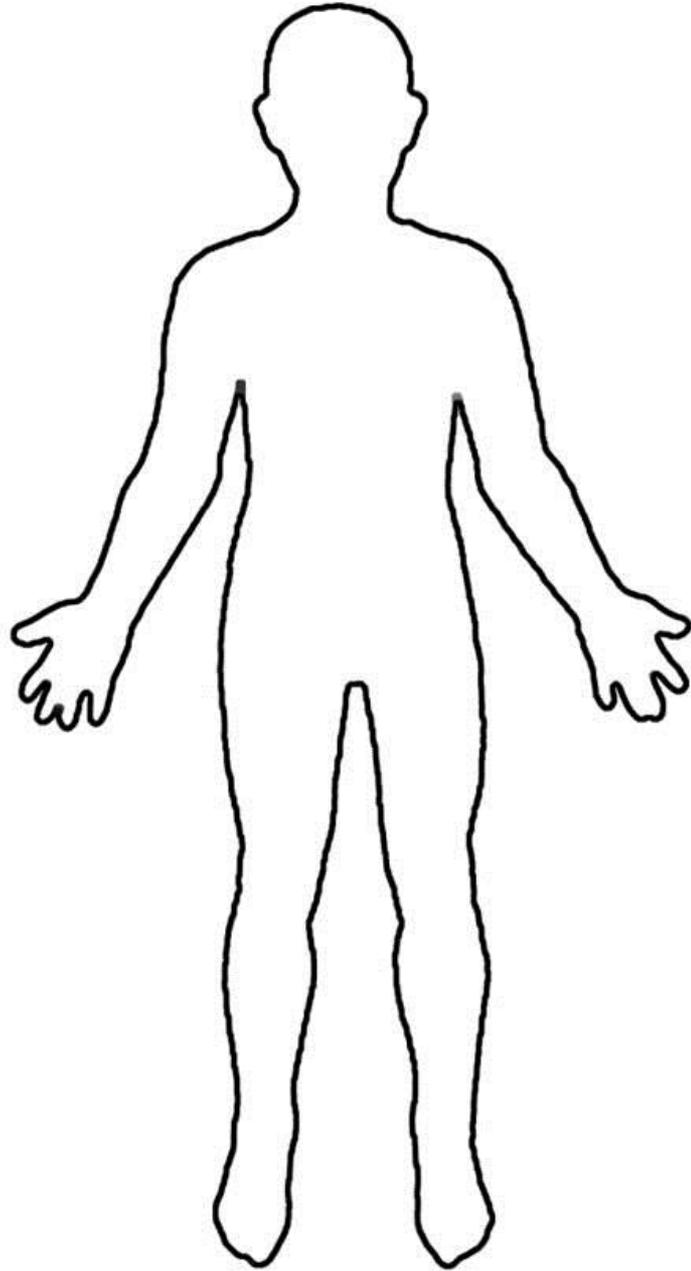
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Justification does not mean –

“just-as-if-I’d-never-sinned”

Why not?

1. Because it takes away from the entire forensic process of what Christ did on the cross for sinners.
2. Because we are still sinners after being justified.
3. Because the title “redeemed sinners” will follow us throughout all eternity.
4. Because the point of justification is not to make the sinner as “if he has never sinned”, but to justify him with an outside alien righteousness that allows him to be justified and be a sinner at the same time. This differentiates us from Roman Catholicism and all other religions.



Rom 3:22

22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe;

Rom 4:5

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Rom 5:19

19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

Imputed Righteousness

(2 Cor. 5:21)

Imputed Sin

(Guilt by association)

Rom. 5:12-14

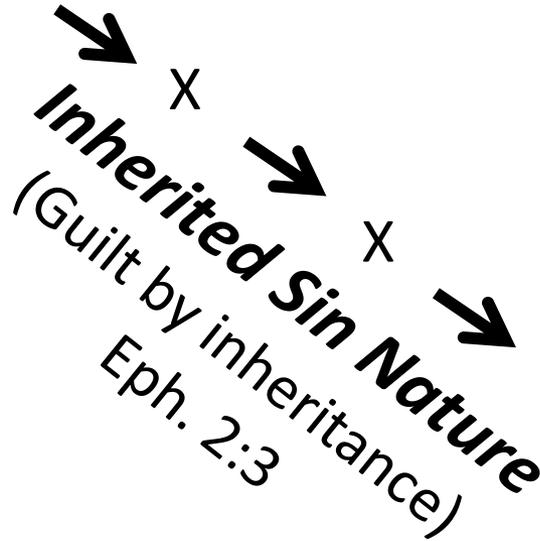
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21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Adam



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Personal Sin

(Guilt by acts of disobedience.)

Rom. 3:23

Personal Sanctification

1 Peter 1:15,16

Eph 4:24
24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

Implants New Divine Nature
(2 Cor. 5:17)

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;
16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

“THE GREAT EXCHANGE”

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Adam's Sin

Imputed



Man

Believer's Sin

Imputed



Christ

Christ's Righteousness

Imputed



Believer

“Never did greater or more absurdities flow from the denying any doctrine, than will flow from denying the doctrine of Christ’s imputed righteousness.”

- Anonymous

Edward Mote

1797-1874



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MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

Refrain

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.***

2. When darkness seems to hide His
face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

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4. When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Eph 1:10-14

In Him

11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

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1 Peter 1:3,4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

Rev. 21 –

Our inheritance:

- No crying
- No pain
- No death
- No sadness
- No night
- No sin, no evil
- New heaven
- New earth
- Being in the presence of God
- Being in the presence of the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ
- Being in the presence of billions upon billions of angels
- Being in the presence of all of the saints from all ages
- Experiencing the River of Life and the Tree of Life.
- Experiencing the New Jerusalem – a 1,500 mile square cube made up of transparent, spectacular stones that reflect and refract the brilliance of the glory of God. Glowing, sparkling, shining, dazzling, in it's splendor as it displays the presence of God.

Application

1. It is of extreme importance for the believer to make a sharp distinction between worldly riches and infinite worth of spiritual riches.
2. When you were saved, you received from God a gigantic deposit of riches. Spiritually you were taken “from rags to riches”, all by His grace.
3. The believer now carries with him, comparatively speaking, only the down payment on the down payment of our someday inheritance.