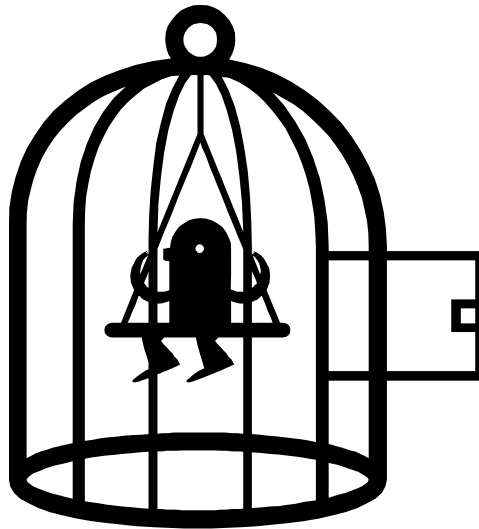


*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 27*

*The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit*  
*The Unbeliever at Gospel Hearing is Convinced about*  
*Sin, Righteousness and Judgment by God the Holy*  
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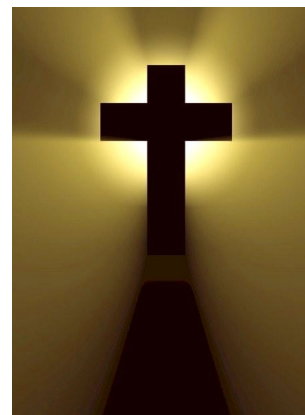


*Sunday, February 13, 2011*

*"Nevertheless, I (Jesus) tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. (8) And when He comes, He will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment..."*

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



## Lesson

Here we are again learning more and more about our great Mentor, God the Holy Spirit and how he helps the unbeliever come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. He is the great Convincer of "sin, righteousness and judgment."



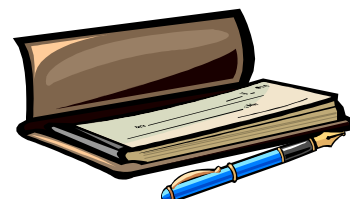
We covered the "concerning sin" part of **John 16:8** in our last lesson. Do you remember what Jesus was talking about? What sin is He referring to? Yes, the only sin He did not die on the cross for..."sin of unbelief." The only sin NOT judged on the cross!!

Now do you remember the passage in our Bible that we are working out of? It was **John 16:7-10** "But I (Jesus) tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (8) And He (the Holy Spirit), when He comes (Church Age), will convict the world (unbelievers) concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; (9) concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me..."



Again we have already covered the "concerning sin" part of this passage and now we'll move on to the phrase "concerning righteousness" and what Jesus meant when He said this. All members of the human race who believe in Christ possess the perfect righteous (+R) of Christ at the moment they believe. This is the source for our justification in God the Father's eyes. God's justice was satisfied when Jesus died spiritually for all our sins on the cross and when anyone believes in Jesus, you remember, they are imputed, assigned, or credited with HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (+R) at the moment they believe and the Holy Spirit makes their faith effective for salvation. Perfect righteousness is imputed, assigned or credited to us at salvation. Because of this we are then pronounced PERFECT in God's eyes because we have Jesus' perfect righteousness (+R). So we can say that this imputation was a judicial one...given to us by the perfect Judge, God the Father. Can we lose this? Absolutely not! This is so fantastic that I want you to totally understand what a miracle this is.

Let me give you an example of just what this "imputation" means. We've had this word a lot lately in our lessons and I want you to understand it completely. Let's say your parents opened a savings account for you at the bank near your house and whenever you get money from working around the house or from your birthday or Christmas, they put the money in your bank account. Well when



the bank gets the money they CREDIT it to your account and the money is there in your account until you to use in the future and it will stay there until you use it. Do you see that? Well when you open your salvation account with God at the moment you believe in Jesus, God the Holy Spirit imputes (credits) your account with God with Jesus' righteousness (+R), which is your guarantee into Heaven later when you die physically. You use it to get into Heaven. God's sees what is imputed or credited to your account just like the bank see the money credited in your account at the bank which is yours and yours alone for future use. Does that help you understand this really big word?

Now look at **Rom 3:22**. "...even the righteousness of God (+R) through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction..." **Rom 4:5** says "But to the one who does not work (for salvation), but believes in Him (Jesus) who justifies the ungodly (depraved unbeliever), his faith is imputed (credited) as righteousness (+R)..." If we are to live with God forever, we must be perfect. We are NOT! BUT when we believe in Jesus we become perfect by receiving His perfect righteousness (+R) and eternal life. Remember that's our ticket into Heaven. His righteousness and His eternal life are imputed, assigned or credited to us at the moment we believe in Christ through the ministries of God the Holy Spirit.



So **John 16:10** reveals that divine righteousness is one of the three areas in which the Holy Spirit convinces us with regard to the Gospel...in COMMON GRACE. He makes it crystal clear that Jesus is the ONLY righteous ONE and we need HIS imputed righteousness (+R) if we are going to live with God forever. Aren't you happy that you have the Holy Spirit in your life?

Let's move on to the next part of our passage in **John 16**, "concerning judgment." **John 16:11** "...and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world (Satan) has been judged." This verse brings into view the big picture of the angelic conflict or war. Notice that there is a relationship between evangelism (telling the unbeliever about salvation by believing in Jesus) and the angelic conflict. If you don't keep this in mind you can get into trouble. The human race was created to solve the angelic conflict...Satan's protest to God that He was unfair in judging Satan and his fallen angels and sentencing him and his fallen angels to the Lake of Fire before human history began. This was God's perfect justice but Satan appealed his sentence, with the result that mankind was created to prove him wrong. Human history was established by God as the stage for Satan's appeal trial. All the angels are watching us especially believers. We believers in the pre-designed plan of God are the witnesses for God in this war!!! We must bring the good news of the Gospel to unbelievers through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Like the angelic creatures, mankind was given free will to demonstrate to Satan and the fallen angels the power and fairness of God's judgment on them. The human being who rejects Jesus Christ as Savior follows the pattern of fallen angels in rejecting Christ. This is very sad. ☹ That's why it's so important to ask God to bring unbelievers into your life so that you can witness to them. Those who refuse to believe in Christ will share in their condemnation and eternal judgment to the Lake of Fire according to **Rev 20:10-15**. "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast (the anti-Christ) and the (Jewish) false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him (Jesus) who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them (unbelievers). (12) And I saw the dead, the great and the small (all unbelievers), standing before the throne, and books (of human works) were opened; and another book

was opened, which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their (human works) deeds. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead (all unbelievers) which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their (human works) deeds. (14) Then death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death (for unbelievers only), the Lake of Fire. (15) And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire."

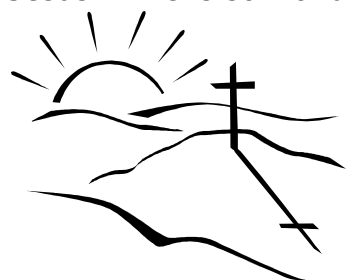
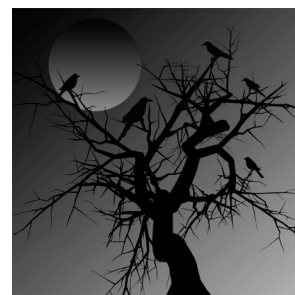
Angels are in two camps...fallen (demons) and saved (elect), and they got to pick which camp they are in sometime after Satan sinned. We don't know exactly what their salvation offer was but it might have been to choose which camp they wanted to be in at the time of Satan's fall when.

All angels have sinned just like mankind but none of that is discussed in the Bible except that they took sides at sometime after Satan sinned. Satan convinced one third of them to come into his camp. He must have been pretty convincing in order to get that many on his side...he's a genius! The rest stayed in God's camp...smart of them...very smart!

God has made it crystal clear to human beings what the consequences are for deciding not to believe in Christ. It could not be any clearer. **John 3:36** "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." **Rom 2:5** "But because of your hard and shameless heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed." **Eph 5:6** "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience (all unbelievers)."

Deciding not to believe in Christ is the same as deciding to follow Satan and remain in his camp. But God has already judged Satan and put his judgment on permanent public display. Jesus defeated him at the cross!!! Satan wanted to take the place of God and be worshipped as God. But he doesn't have the perfect righteousness and nature of God. In the past you as an unbeliever, you didn't either. And there is only one way to get perfect righteousness (+R)...perfect righteousness was here on earth for 33 years, in a human being, Jesus Christ. Now He's back in the third heaven, sitting at the Father's right hand...GLORIFIED...VICTORIOUS! Be happy that you believed and the Holy Spirit gave you Jesus' righteousness (+R).

So it's up to the Holy Spirit to cut through the heavy fog and blackness put up by the kingdom of darkness and make things perfectly clear to the unbeliever. And He does just that when the Gospel is given to the unbeliever. The Holy Spirit makes it clear through COMMON GRACE and then if the unbeliever has faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit takes his little "yes" and makes it effective for salvation. Then he gets Jesus' righteousness (+R). We need His perfect righteousness to receive eternal life and live with the Father forever. Christ has it. We didn't as unbelievers but we received it through imputation when we believed in Jesus. This is so wonderful. Think about it.



How wonderful is the grace God the Father provides in the Holy Spirit and Jesus for all mankind because nothing good dwells in us that is our flesh...our sin nature. Our human self-righteousness is disgusting to God. So deal with that. Be happy. We have a WAY through Jesus to be saved and not judged. **John 3:18** "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already (condemned at birth by Adam's original sin!),

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because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

So we all had a choice as unbelievers. God calls everyone to believe in His Perfect Son. Unbelievers still have a choice as long as they are alive. However, if they persist in their unbelief, clinging to the filthy rags of a human righteousness (human good works) they join Satan in judgment and the sentence to the Lake of Fire. Or they can change their minds and believe, trusting in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation...a so GREAT salvation...a FREE GIFT! Then by the grace of God they will get a double portion of righteousness (+R) from Jesus and God the Father and they will get eternal life. They will live with God forever in a perfect place called Heaven. Thank you, Father for this wonderful gift!

Close in prayer

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