# **Dirty Rags No More**

"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." (Isaiah 64:6)

It is true that any shortcoming of God's law offends against his perfect holiness and makes us liable to judgment, since God cannot look with favor on any sin.

But what brought a person to ruin in the Old Testament (and it is the same for us today) was not the failure to have the righteousness of sinless perfection. What brought them to ruin was the failure to trust in the merciful promises of God, especially the hope that he would one day provide a redeemer who would be a perfect righteousness for his people. The saints knew that this is how they

were saved, and that this faith was the key to obedience, and that obedience was the evidence of this faith.

It is terribly confusing when people say that the only righteousness that has any value is the imputed righteousness of Christ.

It's true - gloriously true - that none of God's people, before or after the cross, would be accepted by an immaculately holy God if the perfect righteousness of Christ were not imputed to us. But that does not mean God does not produce in those "justified" people an experiential righteousness that is **not** a "polluted garment." In fact, he does, and this righteousness is precious to God. -John Piper

### **Events**

5/18 Youth Bible Study 7:15 PM 5/19 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM 5/22 7th/8th Youth Annual Picnic 7:00 PM 5/31 Local Churches Prayer 7:00 PM Give

Upcoming Events







#### Service Times



-Sunday School 9:30 am

-Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am

√—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm

-Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship Michael Lopes
Opening Hymn 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!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!

No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;

'til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Scripture Reading Psalm 40, page 468

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory #185 By the Cross of Jesus Standing Preparatory Your Great Name

1. The lost are saved, find their way at the sound of Your great name.

All condemned feel no shame at the sound of Your great name. Every fear has no place at the sound of Your great name.

The enemy, he has to leave at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up and all the world will praise Your great name.

2. All the weak find their strength at the sound of Your great name.

The sick are healed, the dead are raised at the sound of Your great name.

(Chorus)

Your great name.

Jesus, no higher name than Jesus, no sweeter name than Jesus.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up and all the world will praise...

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us.

Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up

and all the world will praise Your great name, Your great name, Your great name.

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#### Aanus Dei

1. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia.

(Chorus) Holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen (repeat)

Sermon Pastor Gary Hendrix

#### **Evening Worship**

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory/Preparatory

Pastor Charles Fortner #118 O Savior, Precious Savior Luke 23: 26 - 43, page 884

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

"Jesus sinners does receive:" word of surest consolation; Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation! Naught like this can comfort give:

"Jesus sinners does receive," naught like this can comfort give! On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us His pledge is given; He hath sworn by His own name, open are the gates of heaven. Take to heart this word and live:

"Jesus sinners does receive," take to heart this word and live! When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd pressing thro' each dark and dangerous way, brings it back, His own possessing. Jesus seeks thee, O believe: "Jesus sinners does receive," Jesus seeks thee, O believe! Jesus seeks thee, O believe! Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression, It shall be as white as snow, by Thy blood and bitter passion; For these words I now believe: "Jesus sinners does receive," For these words I now believe!

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted; Christ hath purchased my release, and my every sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: "Jesus sinners does receive," Naught remains my soul to grieve! Naught remains my soul to grieve! "Jesus sinners does receive:" word of surest consolation; Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!

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Sermon Communion Pastor Stu Johnston #431 Just as I Am My Song is Love Unknown

I Will Glory in my Redeemer