

Disappointed in Jesus

- ✓ **The Romans** - Jesus fails to bow to the authority of Caesar.
- ✓ **The Jewish nation** - Jesus fails to support the traditions of the elders.
- ✓ **The Disciples** - Jesus fails to meet their expectations of a temporal deliverer.
- ✓ **God** - In bearing our sin, Jesus became a condemned sinner.

Mark 15

“33 And when the sixth hour had come, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which is translated, “**My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?**” 35 And when some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, “Behold, He is calling for Elijah.” 36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. 38 **And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.**”

Three critical issues

- ✓ The relationship of **faith and feelings**.
“Why hast Thou forsaken me?”
- ✓ The relationship of **Law and Grace**.
“the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom”
- ✓ The relationship of **tragedies and blessings**.
“The mockery of Jesus’ trial and crucifixion”

*“My God, My God,
why hast Thou
forsaken Me?”*

Commandments
through Moses –



Covenant Promise
through Abraham –
Gen. 12:3



**Promised Messiah
Redeemer**

Corruption through Adam's Fall – Rom. 5:12

Creation in God's Image – Gen. 1:27

**Jesus became a condemned sinner
in our place.**

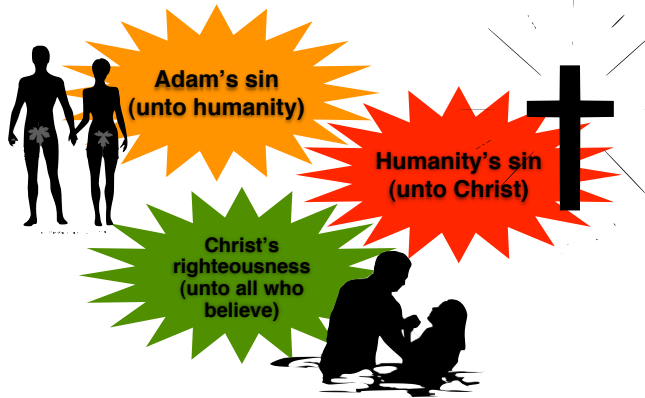
Galatians 3:13

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **having become a curse for us**”

Romans 8:3

“For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as **an offering for sin**, He condemned sin in the flesh,”

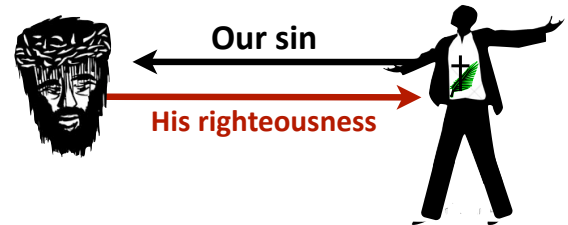
Three imputations.



The great exchange

2 Corinthians 5:21

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



Two aspects of holiness



Ephesians 2:8-10

"not of works . . but . .
for good works,"

Two aspects of holiness



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| ✓ a child of God | ✓ a disciple of Christ |
| ✓ fixed position | ✓ dynamic posture |
| ✓ based on faith | ✓ based on faithfulness |
| ✓ my identity | ✓ my calling |
| ✓ proclaimed | ✓ experienced |



The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.

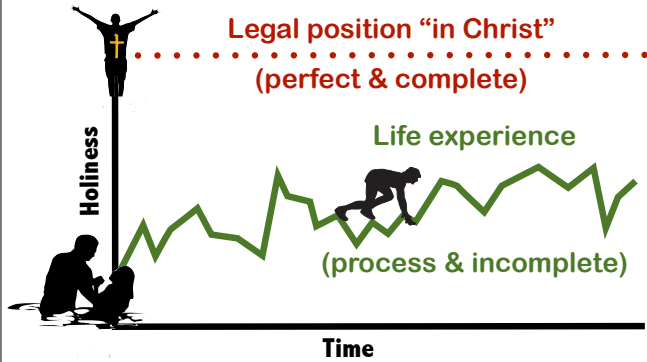


This had to do with his official position not his personal character.

Water baptism
is our positional washing
as a believer priest.



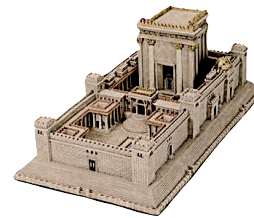
The two aspects of holiness



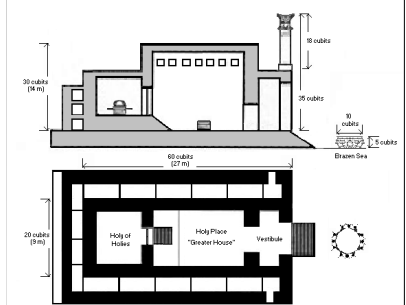
How should we respond to the Gospel?

- ✓ **Take our baptism seriously** - Christ is your righteousness.
- ✓ **Use faith as our shield** - Satan is the accuser of the believer.
- ✓ **Run the race well** - Strive to demonstrate your salvation not to gain it.
- ✓ **Live by faith not feelings** - The Gospel is a finished work that is proclaimed and believed not an emotional encounter that is experienced or cultivated.

“And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

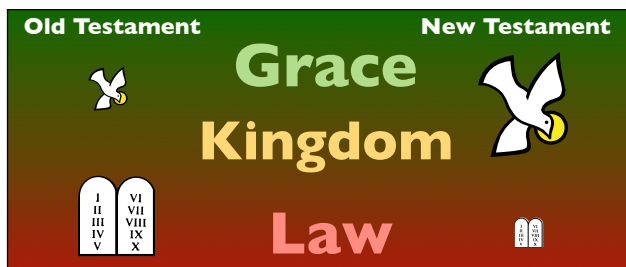


The Hebrew Temple was a picture of holiness (separate)



Solomon's Temple

One way of understanding the Gospel



Moses Jesus Paul

Another way of understanding the Gospel



Moses Jesus Paul

The Old Covenant was replaced as a covenant.

Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but **to fulfill**. (magnify and satisfy)”

Hebrews 10:26

“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,**”

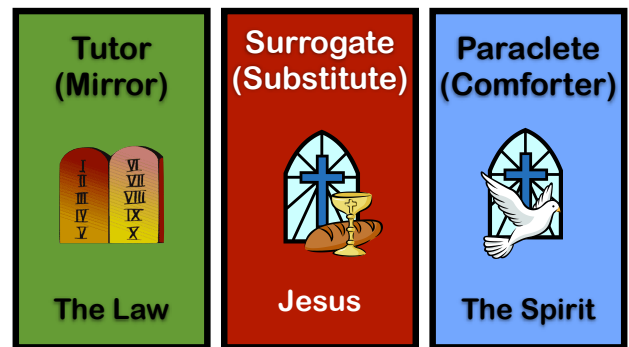
Romans 5:19

“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.**”

Hebrews 7:18

“For, on the one hand, there is **a setting aside of a former commandment** because of its weakness and uselessness (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”

Don’t confuse the ministries of the Law, the Son, and the Spirit.



How should we respond to God’s grace?

- ✓ **Repent of pride** - which is looking for peace through the works of the Law.
- ✓ **Cultivate an attitude of gratitude** - Act as those who are free from shame and sin.
- ✓ **Let the Spirit comfort and teach us** - He brings us to the Cross not the Law.
- ✓ **Spread the Gospel** - This is good news to all who suffer the shame and guilt of the Fall.

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



*sometimes
thorns
conceal*

a treasure

Tragedies that hide treasure.

- ✓ Job loses all his assets - Job 1:11-12
- ✓ Joseph is sold into Egypt - Gen.50:20
- ✓ Paul's thorn in the flesh - 2 Cor.12:7-10
- ✓ Israel's unbelief - Rom.11:11-12
- ✓ **Jesus' crucifixion** - 2 Cor.5:21

Tragedies that God can and has used.

- ✓ Apostasy (Peter)
- ✓ Loss of assets (Job)
- ✓ Moral failure (David)
- ✓ Social injustice (Joseph)
- ✓ Natural handicaps (Moses, Paul)
- ✓ Environmental deprivation (Jesus)



How should we respond to tragedy?

- ✓ **Know that we are not alone** - This is not a strange thing that is happening to us.
- ✓ **Expect to meet Christ in it** - We can share his suffering and appreciate his love.
- ✓ **Look for a hidden treasure** - God can use this for good.
- ✓ **Be thankful** - This is an opportunity to develop or demonstrate shalom.

Being IN but not OF the world.

Disciples understand the Word of the Cross

- **Positional security**
- **Freedom from the Law**
- **Treasures in tragedies**

1 John 5:4

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith”.