

## **RIGHTEOUS ACTS OF THE BELIEVER LED BY THE SPIRIT ARE NOT FILTHY RAGS**

**Christ has reconciled all things to Himself by His Cross in which sin is condemned to extinction for killing the sinless, pure, and holy Son of God.**

**All mankind has received the privilege and opportunity to turn to God and receive personal, judicial reconciliation by repentance and faith proven by following Jesus with our very lives and doing deeds led and empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 26:20).**

**Christ made provisional reconciliation on the Cross, but man does not receive judicial reconciliation until he repents and believes in Jesus for sin removal and the production of righteous deeds led and empowered by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:8-11).**

**Believers and followers of Jesus receive redemption, remission, and forgiveness of sin; all of which means the release from their bondage to sin. They no longer remain persistently in sin's power because they are led by the Holy Spirit and are no longer under the power of the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-3). Believers are no longer slaves of sin (Romans 6:4-6). Through continued repentance, the believer can experience the transformed life that will release him from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:17; 12:1,2). Righteousness is what the believer does by faith as initiated, led, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He that does what is right is righteous (1 John 3:7). The righteous acts of the believer are not filthy rags in God's sight.**

**Don't think there are no eternal consequences for your daily sins.**

**You will be judged by your deeds.**

**Build your life in Christ with righteous acts empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

### **1 Corinthians 3:12-15**

**The foundation we build our lives upon is Jesus Christ. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. To build you may use gold, silver,**

**jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But there is going to come a time of testing at the judgment day to see what kind of work each builder has done. Everyone's work will be put through the fire to see whether or not it keeps its value. If the work survives the fire that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builders will be saved, but like someone escaping through a wall of flames.**

**Revelation 19:8 Do righteous acts throughout every day.**

**Rewards of the believer:**

**Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.**

**Isaiah 40:10 The Lord is coming in all His glorious power. He will rule with awesome strength. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes.**

**Mark 9:41 If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I assure you, that person will be rewarded.**

**Matthew 16:27 Jesus said, "I will come and judge all people according to their deeds.**

**2 Timothy 4:8 Paul says, "The prize awaits me, the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of His return. And**

**the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His glorious return.**

**Revelation 22:12 Jesus said, “ See, I am coming soon, and reward is with me, to repay all according to their deeds.”**

**Hebrews 11:6 It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone that wants to come to Him must believe that there is a God and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him.**

**1 Corinthians 9:26-27 Don't lose your reward.**