

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new Creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ. 2 Cor 5:16

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes --who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Rev. 7:13, 14

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow."
Isaiah 1:18

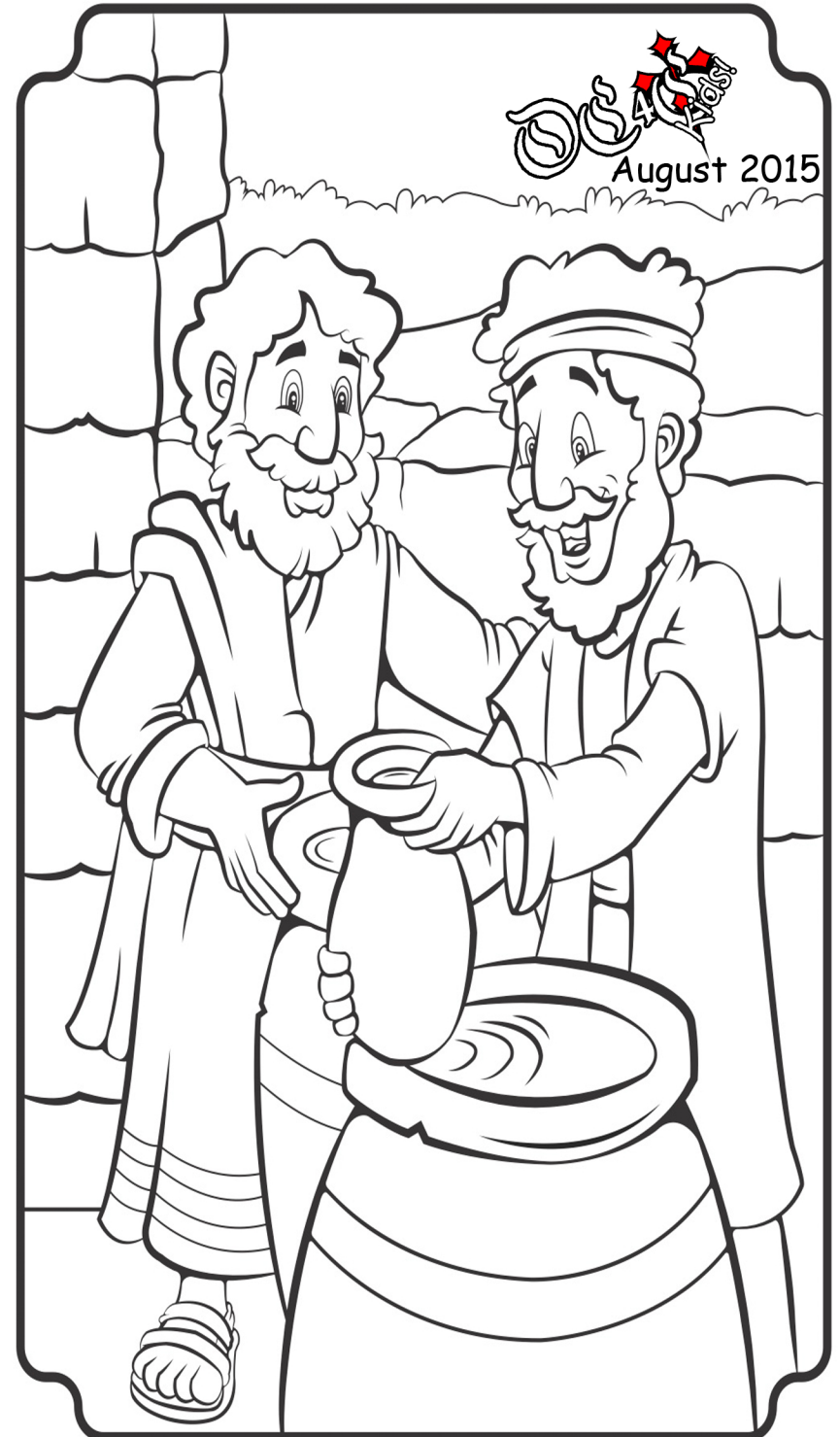
But now the righteousness from God has been made known. It is the righteousness from God that comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

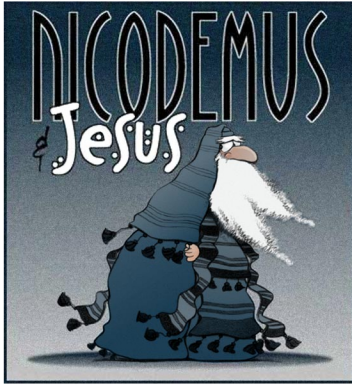
We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But we are made right again by God's grace. We are redeemed by Christ Jesus.

For God presented Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins. By our faith in his blood, He became our sacrifice.

He did this to prove that he is just. In his great patience he let sin go unpunished because of his love for us. But now justice has come, and the rightful price for sin has been paid by the death of Jesus on the cross, and we who believe in him have been put right with God through our faith in Jesus. Rom. 3:21-26 (paraphrased)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."
John 3:16





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Luke 3.1-8

A Story of Salvation

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Then one by one they came to the palace door.

As each one entered, the heavy gold door thundered shut behind them. Time passed, and Nicodemus could hear the sound of crying somewhere off in the distance.

Well, at last it was Nicodemus's turn to step through the door.

He stepped through the entryway and the heavy door closed behind him.

What Nicodemus saw now I can't say - because there are no words to describe it! But it was more glorious, more brilliant, more splendid than all the stories he had ever heard.

And then he looked down at the robe he was wearing... and he knew at once it didn't belong in a place as perfect as this.

His heart sank.

Off to his left he saw the wealthy man who had entered just before him. His robe had looked even more carefully kept than his own before they had entered, but now, in the glorious light of the palace, it looked so shabby and dirty.

The poor owner was shown to a small door and let out. And as the door opened, Nicodemus could hear then that this was where the crying was coming from. It was the cry of all those souls who had seen what they could have had, but were found

not worthy.

They all had been invited to the feast, but they could not be a part of it.



Nicodemus waited for his turn to be escorted out.

But then to his complete amazement, the young beggar appeared. His robe was torn and bloody - but he was very much alive!

"You do believe in me," the beggar said, as his eyes looked straight into Nicodemus's heart.

There was a basin on the floor, and the beggar took off his robe and squeezed some of the blood into the water in the basin. Then he dipped his robe into it, until you could see nothing but the water mixed with blood.

And then an amazing thing happened.

The beggar took the robe from basin - and it was white as snow! It was so bright and spotless it hurt Nicodemus's eyes to look at it.

And even more than that, the man had changed.

He was no longer a beaten and bloody beggar. He was now standing there tall and magnificent. Truly he WAS the King's own son!

"My dear Nicodemus! Did you not know that my father built this house out of love for you?"

"Here," the King's son said to Nicodemus, "Put on my robe, washed in my blood. Now you are worthy to enter my Father's Feast."



Nicodemus awoke from his dream.

Now he understood what Jesus had said.

Believe in Jesus, and you will be made brand new, you will be born again.