

**"The Lord Our Righteousness"  
(Jer.23:6)**

Christ's person being infinite, so must be His righteousness and therefore, He is said to have saved His people with an "everlasting righteousness" (Daniel 9:24) by reason of which they "shall not be ashamed nor confounded, world without end" (Isaiah 45:17). Well might the Holy Ghost command the church to exclaim, "Surely shall one say, In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."(Isaiah 45:24). I would only add, as a farther confirmation of the interest the church hath in Christ and the oneness there is between them, the church also is called "*The LORD our righteousness*" (Jeremiah 33:16) because her glorious Husband is so; thus proving her marriage by taking the name of her husband.

**Robert Hawker**

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**"A Fountain Opened" by Horatius Bonar**

*"In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech.13:1).*

IT IS the conscious absence of all good things that leads us to the fountain of all goodness. It is as unclean and unrighteous that we come to God, not with goodness in our hands as a recommendation, but with the utter want of goodness. Nor do we come with promises of amendment and future goodness and service; but we come to the fountain as unrighteous, unclean, and unable to remove that unrighteousness or offer anything in exchange.

The fountain is opened to all who thus come. It is closed against all who come on any other footing. He who comes to the fountain as partly righteous is sent away empty. He who comes as a guilty sinner to a righteous, yet merciful God finds not only ready access to the fountain of life, but plenteous grace! The righteous God receives unrighteous men if the sinner presents himself in his own true character as a sinner and does not mock God by pretending to be something LESS or BETTER than he is.

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2/26/17  
**Call To Worship**

Behold the glories of the Lamb,  
Amidst His Father's throne;  
Prepare new honors for His name,  
And songs before unknown. **(REPEAT)**

He shall fulfill Thy great decrees;  
The Son deserves it well;  
Lo! In His hands the sovereign keys  
Of heaven, and death, and hell. **(REPEAT)**

Now to the Lamb that once was slain,  
Be endless blessings paid;  
Salvation, glory, joy remain  
For ever on thy head. **(REPEAT)**

Thou hast redeemed our souls with blood,  
Hast set the prisoners free,  
Hast made us kings and priests to God,  
And we do reign with Thee. **(REPEAT)**

(Tune: "All Things Work Out For Good", pg.267)

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**Remember In Prayer This Week:**

Judy Ward; Cindy Brantly; Emily Dubose;  
Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams;  
Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick

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**Happy Anniversary This Week:**

Bart and Sallie Barfield - March 2

**Happy Birthday This Week:**

Matt Warmack - Feb.28

**After Worship Services TODAY**

Women's Fellowship Meal  
and Bible Sunday

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*"To Him That **WORKETH NOT**"(Rom.4:5)*

These 5 words, though frightening to all self-righteous religionists, are words of comfort, encouragement, and peace to every justified, redeemed, regenerated and converted sinner. It is an absolute **FACT** that God effectively saved **ALL HIS ELECT** through Christ's accomplished work of redemption at Calvary-"*Who HATH SAVED (an act ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED) us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*"(II Tim.1:9) We must not seek to undermine the Holy Spirit's purpose through the glorious words He moved the Apostle Paul to pen for His children. Robert Haldane wrote on this verse: "This verse means what it literally expresses, namely, that the person who is justified **DOES NOT WORK AT ALL** for his justification. It is not that he does not perform all the works that he ought, but that for justification **HE DOES NOTHING**. It is true that he works, **BUT NOT FOR JUSTIFICATION.**" All one has to do is read the very next phrase in this verse to understand this is **EXACTLY** the Spirit's purpose in writing these words for our learning-"*but believeth ON Him* (not "in Him") that justifieth (to DECLARE righteous) **THE UNGODLY.**" Truly "His ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts." God alone was capable and willing to justify (declare legally righteous) ungodly sons and daughters of Adam through the imputation of their sin to His precious Son, as well as through the imputation of His precious Son's righteousness to their account. He alone could accomplish this glorious feat in a way that glorified and honored every attribute of His character as "*a Just God and a Savior*", that honored and exalted the Son as the **ONLY SAVIOR AND REDEEMER** of sinner's, and excludes all boasting in human flesh. It is in this way that God gets all the glory!

Now God's redeemed do work, but their works are not the works of slaves driven by a horrible task-master, i.e., the Law-**Read Rom.7**. Our works are the works of adopted sons and daughters, those compelled by love and devotion to Him "*who loved us and gave Himself for us.*" "*We LOVE Him, BECAUSE He first loved us*" (I Jn.4:19) "*For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourself: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. Not of works lest any man should boast. For we ARE His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto GOOD WORKS, which God HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.*"(Eph.2:8-10) Any works produced by any other method or agency are "*dead works*"and exhibit that sinner to be serving "*in oldness of letter*", not "*newness of the Spirit.*"

**Bro.Richard**