

satisfied with yourselves—you, who have groaned, being burdened with a load of guilt,—to you, is the word of this Salvation sent. Sinners—as Sinners—are invited to take the peace the Gospel brings; for to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness; so that ~~that~~ that believeth, is justified from all things.

The grand delusion by which the god of this world deceives and blinds the eyes of men, is by persuading them that they have some fancied power and goodness in themselves; and from not seeing the extent and spirituality of GOD's law, they go about to establish their own righteousness; not seeing, that what they call righteousness, in the sight of GOD, is unrighteousness. Righteousness must be a perfect conformity to the moral law—Unrighteousness therefore must be a want of conformity; no matter how near it may come to the standard; yet, if it falls short, in the least degree, it is unrighteousness; and all unrighteousness is sin.

Woe be to them who can take pleasure in the best action they ever did—they lie under a strong delusion, and believe a lye. If we would judge ourselves, says the Apostle, we should not be judged by the LORD.—The trembling sinner, who comes, self-convicted, and self-condemned, shall not go away without an answer of peace; but he who justifies himself, according to his own words, and upon his own terms, must be condemned; for GOD will judge every man according to his ways. *He that humbleth himself, shall be exalted; and he that exalteth himself, shall be abased.* The self-justiciary condemns GOD; GOD therefore is bound to plead his own cause; for he will be justified in his sayings, and in all his proceedings, and will be found clear when he is judged.

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