

# IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

## AND JESUS PERFECT BLUEPRINT

The violent struggle against pornography, masturbation, autoeroticism is a brutal fact. To think we even CAN do it; to imagine that I can make a decision, or begin a discipline strong enough to win, is usually a cruel joke. This sin can only be conquered by The One who beat every temptation known to Man: Heb. 4:15 “ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

And here is a stunning fact. I, you, all of us have already won this fight! It is a finished reality. We already possess perfect sexual sanity/purity: LEGALLY, FORENSICALLY, AS OUR PERSONAL RIGHT, IN GOD’S JUDGMENT.

The Salvation work of Jesus is a “finished work!” The Church has a vast library of writing about this fact. Jesus produced what some have called “**The Great Exchange**.” He removes from me all my guilt, shame, responsibility and blame for all my sin(s): AND then freely gifts me with His own perfect Holiness—including His excellent sexuality. All I have to do is believe. (Which is a Miracle worked in us by His Spirit.) So, “merely” by Believing, I am legally innocent of all sin. In God’s eyes I never did sin. Jesus removes all guilt from me: ALL. And immediately as takes my sin, He gives me His own perfect righteousness, purity.

Instantly, in God’s view of me I am sinless and perfect. I have a whole new identity: A Permanent Child of God; a living member of His eternal family. This is the exceedingly powerful Good News. As far as God is concerned, it’s over: a done deal—a finished and great exchange. That is who you and I are, from now on, forever! perfect and eternal.

Scripture has many, many passages teaching this. The Bible warns us to think like this, and not in the old way: 24/7. It can take time to gain skill in this mindset, and establish both practical and neurological pathways. But 2,000 years of Faithful success for many sufferers is true.

I wish that adopting this new identity and implementing it were an overnight thing. Because if I fail and sin, what is my natural response...practiced for years before? Isn’t it guilt, discouragement, shame?

So how does that stack up against the Bible saying I’m sinless and perfect? That my Real Self is a Child of God in all aspects?

Here is where Freedom and Faith really come in.

When I have a failure, **I have a choice:**

**I can believe my feelings... or I can believe what God has clearly spoken.**

Which will I choose? Is it up to me? YES.

Though it isn’t easy (often), YOU AND I CAN tell ourselves, and also tell God and Christ, what They have said. And we can believe Them AND NOT OURSELVES. This is truly Self-Denial!

When we fight for our rights like this, against our habitual self-criticism, it strengthens belief and faith and trust; AND it diminishes the grip our old practices have on us: it kills off a chunk of our Old Man and Old Ways. All my sin has been IMPUTED to Christ, and all His Holiness has been IMPUTED to me. The Bible and the Spirit say: “BELIEVE IT: SAY IT.” Many times, if need be....) Romans 10:9 is just one place that links believing with speaking it.

One last point, if this doesn’t get immediate results, just keep believing and waiting patiently, humbly, in Faith. This is true Spiritual Warfare, and He has won the war FOR us, and we join Him in the skirmishes and battles, full of final victory Confidence. We didn’t get into this trap overnight, and it make take time to escape. But escape IS ours in Christ’s escape! In some rare occasions, people do win, literally overnight.

Thousands of us have been in this pit, and we just are not in there today. It wasn’t easy. It was SO worth it!

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