

Grasping Righteousness

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Romans 8:1-8 ESV

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit). ²For the law (Torah) of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus (Messiah of YHVH of salvation) from the law (Torah) of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law (Torah), weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for a sin (sin offering), he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law (Torah) might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law (Torah); indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

1John 3:4-10

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Some say:

“When God looks at me He doesn't see me, He doesn't see my sin, He sees the Righteousness of Christ instead.”

OR

“God loves the sinner but hates the sin.”