

Sermon: The filthy Righteousness

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Texts: Isaiah 64 verse 6 and Isaiah 59 verse 1- 3

Songs: Jesus Jesus your name is a miracle

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power

Today we shall be looking at what is titled the filthy Righteousness. The first statement of facts I want us to draw from this scripture is that our so called righteous life can become as filthy as a rag. The second statement is that the righteousness of a man can turn from glory to nothing (rag) the third statement is that the righteousness of a man can lost its value before God.

The word righteousness means.....right standing, it means something of great value, it means clean, pure, without blemish, it also means faultless etc.

When the righteousness become filthy it means

- It has lost its value
- It is dirty
- It means it is polluted
- It means it is attained
- It has become blemish
- Is unclean

In Matthew 5 verse 13- 16

The righteousness The righteousness can be likened to a bulb while the filth a black tinning clothing's, the more the tiny clothing's around the bulb the lesser the brightness of the bulb

The righteousness can also be likened to clear water and the filth

A once righteous marriage, career, health, relationship, nations and the church can become filthy (John 2 verse 13- 16)

What can make a righteousness to become filthy?

Proverbs 6 verse 16- 19

Proverbs 18 verse 21

The consequences of a filthy righteousness

In Matthew 22 verse 1- 14 there was a certain man who was called but unknown to him, his garments was not the type needed for the great occasion

- Thrown out of God's presence
- Cut off from heavenly vision
- No longer fit for the masters use 2 Timothy 2 verse 20- 21
- Idolatry the worship of idols Ezekiel 8 verse 8- end

Altar call: The righteousness we have been talking about is your worship and service to God while the filths are those things which can make a service not to be acceptable before God. The Bible says in James 1 verse 27 (The acceptable worship that is faultless is.....) also in 1 Corinthians 13 verse 1- 5 about love.....Beloved you may be in his house and may not be in his record or the book of life... a true worship that does not reflect the true Jesus as the Lord and personal saviour is a filthy worship.....

Jesus is the only one who can wash away your dirt and make you acceptable; many will be rejected on the last day because they have soiled their garments with sin Matthew 7 verse 23.....I leave you with these question, is your service pure and faultless? Can heaven testify to your righteousness as pure and faultless?

2 Timothy 2 verse 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal. The Lord knoweth them that are his and let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity

What must we do?

- Repent and forsake your evil ways
- Stop doing those things that God hates
- Stop walking with those that will stain your worship
- Constantly watch and pray Matthew 26 verse 41

PRAYERS (3 sets of prayers to pray one for Ireland second the church and third personal)

- Laws and policies that will drive God away from this land shall not come to pass in the name of Jesus
- Devices of the enemies fashioned to destroy this land be wasted by fire in the name of Jesus
- All those planning to sell this nation to satan shall die suddenly in the name of Jesus
- Rescue this land oh Lord from the spirit of Sodom and Gomorrah in the name of Jesus

Matthew 13 verse 25

- Enemies sowing worldliness in the church die in the name of Jesus
- Lord Jesus uproot all the filthiness in the body of Christ in the name of Jesus
- Father Lord restore holiness, truth, righteousness and holy ghost revival in the church of God

1 Thessalonians 5 verse 22

- Anything planted within and around me to destroy my worship be exposed and be removed now in Jesus name
- Lord Jesus wash me clean with your blood and make my worship pure and acceptable in the name of Jesus
- My light shall not be darkened by the enemies in the name of Jesus
- I'm the salt of the word I shall not lose my saltiness in the name of Jesus