

RIGHTEOUNESS BY FAITH

Before the fall

1. Adam and Eve were on probationary life in the Garden of Eden before they fell. Eternal life (immortality) was promised them on the basis of faith in God evidenced by obedience in not eating the forbidden tree. Gen. 3:1-3

At the fall

2. They fell because of the transgression of God's commandment against eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Gen. 3:4-17
3. They sinned for sin is the transgression of God's law. 1 John 3:4, Rom. 14:23
4. When they sinned, they brought to an early end their probationary life and consequently forfeited everlasting life. Rom. 6:23
5. This they forfeited for themselves and for the whole human race. Rom. 5:12
6. They didn't die because Christ stepped in and took their place thus paying the ransom. Job 33:23-24, Matt. 20:28, Mark 10:45, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Rev. 13:8
7. By virtue of this ransom, they were individually given a second probationary life. Heb. 9:27
8. By virtue of the fact that the whole human race was in them, the whole race was also unconditionally granted a second probationary life. Heb. 9:27, {CTr 215.2}
9. Only Adam and Eve lived two probationary lives. All their descendants have only one probationary life: the life they now live. Luke 16:25 {COL 263.3}
10. By virtue that the whole human race was in Adam and Eve at their fall, this very act denied their descendants the opportunity to individually choose to obey or disobey God. Rom. 5:14-19

11. Christ's sacrificial death unconditionally grants every man this opportunity just as it was granted to our first parents before the fall. John 3:16, Deut. 30:19.

The process of salvation

12. We are saved by grace through faith. This means that even though we do not merit salvation (everlasting life); it is conditional on faith in Jesus Christ as our redeemer (substitute) and King. Eph. 2:8, 9. John 3:16.
13. Thus probationary life is unconditionally given to all men while everlasting life is only given to those who believe in Jesus Christ as their redeemer and King. John 3:16.
14. The first step in salvation is the drawing of man by God's love as the man listens to the preaching of the gospel. Hosea 11:4
15. The second step is faith manifested by accepting of Jesus Christ as one's own redeemer and King (realization of one's greatest need). Hebrews 11:6
16. The third step is to show the first fruit of that salvation in genuine repentance. Faith and repentance go hand in hand. At that point one is justified/forgiven/considered sinless. Christ's righteousness is imputed to him. Rom. 8:23, {1SAT 389.2} **Repentance, faith, and baptism are the requisite steps in conversion. Letter 174, 1909.** {Ev 306.3}{FLB 145.3}{LHU 79.4}{PM 76.2}{3SP 332.1}{ST, February 14, 1878 par. 5} {1SM 157.1, 157.2}
17. The fourth step is to grow in stature in Jesus Christ through sanctification. Sanctification is growth in the knowledge of God both theoretically and practically. It is Christ's imparted righteousness. John 17:17
18. The last step is glorification (putting on of immortality) which Christ will give us at his second coming. 1 Cor. 15:53, 54

Christ's righteousness

19. Christ's imputed righteousness (justification) is our title to heaven. Rom. 3:21, 22, Gal. 2:21, Matt. 22:11, 12, Rev. 3:18, Rom. 4:11, 12, 20-25, James 2:23
20. Christ's imparted righteousness (sanctification) is our fitness for heaven. Phil. 1:11, John 17:17, Titus 2:13, 14, 1 Peter 1:22. {MYP 35.2}
21. Both are given as gifts. Eph. 2:8

Faith and works

22. God foreordained good works to be done by those who are saved. Eph. 2:10
23. Good works is the evidence of a living faith. James 2:20,
24. God's commandments (will) are the standard for good works (righteousness).
25. Faith without works is dead. This means that living faith results into obedience to God in keeping all His commandments. James 2:20, 22
26. The saved keep God's commandments not by their strength but through Christ who strengthens them. John 1:29, Rom 8:6-8
27. Thus the keeping of the law is not burdensome to them but delightful. 1 John 5:3
28. We are saved by grace through faith. Eph. 2:8, Rom 3:28
29. But we are judge by the works we have done in our bodies. Rev. 20:12, 13, 22:12, Rom 2:6. {YI, June 10, 1897 par. 5}
30. God has stretched his hand of grace toward us fallen men (Grace is God's to give)
31. By his strength we stretch the hand of faith to grasp his hand of grace (Faith is God's gift to us to exercise) {EW 72.1}

Predestination

32. Only those who believe in Jesus Christ are predestined to inherit life everlasting. Rom 8:29, 30, Eph. 1:4-11, Gal. 4:5, John 1:29, Rom. 8:14, ST Jan. 2, 1893, {GH,

June 11, 1902 par. 3} {Messenger, April 12, 1893 par. 2}

Salvation and the law

33. Sin is the transgression of God's law. 1 John 3:4
34. The penalty for sin is eternal death. Rom. 6:23
35. Christ died that eternal death as man's substitute (it is a mystery).
36. Thus Christ saved us from the penalty/curse of the law and not from keeping of the law. Gal 3:13
37. The law is the standard of holiness. Ps 19:7, Rom. 7:12,
38. It is perfect and holy for it is the transcript of God's character. Ps 19:7, Rom. 7:12,
39. God's laws (Decalogue and the ceremonial) are God's schoolmaster to lead us to Christ who saves us. Gal. 3:24
40. The ceremonial law was crucified on the cross when Christ died and is no longer binding. The lessons learnt are however important in understanding the everlasting gospel. Eph. 3:11-16, Col. 2:14-17.

God works and man works

41. Salvation is a cooperative work between God and man. God works and man works. Man is not saved in idleness or indolence. However, even though man's works is required, it is not what saves him. It cannot. Christ does. Phil. 2:12, 4:13, 2 Pet. 1:10, 11. {AA 482.2}

“Man is to make earnest efforts to overcome that which hinders him from attaining to perfection. But he is wholly dependent upon God for success. ... Resistance of temptation must come from man, who must draw his power from God.” {AA 482.2} “Unless the sacred word is appreciated, it will not be obeyed as a sure and safe and precious text book. Every besetting sin must be put away. Warfare must be waged against it until it is overcome. The Lord will work with your efforts. As finite, sinful man works out his own salvation with fear and trembling, it is God who works in him, to will and to do of his own good pleasure. But God will not work without the co-operation of man. He must exercise his powers to the very utmost; he must place himself as an apt, willing student in the school of Christ; and as he accepts the grace that is freely offered to him, the presence of Christ in the thought and in the heart will give him decision of purpose to lay aside every weight of sin, that the heart may be filled with all the fullness of God, and of his love.” {CE 111.1}

42. For Justification to occur, man must believe. Rom. 3:24, 28, 5:1, Gal. 2:16, 3:24,
43. For sanctification to occur, man must submit his will to God and additionally exercise his physical and mental effort/powers in resisting temptation and learning of Christ as God supplies the power. Ja. 4:7, John 17:17, 1 Cor. 10:13,
44. Glorification or putting on of immortality is God’s doing. 1 Cor. 15:52-57

Once saved, not always saved

45. Saved men can fall by denying Christ/going back to their sinful ways. 1 Cor. 10:12, Heb. 10:38, 39, Luke 9:62

46. For justification to be retained, obedience must be continually maintained. Matt. 23:13, Rom. 2:13, James 2:20-26. (God requires the entire surrender of the heart, before justification can take place; and in order for man to retain justification, there must be continual obedience, through active, living faith that works by love and purifies the soul. {FW 100.1})
47. Even after believing in Jesus Christ, we must remain in him and daily grow thus making sure our calling and election. 2 Pet. 1:10, 11. John 15:4-7

At the cross

48. The death of Christ on the cross is a demonstration of God’s love for fallen man. John 3:16
49. Christ began his work of atonement at the cross and he is finishing it in the holy of holies in the heavenly sanctuary. Heb. 9:11-28.
50. When Christ said “it is finished”, he had finished giving man a perfect example of how to live, he had finished paying the ransom for man’s salvation and he had finished bringing to an end any sympathies that the holy angels might still have had towards Satan and his fallen angels. John 18:37, 13:15, 1 Tim. 1:15, 1 Pet. 2:21, Matt. 20:28, Mark 10:45, 1 Tim. 2:5, 6
51. Christ’s death at the cross is more than sufficient to atone for the sin of the whole world. Where sin abounded, grace even much more abounded. Rom 5:20, 21.

The Sabbath and salvation

52. The Sabbath is God’s sign of his creative power. Gen. 2:1-3, Exod. 20:8-11.
53. It is only the creator who can recreate
54. The work of salvation is the work of recreation. 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 6:15, John 3:3-7.
55. A saved man is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 6:15, John 3:3-7.

56. Thus the Sabbath is also a sign between God and us that he is our God that does sanctify (recreates) us. Ezek. 20:20
57. The true Bible Sabbath is Saturday and not Sunday. Matt. 28:1, 2

The nature of Christ

58. Christ is both 100% God and 100% man (It is a mystery). Heb. 1:8. Num. 23:19, Matt. 8:20
59. His divinity was veiled in humanity.
60. Only God could save us (recreate us) thus he had to be God. Matt. 18:11, Luke 19:10.
61. He had to take on the nature of man for him to be truly our substitute. John 1:14.
62. Being 100%, man he was tempted in every point like we are and yet fell not into sin. Heb. 4:15
63. It was possible for him to fall but he choose not to do so. Heb. 4:15
64. Thus he lived the perfect life for us and also gave us an example of how to live
65. By living faith in him as our substitute, we have access to the divine power he had by which we can also resist all temptation. Phil. 4:13, John 1:29.

Temptation and sin

66. Temptation is the trying of our faith. Man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust. James 1:1-3.
67. Sin is the transgression of God's commandment/ giving into temptation. 1 John 3:4
68. Temptation is not sin
69. No man is tempted beyond what he can bear/withstand. 1 Cor. 10:12, 13
70. There is therefore no excuse for sin
71. Blessed [is] the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12.
72. If any man sin, we have an advocate, even Jesus Christ our saviour. 1 John 2:1

73. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

The investigative judgment

74. The investigative judgement is good news to the saved because in it his sins shall be blotted. Acts 3:19
75. In it God's government shall be vindicated because Satan's accusations that man cannot perfectly keep God's law shall be refuted. Rev. 14:12.

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"While the sinner cannot save himself, he still has something to do to secure salvation. "Him that cometh to me," says Christ, "I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). **But we must come to Him;** and when we repent of our sins, we must believe that He accepts and pardons us. **Faith is the gift of God, but the power to exercise it is ours.** Faith is the hand by which the soul takes hold upon the divine offers of grace and mercy. . . . {AG 315.4}

"Christ Himself fully comprehended the results of the sacrifice made upon Calvary. To all these He **looked forward** when upon the cross He cried out, "**It is finished.**" {DA 764.4}

"When upon the cross He cried out, "**It is finished,**" He addressed the Father. **The compact had been fully carried out.** Now He declares: Father, it is finished. I have done Thy will, O My God. I have **completed the work of redemption.** If Thy justice is satisfied, "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 19:30; 17:24. {DA 834.2}

“But when the Saviour yielded up His life, and with His expiring breath cried out, **“It is finished,”** then the fulfillment of **the plan of redemption was assured.** The **promise of salvation** made to the sinful pair in Eden was **ratified.** The **kingdom of grace,** which had before existed by the promise of God, was **then established.”** {AG 19.4}

“Another extreme which Satan has led the people to adopt is to entirely overlook the justice of God, and the threatenings in His word, and to represent Him as being all mercy, so that not one will perish, **but that all, both saint and sinner, will at last be saved in His kingdom.”** {BEcho, August 10, 1896 par. 6}

“When sin has been repented of, confessed, and forsaken, then pardon is written against the sinner's name; but his sins are not blotted out until after the investigative judgment.” {ST, May 16, 1895 par. 3}

“The conditions of salvation are ever the same. Life, eternal life, is for all who will obey God's law. . . .” {AG 136.5}

“Those who take the position that **Christ has done it all,** and that we need not obey the requirements of God, **will fail of everlasting life.** But what a terrible thing it is to trample

upon the holy commandments of the Lord,-- to be unthankful, unholy, and so lose the soul at last. We should seek most earnestly to make our calling and our election sure. We should search diligently that we may know the conditions upon which salvation is promised, and then we should carefully comply with the conditions.” {RH, October 30, 1888 par. 8}

Many regard the threatenings of the Bible as designed merely to frighten men into obedience, and not to be literally fulfilled. Thus the sinner can live in selfish pleasure, disregarding the requirements of God, and yet expect to be finally received into His favor. Such a doctrine, presuming upon God's mercy, but ignoring His justice, pleases the carnal heart and emboldens the wicked in their iniquity. {GC 537.1}

God has made every provision to bring salvation within our reach, but He will not thrust it upon us against our will. He has laid down conditions in His word, and we should diligently, interestedly, with heart and mind, set about the task of learning these conditions, lest we make some mistake and fail to secure our title to the mansions above. {5T 542.2}

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ISSUE	A.T. JONES & E. J. WAGGONER	ELLEN G. WHITE	BIBLE TEXTS
Predestination	<p>Therefore, since every person has been known to God even before the foundation of the world, and those whom he foreknew He predestinated to be conformed to the image of his Son, it follows that God has purposed salvation for every soul that has ever come into the world. His love embraces all, without respect of persons. {1897 EJW, FOFO 5.1}</p> <p>"Then everybody will be saved, no matter what He does," someone will say. Not by any means. Remember that the purpose of God is in Christ. It is only in Him that we are predestinated. And we are free to choose for ourselves whether we will accept Him or not. {1897 EJW, FOFO 5.2}</p>	<p>"The predestination, or election, of which God speaks, includes all who will accept Christ as a personal Saviour, who will return to their loyalty, to perfect obedience to all God's commandments. This is the effectual salvation of a peculiar people, chosen by God from among men. All who are willing to be saved by Christ are the elect of God. It is the obedient who are predestinated from the foundation of the world. "To as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to as many as believed on him." {GH, June 11, 1902 par. 3}</p>	
Justification	<p>"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God." To be justified is to be accounted righteous. {January 26, 1891 EJW, SITI 25.3}</p>	<p>"As penitent sinners, contrite before God, discern Christ's atonement in their behalf, and accept this atonement as their only hope in this life and the future life, their sins are pardoned. This is justification by faith. ... Pardon and justification are one and the same thing. . . ." {CTr 150.3}</p> <p>"The unconditional pardon of sin never has been, and never will be. Such pardon would show the abandonment of the principles of righteousness, which are the very foundation of the government of God." {PP 522.2}</p>	
Atonement	<p>"From these verses (Leviticus 16) we learn that the atonement for the people was made in the sanctuary with the blood of the goat that had been slain outside the sanctuary. The atonement was not made when the victim was slain, but was made afterwards with its blood, which was taken into the sanctuary for that purpose... But since in the figure the atonement was not made when the offering was slain, but was made with his blood afterwards, so it must be in the reality. The death of the offered victim was only the preparation for the atonement; it furnished the means by which the atonement could be made; and as in the figure the blood was taken into the sanctuary, in order to make the atonement, so Christ has entered into the holy places in Heaven, with his own blood to make an atonement for his people. We cannot here go into the particulars of the atonement, but can merely show that the atonement was only begun and was not completed on the cross." {June 15, 1888 EJW, SITI 362.5}</p>	<p>"Instead of the prophecy of Daniel 8:14 referring to the purifying of the earth, it was now plain that it pointed to the closing work of our High Priest in heaven, the finishing of the atonement, and the preparing of the people to abide the day of His coming." {CET 56.3}</p> <p>"The blood of Christ, while it was to release the repentant sinner from the condemnation of the law, was not to cancel the sin; it would stand on record in the sanctuary until the final atonement; so in the type the blood of the sin offering removed the sin from the penitent, but it rested in the sanctuary until the Day of Atonement." {PP 357.5}</p>	

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Repentance	REPENTANCE has to do with the principles of right. Therefore men must be shown their sins, else they never can repent. But "sin is the transgression of the law," and "by the law is the knowledge of sin." There can be no true repentance without reference and respect to the law of God. ... "Repentance toward God" must be shown, because it is the law of God which we have transgressed, and because by that law is the knowledge of sin, of which we are to repent. {December 18, 1884 ATJ, SITI 759.2}	"Many are confused as to what constitutes the first steps in the work of salvation. Repentance is thought to be a work the sinner must do for himself in order that he may come to Christ. They think that the sinner must procure himself a fitness in order to obtain the blessing of God's grace. But while it is true that repentance must precede forgiveness, for it is only the broken and contrite heart that is acceptable to God, yet the sinner cannot bring himself to repentance, or prepare himself to come to Christ. . . . The very first step to Christ is taken through the drawing of the Spirit of God; as man responds to this drawing, he advances toward Christ in order that he may repent. . . . {FLB 110.2}	
Sin	"Sin is the transgression of the law of Ten Commandments; and as the Lord Jesus came to save men from the transgression of that law." {October 10, 1899 ATJ, ARSH 653.7} "Faith will never justify sin. ... for "whatsoever is NOT of faith is sin." " {October 10, 1899 ATJ, ARSH 653.9}	"Our only definition of sin is that given in the word of God; it is "the transgression of the law;" it is the outworking of a principle at war with the great law of love which is the foundation of the divine government." {GC 492.2}	
The gospel	"So the preaching of the everlasting Gospel is the preaching of Christ the creative power of God, through whom alone salvation can come. And the power by which Christ saves men from sin is the power by which He created the worlds." {1900 EJW, EVCO 23.2} "The everlasting gospel is the glad tidings, or good news, of the everlasting covenant." {January 6, 1890 EJW, SITI 10.23} "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believeth. The same power that forgives the sin, and that changes the nature, will still remain to keep the soul from sin." {October 8, 1891 EJW, PTUK 329.13}	"The gospel is the revelation of God's love to men, and means everything that is essential to the happiness and well-being of humanity." {FE 186.2}	
Provision	"What wonderful provision God has made for the salvation of all men! ... To be lost requires not simply a failure to accept Christ, but a positive rejection of Him." {July 12, 1894 EJW, PTUK 448.5} "Man has his choice, either to reign with God in life, or to ally himself with Satan in death; and in the Judgment every lost sinner will acknowledge that God is clear of his blood, since He has made ample provision for the salvation of all. The wicked will fall by their own counsel; they will be self-condemned and self-destroyed." {August 6, 1903 EJW, PTUK 500.8} "And not only has God made ample provision for your salvation,	"The provisions of redemption are free to all; the results of redemption will be enjoyed by those who have complied with the conditions." {AG 350.3}	

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	but he pleads with you to accept his mercy. " {May 6, 1889 EJW, SITI 257.11}		
Co-partnership	"This thought is prominently set forth in the first part of Phil. ii.; and then in verse eleven the apostle adds, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." But how can that be?-"For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Verses 12, 13. Thus man cooperates with God , and thus is it possible to "work out your own salvation." The work of man is self-denial; the work of God is to fill the vacuum made thereby with His own life and power. " {December 28, 1893 EJW, PTUK 609.9}	" God requires that men should put forth taxing effort in the line of study , and in this work divine power will surely combine with human effort. The Lord can do nothing without man's cooperation, and it is thus that man works out his own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in him to will and to do of his good pleasure. " {ST, January 17, 1895 par. 1} "The work of gaining salvation is one of copartnership, a joint operation. There is to be co-operation between God and the repentant sinner. This is necessary for the formation of right principles in the character. Man is to make earnest efforts to overcome that which hinders him from attaining to perfection. But he is wholly dependent upon God for success. Human effort of itself is not sufficient. Without the aid of divine power it avails nothing. God works and man works. Resistance of temptation must come from man , who must draw his power from God. On the one side there is infinite wisdom, compassion, and power; on the other, weakness, sinfulness, absolute helplessness." {AA 482.2}	
All finished 2000 years ago	"Only when the saints shall stand around the throne of God, in the kingdom of glory, can they celebrate redemption completed; and those who share that triumph will have lived not according to their own views or preferences, but "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." E. J. W. {March 12, 1891 EJW, PTUK 90.3}	"His work as high priest completes the divine plan of redemption by making the final atonement for sin."--Ms. 69, 1912, p. 13. ("The Sin and Death of Moses," copied Sept. 10, 1912.) {11MR 54.2} "Ministers sometimes tell the people that they have nothing to do but believe; that Jesus has done it all, and their own works are nothing. But the Word of God plainly states that in the Judgment the scales will be balanced accurately, and the decisions will be based on the evidence adduced." {3SM 147.3}	
Universalism	" What is meant by conditional immortality? Simply this, that immortality, or eternal life, which is the same thing, is conditioned upon the individual's belief in Christ. It is the doctrine which our Saviour himself taught, when he said: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36." {November 1887 EJW, BEST 170.4}	" To show how believers in universal salvation wrest the Scriptures to sustain their soul-destroying dogmas, it is needful only to cite their own utterances. " {GC 537.2}	
Investigative judgment	" The erasing of sin is the blotting of it from our natures, so that we shall know it no more. "The worshipers once purged"-actually purged by the blood of Christ have-have "no more conscience of sin,"	It was the closing work of the atonement --a removal or putting away of sin from Israel. It prefigured the closing work in the ministration of our High Priest in heaven, in the removal or blotting out of the sins of His people, which are	

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	because the way of sin is gone from them. Their iniquity may be sought for, but it will not be found. It is for ever gone from them,-it is foreign to their new natures, and even though they may be able to recall the fact that they have committed certain sins, they have forgotten the sin itself- they do not think of doing it any more. This is the work of Christ in the true sanctuary, which the Lord pitched, and not man, the sanctuary not made with hands, but brought into existence by the thought of God. {September 30, 1902 EJW, ARSH 8.10}	registered in the heavenly records." {GC 352.2} "While the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth." {FLB 213.6} "When speaking to congregations, there is always before me the final judgment , which is to be held in the presence of the world, when the law of God's government is to be vindicated , His name glorified, His wisdom acknowledged and testified of as just to believers and unbelievers. This is not the judgment of one person, nor of a nation, but of a whole world of intelligent beings, of all orders, of all characters. The judgment takes place first upon the dead, then upon the living, then the whole universe will be assembled to hear the sentence. I feel as if I were in the presence of the whole universe of heaven, bearing my message for time and for eternity.--Letter 109, 1898, p. 4. (To Brother Moon, November 29, 1898.) {8MR 244.2}	
Election	"We are all called, and we can all make our calling and election sure, by accepting Christ, and abiding in him; then we are called according to the purpose of God, because we are in Christ." {March 23, 1891 EJW, GCDB 212.5}	"God has declared that those who receive Christ as their Redeemer, accepting Him as the One who takes away all sin, will receive pardon for their transgression. These are the terms of our election. Man's salvation depends upon His receiving Christ by faith." {ST, February 14, 1900 par. 12} "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14. As regards man's final salvation, this is the only election brought to view in the word of God. {PP 207.4}	
Threatening	"Now, in his love and forbearance, he is appealing to men by his Spirit to become converted and thus fitted for his eternal kingdom. But his Spirit will not always strive with man; and when its work is done,—when man's probation shall have ended and the time of the appointed Judgment shall have come, then God will arise clad in the "garments of vengeance," to do "his strange act," of purging the earth of wickedness by the bolts of his wrath." {February 17, 1898 ATJ, AMS 98.6}	"The forbearance that God has exercised toward the wicked, emboldens men in transgression; but their punishment will be none the less certain and terrible for being long delayed. "The Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act." Isaiah 28:21. To our merciful God the act of punishment is a strange act. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." Ezekiel 33:11." {PP 628.1}	

The statement that the Bible and EGW never taught RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH is a highest ignorant statement that can be made:

THE ATONING SACRIFICE

Having visited the churches in Pisidia and the neighboring region, Paul and Silas, with Timothy, pressed on into "Phrygia and the region of Galatia," where with mighty power they proclaimed the glad tidings of salvation. The Galatians were given up to the worship of idols; but, as the apostles preached to them, they rejoiced in the message that promised freedom from the thralldom of sin. Paul and his fellow workers proclaimed the **DOCTRINE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH** in the atoning sacrifice of Christ. They presented Christ as the one who, seeing the helpless condition of the fallen race, came to redeem men and women by living a life of obedience to God's law and by paying the penalty of disobedience. And in the light of the cross many who had never before known of the true God, began to comprehend the greatness of the Father's love. {AA 207.2}

THEY DID NOT SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH

Romans 9:30: What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the **RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF FAITH**. 31: But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32: Wherefore? Because they sought it not **BY FAITH**, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; **SIMPLY RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BY FAITH**

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS EXHIBITED IN US

When men learn they cannot earn righteousness by their own merit of works, and they look with firm and entire reliance upon Jesus Christ as their only hope, there will not be so much of self and so little of Jesus. Souls and bodies are defiled and polluted by sin, the heart is estranged from God, yet many are struggling in their own finite strength to win **SALVATION BY GOOD WORKS**. Jesus, they think, will do some of the saving; they must do the rest. They need to see **BY FAITH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christ as their only hope for time and for eternity. {FW 25.3}

THE DIVINE EFFORTS TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS

Then what is it? It is to hear and to see that with the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of Christ which you hold **BY FAITH**, righteousness supplied by His efforts and His divine power, you can keep the commandments of God. {FW 71.3}

BELIEF IN CHRIST

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of God which is **BY FAITH** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference. Romans 3:21, 22.

THE MERITS OF CHRIST

The law demands righteousness, and this the sinner owes to the law; but he is incapable of rendering it. The only way in which he can attain to **RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THROUGH FAITH**. By faith he can bring to God the merits of Christ, and the Lord places the obedience of His Son to the sinner's account. Christ's righteousness is accepted in place of man's failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies, the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as He loves His Son. This is how faith is accounted righteousness; and the pardoned soul goes on from grace to grace, from light to a greater light. {AG 265.3}

LIFE OF CHRIST

No one has said that we shall find perfection in any man's investigations; but this I do know, that our churches are dying for the want of teaching on the subject of **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH IN CHRIST**, and on kindred truths. {GW 301.1}. Logically if the prophetess says the churches are dying because of want of being taught Righteousness by Faith, then she was advocating that for the church to be revived, then the message had to be taught.

HELP TO THE PERFECTION OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

Through the merits of Christ, through His **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, which **BY FAITH** is imputed unto us, we are to attain to the perfection of Christian character. Our daily and hourly work is set forth in the words of the apostle: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." While doing this our minds become clearer and our faith stronger, and our hope is confirmed; we are so engrossed with the view of His purity and loveliness, and the sacrifice He has made to bring us into agreement with God, that we have no disposition to speak of doubts and discouragements. {LHU 251.2}

GROWTH OF CHRIST'S CHARACTER IN US

The Lord Jesus is our strength and happiness, the great storehouse from which, on every occasion, men may draw strength. As we study Him, talk of Him, become more and more able to behold Him--as we avail ourselves of His grace and receive the blessings He proffers us, we have something with which to help others. Filled with gratitude, we communicate to others the blessings that have been freely given us. Thus receiving and imparting, we grow in grace; and a rich current of praise and gratitude constantly flows from our lips; the sweet spirit of Jesus kindles thanksgiving in our hearts, and our souls are uplifted with a sense of security. *The unfailing, inexhaustible righteousness of Christ becomes our RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH.* {ML 171.4}

WORK OF CHRIST IN ME

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** which is of God **BY FAITH**. Philippians 3:9

JUSTIFICATION OF A SINNER

We are having most excellent meetings. The spirit that was in the meeting at Minneapolis is not here. All moves off in harmony. There is a large attendance of delegates. Our five o'clock morning meeting is well attended, and the meetings good. All the testimonies to which I have listened have been of an elevating character. They say that the past year has been the best of their life; the light shining forth from the Word of God has been clear and distinct--**JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, Christ our righteousness.** The experiences have been very interesting. {1SM 361.1}. The Messenger here substitutes justification by faith with Christ our righteousness. There is a lot we can say on this but I forbear.

IT'S A FORGIVENESS OF A SINNER

Some have failed to distinguish between pure gold and mere glitter. The true religion, the only religion of the bible, that teaches forgiveness only through the merits of a crucified and risen saviour, that advocates **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY THE FAITH** of the son of God, has been slighted, spoken against, ridiculed, and rejected. EGW--Ibid., p. 468.

IT'S A GOSPEL OF SALVATION

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is the Saviour's command to His workers. But this plain direction has been disregarded. Though the light has been given again and again, men have been called from their fields of labor to spend weeks in attending a ministerial institute. There was a time when this was necessary, because our own people opposed the work of God by refusing the light on the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST BY FAITH. This they should have received and should have imparted with heart and voice and pen, for it is their only efficiency.** They should have labored under the Holy Spirit's direction to give the light to others. {6T 89.1}. HOW CAN SHE ADVOCATE MEN VOICE AND PEN WHAT SHE DIDN'T TEACH?!

GRACE IMPARTED

Has not God given us a work to do? Has He not bidden us go among opposing influences and convert men from error to truth? Why have not those who have so frequently gathered in the large assemblies in Battle Creek put into practice the truth that they have heard? If they had imparted the light that they have received, what a transformation of character would have been seen. For every grace imparted, God would have given grace. They have not prized as they should the work that has been done for

them, or they would have gone forth into the dark places of the earth, to shed abroad the light. They would have given to the world the message of **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**, and their own light would have grown clearer and clearer; for God would have worked with them. Many have gone down into the grave in error because those who know the truth have failed to communicate the precious knowledge they have received. If the light that has shone so freely in Battle Creek had been diffused many would have been raised up to become laborers together with God. {8T 151.2}. GOD HAS GIVEN US A WORK TO DO AND WHAT IS IT by the words of the prophetess? "Give to the world the message of **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**"

UNION WITH CHRIST

In order to meet the requirement of the law, our faith must grasp the righteousness of Christ, accepting it as our righteousness. Through union with Christ, through acceptance of His **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**, we may be qualified to work the works of God, to be colaborers with Christ. If you are willing to drift along with the current of evil, and do not cooperate with the heavenly agencies in restraining transgression in your family, and in the church, in order that everlasting righteousness may be brought in, you do not have faith. {YRP 60.2}

FAVOR OF HEAVEN

You might say, "I will give all my goods to feed the poor, I will give my body to be burned;" but that would not better your case. Man can do nothing to merit the favor of Heaven. That which avails for the sinner is to accept gladly the sacrifice which Christ has made, and appreciate his love, laying hold of his **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**. He loves you; and when you love him because he first loved you, you will feel that every power of soul and body belongs to him. Take his free gift to you, and then give yourself freely to him; and the power of God will come upon you. {BEcho, February 15, 1892 par. 5}

PARTAKER OF DIVINE NATURE – THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Believing in Jesus as his personal Saviour, accepting of his **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**, the sinner becomes a partaker of the divine nature, and escapes the corruption that is in the world through lust. It is through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that the Christian is enabled to resist temptation and to work righteousness. Without the divine nature, without the influence of the Spirit of God, man cannot work out his own salvation; for God must work in him to will and to do of his good pleasure. Christ has said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." {Messenger, April 26, 1893 par. 4}

The Bible truths of justification and righteousness by faith have been set before large numbers of people. Some have been animated and delighted with the truth for a short time, but they do not appropriate the truth, and their minds and hearts are not purified from their sins. They do not cultivate an abiding faith, nor drink the rich and living draught placed to their lips, and they soon lose the impression made upon their hearts. {6MR 202.3}

HUMBLE WALKING BEFORE GOD

I have been referred to case after case where men have spoken just such messages [**RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**] under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, yet who, later on, because they have not learned the lesson of walking humbly with God, and have failed to make Christ their efficiency, their front guard and their rearward, have become self-exalted and have lost their spiritual eyesight.--Letter 222, 1908, p. 3. (To D. H. Kress, July 23, 1908.) {7MR 196.1}

POWER TO RESIST THE TEMPTER

It is a beautiful morning. The Lord is good, and I praise His holy name. I greatly desire a clear, distinct idea of the subject of **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH** in Christ. We have thought and talked on this subject far less than we should have; therefore we have dwelt in the shadow of darkness--hopeless, faithless, without power to resist the tempter. We need clearer spiritual eyesight, that like Moses we may be able to endure the seeing of Him who is invisible. There is a great work to be done in Australia, a great work to be done in the Melbourne church. In this city we should have one hundred missionaries at work, but instead there are only a few Bible workers. What does this mean?

My cry is, "O God, wake up the people, and make them laborers together with Thee. Breathe into those who know the message for this time the true missionary spirit."--Ms. 20, 1892, pp. 40, 44. (Diary entry written in Preston, Victoria, Australia, August 1 and 9, 1892; August 9 part also in Ms 35, 1892.) {12MR 141.1}

CONTINUAL DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

We must claim His **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY LIVING FAITH** and depend on Him and abide in Him alone. We are always to feel our continual dependence upon God. This will scatter our self-sufficiency, our pride and vanity to the winds. {Ms30-1889}

PERFECTION OF CHRIST IN US

The pure in heart shall see God. What does this signify? Who gives the pure heart? It is Jesus, who gave His life for men. The perfect work of the righteousness of Christ meets and answers all the claims of the law. We receive the precious gift of Christ's **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**, and His perfection is placed to our account. We stand therefore before God accepted in the beloved. We stand in grace, in the favor of God who is a loving, tender Father to us. We receive the Spirit of God which will lead us to Christ. In this way we shall see what God meant us to be, and shall put to the tax every power in order that we may become all that Christ designed we should become through His grace. {Lt42-1892}

God in His own good time will give the message to men whom you least expect to come [i.e., change] from men's policy to the policy of God. These will find there is something more they should have contended for in purity and honesty and straightforward working, which is of an hundredfold more value than their criticisms of words lest the great fundamental doctrines be departed from. The doctrine of justification by faith and **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH** was opposed, and masterly efforts made, through opposition and denunciation, by a formal church whose attitude was of a character to discourage integrity and faithfulness and good works. {Ms24-1897}. IF IT WAS BEING OPPOSED THEN IT WAS BEING PREACHED BUT BY WHO?!

Conclusion

What is righteousness?

Psalms 119:172: My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

What is Faith?

Hebrews 11:1: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What is then Righteousness by Faith?

It's the obedience of God's law by Grace of Christ implanted in our heart's by the Spirit of Christ producing the fruit of the Spirit helping us to build up the kingdom of God which is invisible. Its humanity holding on to divinity to accomplish that which humanity cannot accomplish alone hence its righteousness by faith in surety in the merits of Christ's blood.

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Man cannot be towed to heaven; he cannot go as a passive passenger. He must himself use the oars, and work as a laborer together with God. If you think you can lay down the oars, and still make your way upstream, you are mistaken. It is only by earnest effort, by using the oars with all your might, that you can stem the current. How many there are as weak as water, when they have a never-failing Source of strength! Heaven is ready to impart to us, that we may be mighty in God, and attain the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. But who of you in the past year have been making progress in the way of holiness? . . . Who have been enabled to gain one precious attainment after another, until envy, pride, malice, jealousy, and every evil stain have been swept away, and only the graces of the Spirit remain? . . . {OHC 310.2, 3}

The Message of Justification by Faith

The Lord in His great mercy sent a most **precious message** to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. ***It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.*** {TM 91.2}

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I have had the question asked, ***What do you think of this light that these men are presenting?*** Why, I have been presenting it to you for the last forty-five years--the matchless charms of Christ. This is what I have been trying to present before your minds. When Brother Waggoner brought out these ideas in Minneapolis, ***it was the first clear teaching on this subject from any human lips I had heard***, excepting the conversations between myself and my husband. I have said to myself, It is because God has presented it to me in vision that I see it so clearly, and they cannot see it because they have never had it presented to them as I have. ***And when another presented it, every fiber of my heart said, Amen.***--Ms 5, p. 10. (Sermon, Rome, New York, June 19, 1889.) {5MR 219.1}

"The faith of Jesus." It is talked of, but not understood. What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs to the third angel's message? **Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour.** He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. Faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus. {12MR 193.4} The only safety for the Israelites was blood upon the doorposts. God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:13). All other devices for safety would be without avail. Nothing but the blood on the doorposts would bar the way that the angel of death should not enter. There is salvation for the sinner in the blood of Jesus Christ alone, which cleanseth us from all sin. The man with a cultivated intellect may have vast stores of knowledge, he may engage in theological speculations, he may be great and honored of men and be considered the repository of knowledge, but unless he has a saving knowledge of Christ crucified for him, and by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, he is lost. Christ "was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). "Saved by the blood of Jesus Christ," will be our only hope for time and our song throughout eternity. {12MR 194.1}

The Heart of God's Last Message

Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, "It is the third angel's message in verity."--ISM 372 (1890). The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders [E.J.] Waggoner and [A. T.] Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.--TM 91, 92 (1895).

The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of the earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel.--6T 19 (1900). the last message of mercy to be given to the world is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them.--COL 415, 416.

The end is near! We have not a moment to lose! Light is to shine forth from God's people in clear, distinct rays, bringing Jesus before the churches and before the world. Our work is not to be restricted to those who already know the truth; our field is the world. The instrumentalities to be used are those souls who gladly receive the light of truth which God communicates to them. These are God's agencies for communicating the knowledge of truth to the world. If through the grace of Christ his people will become new bottles, he will fill them with the new wine. God will give additional light, and old truths will be recovered, and replaced in the frame-work of truth; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph. As Christ's ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. **One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other,-- Christ our righteousness.** {RH, December 23, 1890 par. 19}

I appeal to those who are fighting the message to come in unity with fellow brethren. To say the prophetess never taught Righteousness by Faith and rebuked the pioneers for preaching it is a revision of history that is against truth.

Blessings