

"As for me, [I Will Behold Thy Face In Righteousness](#): I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy Likeness." *Psalms 17:15 KJV*



When a believer commits a selfless act of compassion, a zealous act of inhuman courage, or a tender act of incomprehensible love, we see the Face of God, because without Him *"we can do nothing. All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."* Righteousness is obedience of God's Word and is enabled and performed through us by the Blessed Holy Spirit. Obedience to Truth is a direct acknowledgement of God. *"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."* Acknowledgement, not just your nod of approval, but rather your acquiescence. Satan loves those prideful for their morality enabled by God's Power and Grace. Even believers fall into this snare, but God's Word assures us, *"The Anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, and even as It hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him. Know ye not that ye (believers) are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? He which hath begun a Good Work in you will perform it until the Day of Jesus Christ."* The next time you do something in obedience to God's Word that you know is His will, do not pridefully think of it as you doing it, but rather God doing it through you; a member of *"His Body, the Church. For it is God which Worketh in you both to Will and to Do of His Good Pleasure."* Dear Believer, if you imagine yourself master of your actions, reflect upon this; *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God, who Loved me, and gave Himself for me. For... your Life is hid with Christ in God."* The only place I truly Live is in Christ; in His Robe of Righteousness in place of my own filthy rags! Your body is *"carnal, sold under sin. In [your] flesh, dwelleth no good thing... a law in [your body], warring against the Law of [your] mind, and bringing [you] into captivity to the law of sin."* If you are the master of your deeds, then you are damned indeed! *"Not by works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us."* Works don't get you to Heaven; they are the evidence you are going!

In Righteousness alone I stand,  
Upheld by God's Almighty Hand!  
I dare not trust flesh's sinking sand,  
But on Truth's Solid Rock I stand! –CGP

Notice the conclusion of today's passage; *"I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy Likeness."* It is the Joyous anticipation of finally being rid of this body of sin, pain, and death. To be transformed into an Eternal body like Christ! *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM."* How often have you caught yourself thinking, "I did good!"? Is it not prideful to think this when all of Scripture resoundingly denies it? From whence come these thoughts? From the lips of the father of all liars; Satan himself! He determines to take all the Glory due your LORD! It matters little that you give it to yourself, only that God is robbed of it. Tread carefully in the area of self-esteem; it is a satanic trap! Esteem yourself highly only in the *"Everlasting Love"* of the Father, because God purposed in Himself to Love you in spite of your sin! *"While we were yet sinners Christ died for us!"* Pricks of conscience, thoughts of doing Right (obeying God's Word), are the Holy Spirit's Voice which will *"guide you into ALL Truth."* Our life in retrospect should be only one set of footprints in the sands of time; Christ's!

*"Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, Make you perfect in every Good Work to do His Will, Working in you that which is wellpleasing in His Sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be Glory for ever and ever. Amen."* *Hebrews 13:20-21 KJV*