

*"But we are all as an unclean thing, and All Our Righteousnesses Are As Filthy Rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." Isaiah 64:6 KJV*



In ancient days lepers would wrap their rotting flesh with old swaddling (burial wrapping) to cover the weeping sores and gross deformities. God Equates these filthy discarded bandages with our righteousness. God Is So Pure that even our best deeds are "filthy rags" by comparison. As far as He is concerned, they're abominable. Some falsely believe somehow they will be able to bargain their entrance to Heaven with the "filthy rags" of their

own good deeds. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us, by the Washing of Regeneration, and Renewing of the Holy Ghost. For by Grace Are ye Saved Through Faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the Gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." On Judgment Day men will be lepers, outcasts, without the Righteousness of Jesus. We are in debt before we borrow. "If we walk in the Light, as He Is In The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, Cleanseth us from all sin." We cannot bring our own filthiness to the Gates of Heaven and ever hope to gain entry. The Glorious Truth Is; we do not have to depend on our own goodness to gain entry to those Portals. All our iniquities Were Laid on Jesus when He Hung on the "tree" to Save us. Our "filthy rags" Were Laid on Him as He was brutally nailed to the cross. He, Who Knew No Sin, Died. "He Is The Propitiation (Atoning Sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." How could any one ever hope to convince God their "good deeds" are somehow better than the Sacrifice of His Dear Son? Satan has blinded men to the Truth of their own unworthiness. Men foolishly compare themselves to one another constantly, as if it makes their own "filthy rags" somehow more acceptable to God. Our Only Hope of acceptance to God Is Through Jesus Christ. Those who try to climb up by some other way are "thieves and robbers." His Righteousness for our rags Is What The Gift Of Salvation Is Really All About. He not only Heals us, He Gives us "new" clothes. We need to do is quit trying to climb up the walls, and just go in through "the Door." This applies to Christians as well. "Jesus Saves," Is Present Tense, not past tense. "If we confess our sins He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins..." He Is "Just" To Forgive our sins, because the price Is Paid. He Is "Faithful," because "He Cannot Deny Himself." He is our Supreme Advocate! He Can Plead our case, because He Paid the price. I don't have to try to BE a Christian. If I humbly cried for God's offer of Salvation, I AM a Christian.

My own "good deeds" are vile, impure,  
They will not make my future sure,  
If Heaven's portals I would gain,  
I must depend on Jesus' name! –CGP

Children often drag their family name in the mud through disobedience. Christians also, often cause great shame to the Name of Christ, and bring chastisement upon themselves. That does not make them any less "saved" any more than being unruly changes a child's parentage. We have been made "New Creatures" in Christ, and it's time to discard the "filthy rags" of the "old man," and start wearing our new clothes. Don't drag your family's Good Name in the mud of willful sin. You don't need those rags anymore. You are now the KING'S Child. Be what you are, Christian!

*"Ye Are of God, Little Children, and have overcome them: because Greater Is He That Is In you, than he that is in the world" 1 John 4:4 KJV*