

Firm Foundations

4) Righteousness- consciousness

'...it was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience'

(Heb.9:9)

'...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?'

(Heb.9:14)

***'For everyone who
partakes only of
milk is unskilled in the word of
righteousness, for he is a babe'
(Heb.5:13)***

*'I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are
forgiven you for His name's
sake'*

(1 John 2:12)

***'Therefore, leaving the discussion
of the elementary principles of
Christ, let us go on to perfection,
not laying again the foundation
of repentance from dead works
and of faith toward God'***

(Heb.6:1)

**A) God is no longer conscious
of our sins**

*'For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness, and their sins
and their lawless deeds I will
remember no more'*

(Heb.8:12)

'Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...

'... not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself'

(Heb.9:23-26)

**B) We are no longer conscious
of our sin, but of our
righteousness**

***'But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, to an
innumerable company of angels, to
the general assembly and church of
the firstborn who are registered in
heaven, to God the Judge of all, to
the spirits of just men made
perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of
the new covenant, and to the blood
of sprinkling that speaks better
things than that of Abel'***

(Heb.12:22-24)

*'For if our heart condemns us, God
is greater than our heart, and
knows all things'*

(1 John 3:20)

'For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect...'

***'... For then would they not have
ceased to be offered? For the
worshipers, once purified, would
have had no more consciousness
of sins. But in those sacrifices
there is a reminder of sins every
year'***

(Heb.10:1-3)

'...every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God... For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified'

(Heb.10:11,12&14)

'...the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more"'

(Heb.10:15-17)

'...you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God'

(Rom.8:15-16)