

# *The Gospel Herald*

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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## *The Christians’ Divine Acquittal*

“Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth”  
(Romans 8: 33).

*Dear ones blessed to believe in Christ’s so great salvation, as we look at the scripture referenced above, who is it that can lay anything to the charge of Gods elect heirs of free and sovereign grace? Can the devil and all of his demons condemn Gods elect? Can any of mankind rightfully bring a charge of condemnation against Gods children?*

*“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us” (Romans 8:34).*

*I have, of late, heard often used the term “ACQUITTAL” in the realm of the legal justice system courts. I thought about when an individual was charged with a crime and the judge given authority over the case declared the court case as an “ACQUITTAL” that the individual was declared no longer charged with the proposed crime or accusation. I was curious as to the actual definition of the word “ACQUITTAL” and had done some word research.*

*ACQUITTAL: A setting free from the charge of an offence by verdict, sentence, or other legal process.*

*ACQUIT: To discharge completely from an obligation or accusation; To pay off as a claim or debt.*

*The prophet Isaiah penned, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isa.1:18).*

*Is this not that which has been accomplished by the redeeming sin removing cleansing blood of our Lord Jesus Christ? “For He (GOD the Father) hath made Him (Jesus) to*

*be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” ( II Corin.5:21).*

*I recently had been reading the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah, being revealed in a deeper sense the fact that Isaiah’s prophecy was all PAST TENSE in his declarations, for instance; “Surely he HATH (past tense) borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.” “But he WAS (past tense) wounded for our transgressions, he WAS (past tense) bruised for our iniquities; and the Lord HATH (past tense) laid on him the iniquities of us all. Because he HATH (past tense) poured out his soul unto death: and he WAS (past tense) numbered by the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and MADE (past tense) intercession for the transgressors” This my beloved of the Lord is DIVINE ACQUITTAL to ALL the predestined heirs of grace (Eph. 1;4-5).*

*We are reckoned as NOT GUILTY before our heavenly Father by Christ’s advocacy and intercessory provision before the foundation of the world, yet manifest upon the cross of Calvary where the Prince of Glory suffered in our behalf, justifying all those who could not be justified by their own will, works or any other means. To Christ be the honor, glory and praise for DIVINE ACQUITTAL that has reckoned his elect Bride free from all condemnation. “There is therefore now NO condemnation to them which are IN CHRIST JESUS, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Rom.8:1).*

*By Christ’s merits alone, respectfully submitted,*

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