

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Judicial Reconciliation

A young lad had been pulled over by law enforcement while driving his automobile at an excessive speed. He was seen on the officer’s radar doing 50 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. The young man was given a citation for breaking the speed limit law.

At his court date, the young man, very convicted of his wrongdoing, entered the court room; extremely anxious regarding the penalty which may be given him by the presiding judge. As the court was called into session, the judge took his place in his judicial stand and seat. The court clerk called the young lad’s name to stand before the judge. The judge read the charges against the convicted lad and said, “Due to the violation of which you are guilty, I charge you a fine of \$100, to be paid to the court for the speeding violation.”

The young lad was panicky, as he had no job and was a student. He responded to the stern judge, saying, “Your Honor, I do not have such money, for I am a mere student and have no job, and I ask for the court’s mercy.” To the surprise of the court attendees, the judge stood from his chair, removed his judicial robe, stepped down from the stand and approached the lad. The judge pulled from his pocket a \$100 bill and laid it on the desk in front of the lad. Then, the judge returned to his stand, put on his judicial robe and sat at his seat.

The judge proceeded to say, “Young man, you now have the amount of the designated fine which has been charged to you for your violation, please pay the clerk and exit the court room.” The young lad was amazed at the mercy that the judge demonstrated toward him. He left the court room overwhelmed by such a kind gesture of the judge and thought to himself, “I should most certainly be more aware of driving speed limits in the future.”

Dear ones, is this not a grand analogy of what our Lord Jesus Christ has accomplished in behalf of all his elect children? Has he not removed his judicial robe and paid our

sinful law violation payment by the offering of his own body and blood upon that cruel cross?

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 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: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory (perfection) of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Rom. 3:20-26).

Dear beloved who have been caused to believe in Christ, grace has sought us, grace has brought salvation into our experience, and grace shall cause us to persevere. For what grace has accomplished and is accomplishing, no man can overturn nor eradicate. “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” (Eph.2: 8-9).

Thanks be unto Christ our Saviour who is seated at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest making continual intercession for us pleading our case before his Father’s throne (Heb. 10:12, & 21).

*Respectfully submitted,
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