

Short & Sweet: Credit, Please



Short and Sweet Nourishment for the Soul

"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, 21 being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. 22 This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." 23 The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, 24 but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead ..." Romans 4:20-24

Righteousness. I had none.

Not one leaf, not even a filthy rag of righteousness. My sin was ever before me. Where does a woman like me go to get righteousness ... ?

To Calvary.

To the Cross.

To the feet of Jesus.

The cross of Christ, flowing with the blood of Christ. One drop is all it took. One drop of His precious righteous blood and my filthy rags were washed as white as snow. **Credit,**

please.

It was credited to him as righteousness.

In the Greek, the word *credited* is rich with meaning. (Ask God to prepare your heart to receive the meaning behind this Greek word). *Logozimai* means *to account to impute, when a thing is reckoned as or to be something, availing as equivalent to something, to pass to one's account.*"

In layman's terms, God makes a huge deposit of His righteousness into our empty account. It's like getting an inheritance check in the mail. Not because we earned it, but because it's **credited** to us. Free righteousness. No strings attached. Good **credit**, bad **credit**, no **credit** at all.

Words of righteousness.

Logozimai descends from the Greek word *logos*, which means *words uttered by a living voice*, (by a Living God), "*the sayings of God.*" *Logos* descends from the root word *lego*, which means *to say, to speak, to call by name*. Reread the definitions and let them fall on you for a minute.

On my knees. Tears flowing because of the righteousness flowing from the Word of God. The Word. Jesus is the Word. I see it. I put the pieces together. Righteousness flowing from the Word of God.

God's righteousness cannot be separated from His Word.



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Righteousness by words.

Righteousness by the Word.

Righteousness by The Word of Life.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

Like links in a chain, we are anchored to God by the righteousness that comes through The Word ... Jesus. Righteousness **credited** to our name because of His name. **Credit**, please.

Action Points

1. Receive God's gift of righteousness.
2. How should a righteous person live, act and walk?
3. Now that you no longer have to strive for righteousness, what can you do instead?
4. What can you do differently now that you know you are accepted and redeemed by God?
5. Pray for God to help you realize the depths of your righteousness because of Christ.

Life is sweet.

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