## THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH! XVI. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

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that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem; Romans 6:17-18; "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." I Peter 1:18-20; Romans 1:17; "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Proverbs 11:31; "Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth much more the wicked and the sinner." Acts 10:34-35; "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." I John 2:29; "If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him."

while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death. Romans 6:16; "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." Proverbs 14:32; "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death."

in the everlasting felicity (happiness, bliss,- Webster Dictionary) of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost. Revelation 21:1-5; Matthew 25:34, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." John 8:21; "Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins:

whither I go ye cannot come." Luke 16:22-25; Luke 9:26; "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels." Matthew 25:41; "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murders, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." John 12:25; "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." Matthew 7:13-14; "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

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