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THE FREEDOM OF GOD'S GRACE INNOCENT!

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What is guilt?

A question not
of feelings but
of facts

A legal term



Luke 23:39-41

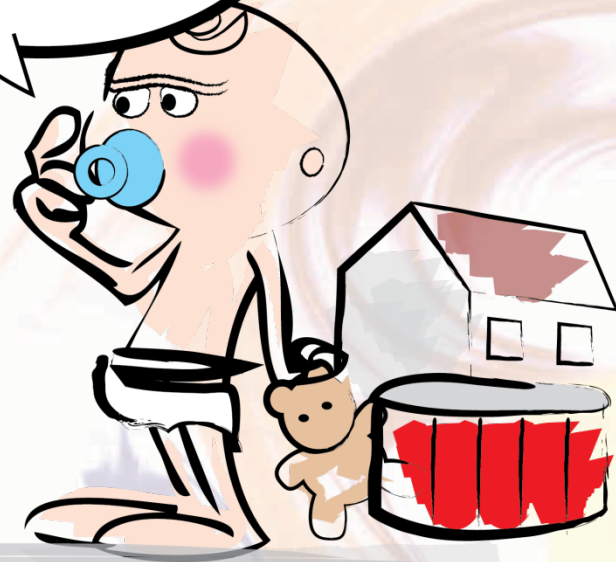
One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

Understanding God's holiness

“We cannot grasp the true meaning of the divine holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. God’s holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable.”

(A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*)

My TOYS!!!!!!!

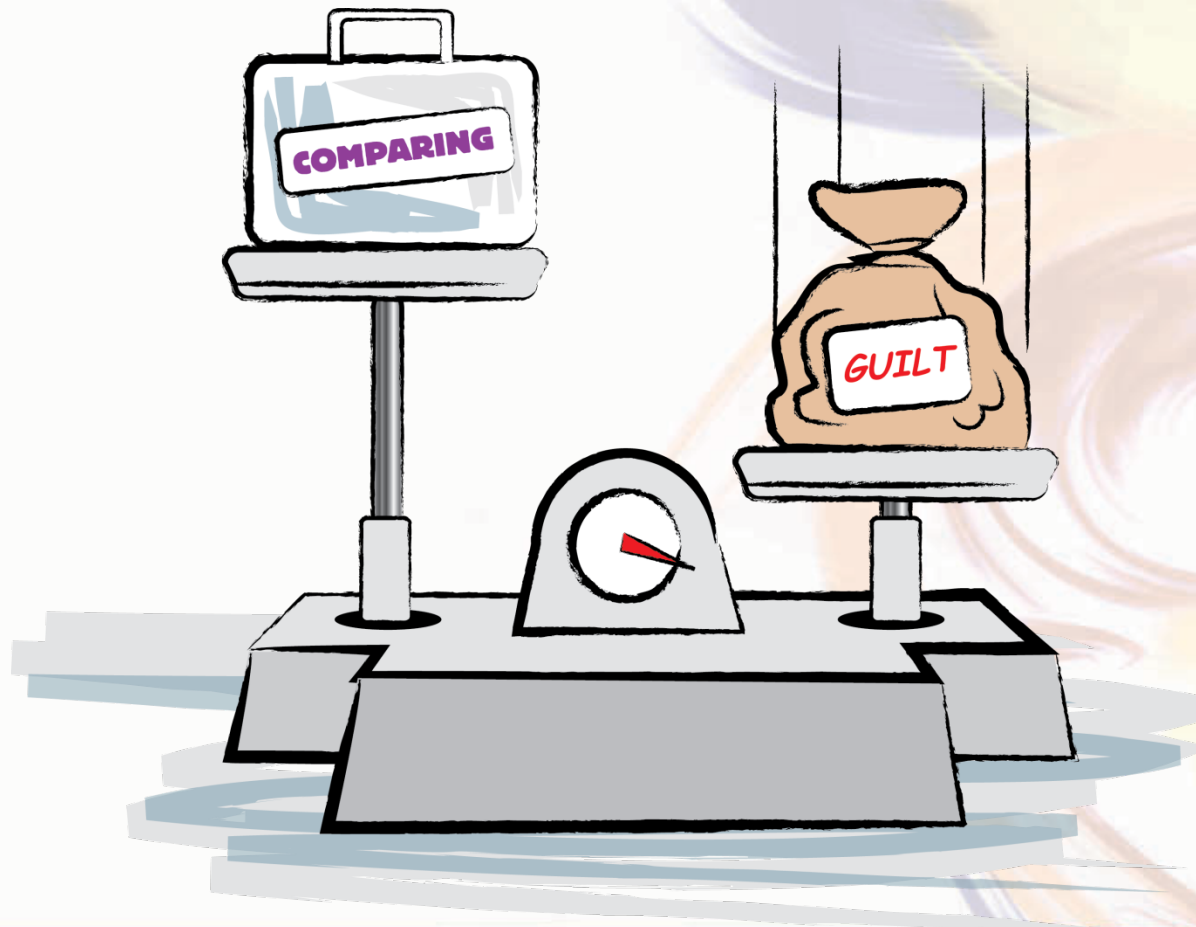


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Justification by comparison

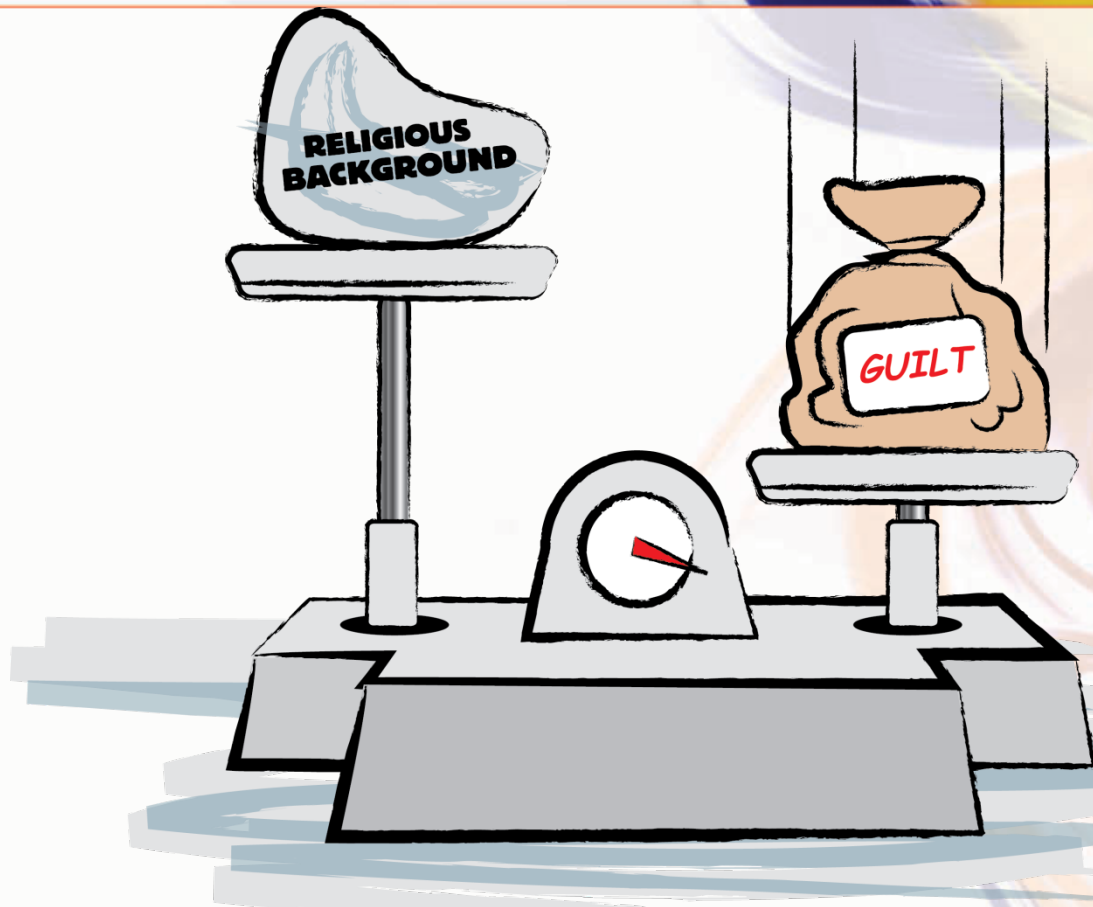
“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:10-14



Justification by good works

... yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:16



Justification by religious background

If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more; circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, as to the Law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

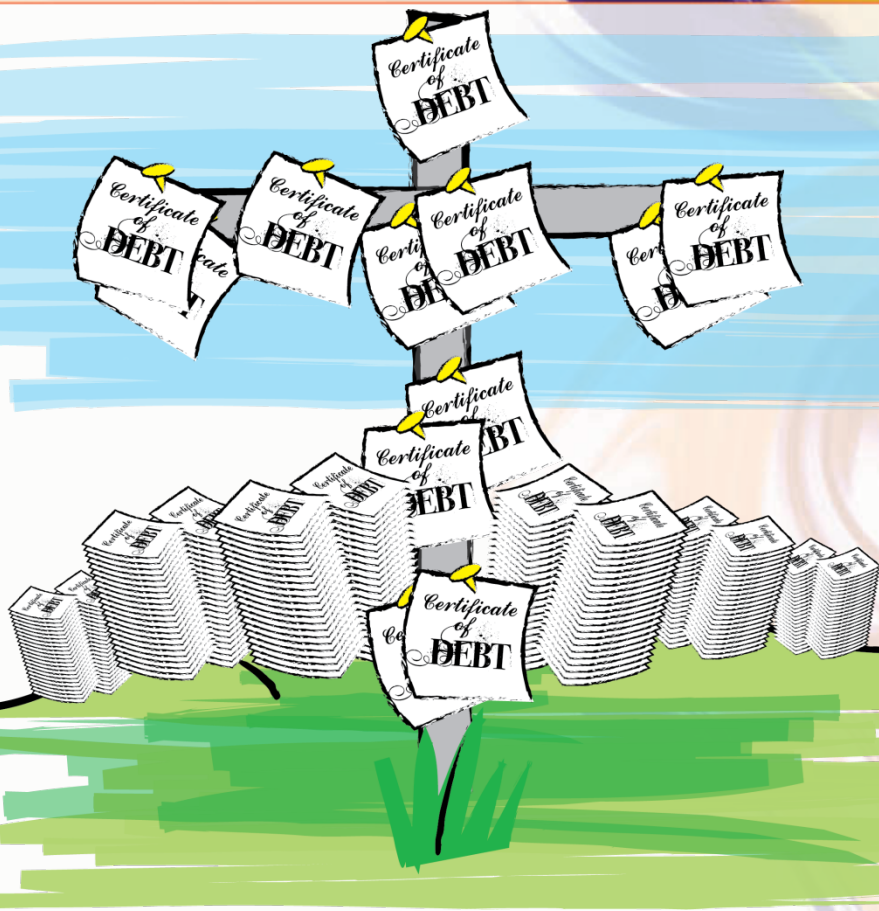
But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

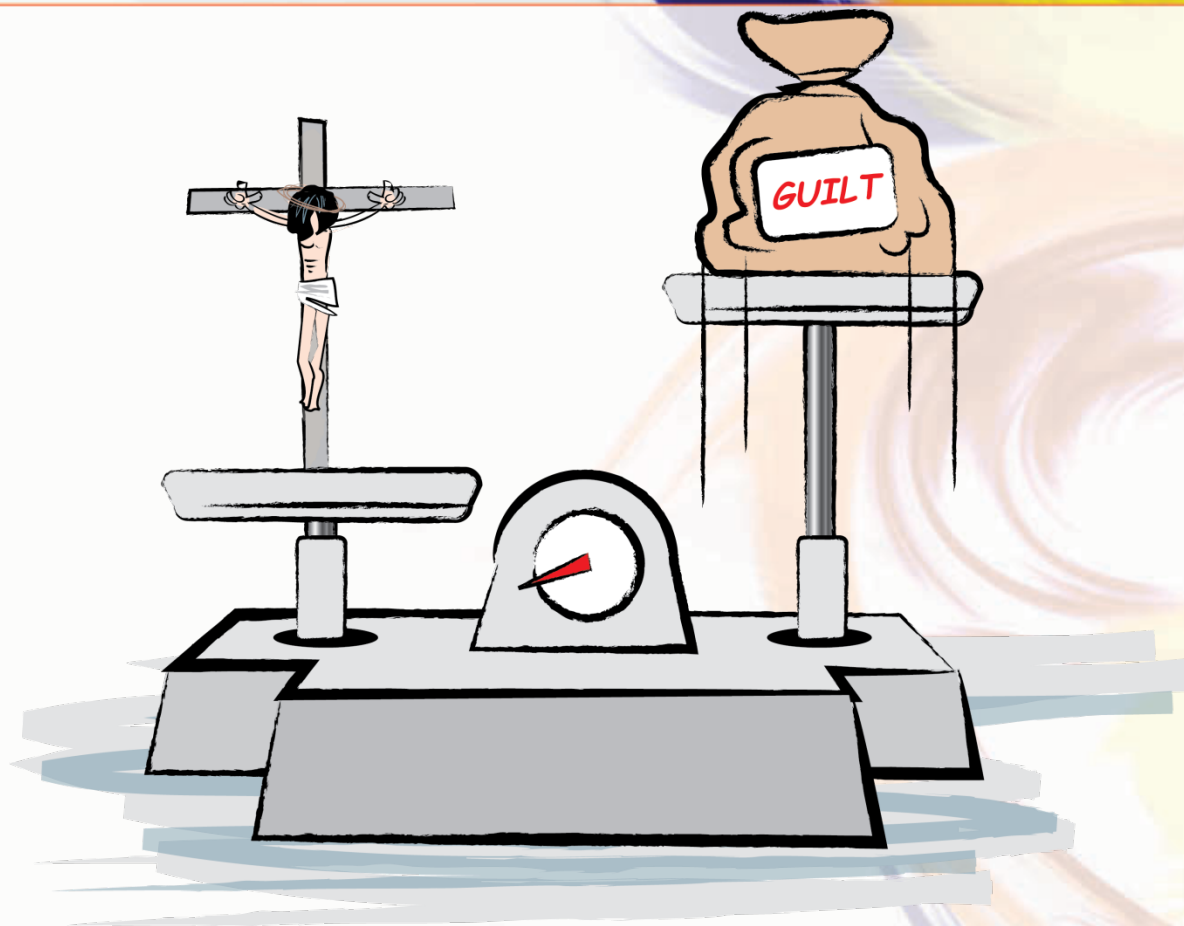
Philippians 3:4-7 NASB

God's remedy for guilt

Colossians 2:13-14 NASB

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.







“...having forgiven us **all** our transgressions, having cancelled out the certificate of debt...”



**There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus.**

Romans 8:1

Consider the following areas where false expectations may be present in your life:

- expectations you wrongly believed were from God
- expectations from parents and family
- expectations from teachers
- expectations from churches and church leaders
- expectations from employers
- other false expectations

**HANDOUT
AVAILABLE**

Prayer

“I renounce the lie that I have to live up to the expectation of: _____ in order to feel good enough, valued or accepted. Thank You, Lord Jesus, that in You I meet all of God’s expectations and that nothing I could do could make You love me more or love me less. Amen.”

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