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The Unchanging God

How can God be just and still justify a sinner? Compassion flows from goodness, and yet goodness without justice is not goodness. You couldn't be good and not be just, and if God is good He has to be just. When God punishes the wicked, it is a just thing to do, because it is consistent with the wicked man's deserts. But when God pardons a wicked man it is a just thing to do as well, because it is consistent with God's nature. So we have God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost always acting like God. Your wife may be grouchy, your best friend may be cold, foreign wars may be going on, but God is always the same. Always God acts according to His attributes of love, justice and mercy. Always, always, always God acts like God. Aren't you glad you aren't going to sneak into heaven through a cellar window? Aren't you glad that you're not going to get in like some preachers get

academic degrees, by paying twenty-five dollars to a diploma factory? Aren't you glad that you're not going to get into heaven by God's oversight? God is so busy with His world that you sneak in. You're there a thousand years before God sees you! Aren't you glad that you're not going to get in just by being a member of a church? God says, "Well, that's a pretty good church. Let's let him in." And so you go in, but later on He finds your rotten spots and maybe you'll be thrown out! There is the parable of the man who appeared without a wedding garment. And after he got in, they said, "What is he doing here?" and they threw him out – bound him hand and foot, lugged him out and threw him into outer darkness (see Matthew 22:11-13). There'll be nothing like that in God's kingdom, because God the All-Wise One knows all that can be known. He knows everybody – He knows you.

And God the All-Just One will never permit the unequal man in there. "Why walk ye along on two unequal legs." Said Elijah (I Kings 18:21, author's paraphrase). That's unequal, iniquity, And the man who is iniquitous will never get in. Never! All of this cheap talk about St. Peter giving us an exam to see if we're all right – it's all nonsense! The Great God Almighty, always one with Himself, looks upon a moral situation and He either sees death or life. And all of God is on the side of death or life. If there is an iniquitous, unequal, unatoned, uncleansed, unprotected sinner in his sin, there's only one answer – all of God says, "Death and hell." And all of heaven can't pull that man up. But if he beats his breast and says, "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13), and takes the benefits of the infinite agony

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of God on a cross, God looks on that moral situation and says, "Life!" And all of hell can't drag that man down. Oh, the wonder and the mystery and the glory of the being of God!

A.W. Tozer

*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified
Romans 6:6*

It is purely a matter of faith. Faith and sight always differ. To your senses it does not seem to be so, but your faith must still reckon it so. This is a very difficult attitude to hold, and only as we thoroughly believe God can we thus reckon upon His Word and His working. But as we do so, faith will convert it into fact, and it will become reality.

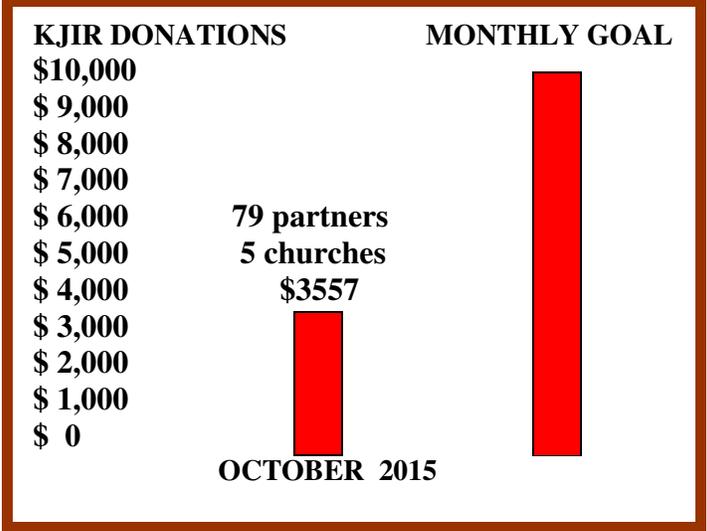
These two words "yield" and "reckon" are passwords into the resurrection life. They are like the two edges of the "Sword of the Spirit" through which we enter into crucifixion with Christ.

This act of surrender and this reckoning of faith are recognized in the New Testament as marking a very definite crisis in the spiritual life. It does not mean that we are expected to be going through a continual dying, but that there should be one very definite act of dying, and then a constant habit of reckoning ourselves as dead and meeting everything from this standpoint.

Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:11),

A.B. Simpson

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*As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God
Romans 8:14*

The blessed Holy Spirit is our Guide, our Leader and our Resting-place. There are times when He presses us forward into prayer, into service, into suffering, into new experiences, new duties, new claims of faith and hope and love. Then there are times when He arrests us in our activity and rests us in the secret place of the Most High. He teaches us some new lessons, breathing into us some deeper strength or fullness and then leading us on again, at His bidding alone.

The Holy Spirit is the true Guide of the saint, and the true Leader of the Church. He is our wonderful Counselor, our unerring Friend. He who would deny the personal guidance of the Holy Spirit in order that he might honor the Word of God as our only guide must dishonor that other word of promise, that His sheep shall know His voice, and that His listening and obedient children shall hear a voice behind them saying, *this is the way, walk ye in it* (Isaiah 30:20).

A.B. Simpson

