

A Safe Place

From the Series

HEALING RAIN

“Righteousness is obedience to the law. The law demands righteousness, and this the sinner owes to the law; but he is incapable of rendering it. The only way in which he can attain to righteousness is through faith. By faith he can bring to God the merits of Christ, and the Lord places the obedience of his Son to the sinner's account. Christ's righteousness is accepted in place of man's failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies, the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as he loves his Son. This is how faith is accounted righteousness; and the pardoned soul goes on from grace to grace, from light to a greater light. He can say with rejoicing, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." {White; Review & Herald, Nov. 4, 1890}

“We are not to serve God as if we were not human, but we are to serve him as those who have been redeemed by the Son of God and **through the righteousness of Christ we shall stand before God pardoned, and as though we had never sinned.**” {White; Signs of the Times, April 10, 1893}

“The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted and those who were once converted but who have backslidden. What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new

converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear?” {White; Testimonies to the Church Vol. 6, Pg. 370}

“Our standing before God depends, not upon the amount of light we have received, but upon the use we make of what we have. Thus even the heathen who choose the right as far as they can distinguish it, are in a more favorable condition than are those who have had great light, and profess to serve God, but who disregard the light, and by their daily life contradict their profession.” {White; Desire of Ages pg. 239}

“It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross.” {White; Desire of Ages 83}

“Come just as you are, weak, helpless, and ready to die. What is the "rest"? It is the consciousness that God is true, that He never disappoints a soul who comes to Him. **His pardon is full and free, and His acceptance of you means rest to your soul, rest in His love.**” {White; 21MR pg. 229}

Case Scenario: Lily is a close family friend of yours who grew up in the Church with you. Even though her family was very religious, her home life was very abusive. As soon as she turned 18, she joined the military to get away. Since she has gotten out of the military, she has not since visited her family or gone back to Church. She has shared with you that she felt that the Church was almost as toxic as her home. She has told you that she has never felt loved or accepted. What do you do?