

### WHAT IS SIMUL IUSTUS ET PECCATOR?"

# "simultaneously just yet sinful"

translated in full means

#### "A criminal, indeed, a law breaker, can, simultaneously, that is, at the same time, be declared right before the law, with the penalty of his crime paid for, but still remain a sinner"

## Can a man be declared righteous while still being internally sinful?

A prisoner is sentenced to death for murder.

The law demands death.

The judge declares the man not guilty saying "I will go to the gas chamber instead of the murderer."

So the judge pays the penalty instead.

Is this legal?

Of course it is.

Is the prisoner free? Legally, technically and forensically before the law ... Yes.

Has the law been satisfied? ... Yes.

The prisoner then commits another murder ... and the same process is repeated with another judge.

Is the prisoner free? Yes.

This again happens for the third, fourth ... and tenth time ... with other judges.

The repeat offender commits the same crime again and again ... and gets off scot-free ... without suffering any punishment or injury.

So Dear Reader, can you see the problem for the **D.O.G.** ... Doctrines Of Grace believer aka the Calvinist ... there has been **no** internal change in the prisoner ... he still wants to murder.

The ex-prisoner has **not** been internally renovated or regenerated ... as the **D.O.G.S** say 'born again' ... he has had **no** character change ... he has **not** been made righteous before the law.

But this is what the Jesus Christ did for sinful man.

Under the Old Testament, the law demanded blood for the sin past (<u>Romans 3:25</u>) and this could go on 'ad infinitum' ... which it did.

Under the New Testament, Christ's blood has paid for all future sins ... such that there remains no more sacrifice for sins (<u>Hebrews 10:26</u>)

Yes, Dear Reader, as a Christian you can sin your head off and still go home to heaven ... with the proviso, you will get weak and sickly and eventually die (<u>1 Corinthians 11:30</u>) depending on how the Lord sees things.

But here's the difference between the Old Testament and the New ... when a man is declared righteous ... there is a spiritual circumcision whereby the sins attached to the flesh are cut away form the soul ... such that the soul gets saved being paced into Jesus Christ ... who is seated in heaven. (<u>1 Corinthians 12:13</u>; <u>Colossians 2:11</u>).

Yes, the sinful flesh rots into the ground and the real you, your soul, is in Christ, in heaven ... eternally saved.

So Dear Reader, when a man gets saved, he is **declared righteous but he is still sinful** ... he **has not been made righteous**.

This means Christ's blood **declares, not makes,** us free ... <u>it has been **external**</u>, <u>legalforensic</u> ... and while we remain sinners.

The saved sinner ... you and me ... if you are a Christian ... have been given a new heart such that we do not want to murder or sin ... but the flesh has other ideas.

.... yes Dear Reader ... till the day we die ... we are righteous yet sinful at the same time ... <u>simul iustus et peccator</u>.

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