

Guaranteed! Without Blame in Christ

Scripture Reading:

Romans 3:19-23

INTRODUCTION

- The recent devastating fires in So Cal resulted in many accusations of blame. Government failures at many levels – not enough stored water, not enough equipment, lack of regular fire hazard control, lack of awareness of weather conditions, etc .
 - So far, the blame has resulted in the firing of a firing of a fire chief who criticized upper management.
- No one wants to be blamed for any thing! Blame is the ownership of responsibility.
- So, with the chaos, crime and catastrophe of the human race: Who is to blame?

WHO'S TO BLAME?

The disobedience of Adam and Eve and their attempted avoidance of blame – Gen 3:9-14, 2:17

- their disobedience toward God was righteously imputed to all mankind- Rom 5:12

All the world of mankind is guilty (lit, “under justice”) before God – Rom 3:19, 23

BLAMESLESS IN OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

Eph 1:4 – “Chosen in Him to be blameless before Him”


Col 1:21-22 – We are reconciled aliens and enemies, now standing alongside (God): Holy, blameless, and unproveable (Lit, “not called in question”)

THE BELIEVER'S PRESENT DAILY CHALLENGE TO LIVE WITHOUT BLAME

Encouragement for ALL believers to live blamelessly - II Cor 6:1,3; Phil 2:14-15



Encouragement for bishops and deacons – I Tim 3:2,10



Encouragement for widows – I Tim 5:3-7



Encouragement in handling other's money and material resources – II Cor 8:20

PRESENTED PERFECTLY BLAMELESS

- Our blameless state confirmed up till the end, Christ's coming for the Church – cf I Cor 1:7b-8
- Christ's present ministry to us that results in our blameless presentation to Himself – Eph 5:27
- The end result of God's present stabilizing ministry will be permanent blamelessness! – I Thess 3:12-13
- Presented faultless – Jude 24

CONCLUSION

- In this world, many material products carry a guarantee of continued function for a varying number of years, or even the lifetime of the owner.
- But God guarantees that presently, in our position in Christ. He sees us **BLAMELESS** and eternally in our glorified state to be without blame – **FAULTLESS** before Him! All by His grace.
- Be encouraged TODAY to live by blamelessly before Him