

# NOT “Sinners Saved By Grace”

The revelation that we are beloved sons<sup>1</sup> who are back home in Father’s family<sup>2</sup> should transform how we see ourselves and our life. This reality will only become vividly clear when we divest ourselves of all religion<sup>3</sup> and legalism<sup>4</sup>. These two keep us bound up in a false identity and a pseudo life.

One of the main traps of religion is seeing ourselves as “sinners saved by grace”. There’s nothing more limiting for a person than not knowing your true identity, and that’s what this theology does for everyone who believes it. Yes, we do need to have our sins and Adamic life dealt with by Jesus’ work on the cross and his resurrection. But, when we appropriate it for ourselves and swear allegiance to the King, we become a new species<sup>5</sup>. **We are no longer who we were.** Our old nature has been eliminated, so there’s no need to focus on it. True, sin will keep tempting us in every area of life, but we’re no longer “unregenerate sinners” because ‘the Blood’ covers all our sins.

Here’s how Mike Parsons explains it:

*“I don’t need salvation from my sin, other than, I want to be free to discover my identity. Not, I want to be free from this behaviour, this old life behaviour [that]<sup>6</sup> I want to be free from. That’s the religious thing that will keep you focused on behaviour, rather than [what]<sup>7</sup> identity will enable you to be, you know. And, to enjoy being, rather than trying not to be, you know. I’m trying not to be that person any more. I’m trying not to have those wrong thoughts. I’m trying not to have that wrong behaviour. I’m trying not to... And, the more you try not to, the more weary and burdened you get trying not to. Rather than, “Hey. Look at all this wonderful stuff there is that day. Why would I need any of that stuff? Well, I’ve got this amazing adventure and life journey to discover.” You know, and I think focusing on the positive is so much better than trying to avoid the negative.”<sup>8</sup>*

Focusing on the negative (i.e. being a sinner) is like a druggie who keeps telling themselves they’re addicted to drugs – it only keeps them focused on drugs. As Mike also explains:

*“In the Christian sense, you know, identifying the world, getting people to identify that they’re sinners is a very negative thing. Because that then will be associated with the consequence of you being that type of person, [and]<sup>9</sup> you’re going to end up being punished forever. That’s why it’s focusing on negative behaviour which has a consequence if you don’t follow Jesus, rather than discovering your actual identity that you’ve lost sight of, so you can become the person that God always wanted you to become, which is a very more positive framework not a negative one. It’s always focusing on the positive, becoming who you are, not trying not to be who you used to be. Or, for most people, they still see themselves as sinners saved by grace. So, that’s trying to not be that person all through their Christian lives and they’re struggling with their behaviour because the whole focus is on “don’t do that”. You know: That is not like a Christian; that’s not godly behaviour; that’s... And it’s all about works, effectively, trying not to be this bad person, rather than realizing that you are a good person. God created you and made you good, not bad, you know. So, I think the framework of what we do in our ‘renewing our minds’ needs to be, to me, be based on the positive rather than the negative. If you keep focusing on the problem the problem just gets bigger and bigger and you get more consumed by trying to not out-work that, stop doing that behaviour, stop doing that thing, rather than embracing a new perspective of who you are and finding a whole new world of amazing adventures and things you can be involved in which don’t even give you the desire to do any of that negative stuff because you’ve seen so much good stuff that’s replaced it.”<sup>10</sup>*

1 – “The Critical Importance of Sonship in this Era of the Kingdom”

[canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/The-Critical-Importance-of-Sonship-in-this-Era-of-the-Kingdom-27-3-2019.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/The-Critical-Importance-of-Sonship-in-this-Era-of-the-Kingdom-27-3-2019.pdf)

2 – “We’re Home” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/We-are-Home.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/We-are-Home.pdf)

3 – “The Wall of Religion” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/The-Wall-of-Religion.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/The-Wall-of-Religion.pdf)

4 – “How to Identify Legalism” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/how-to-identify-legalism.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/how-to-identify-legalism.pdf)

5 – “A New Species” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/a-new-species.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/a-new-species.pdf)

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8 – Mike Parsons “Mystic Mentoring Monday 24th May 2021 Toronto” [10:46-11:55] [www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU)

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10 – Mike Parsons “Mystic Mentoring Monday 24th May 2021 Toronto” [8:09-10:05] [www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU)

Watch all of Mike teaching on this topic here:

**VIDEO:** “Mystic Mentoring Monday 24th May 2021 Toronto” (Mike Parsons) [7:00-11:50]  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thhHj4wRVMU)

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