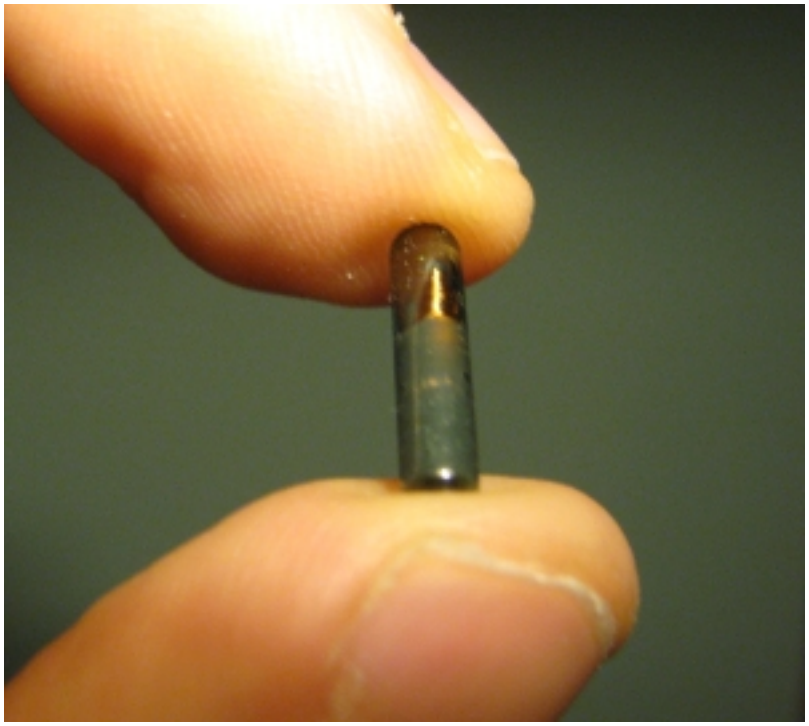


PositiveID, the company that manufactures the VeriChip RFID tag, has announced a deal to provide the Israeli Defence Force with the chip. The VeriChip, which is primarily marketed as a device for retrieving medical records using the VeriMed package, also has a number of other useful applications. PositiveID's VeriPay system, where the chip is used like a credit card to authorize financial transactions, is already employed by the Baja Beach Club in Spain. A few years ago, VeriChip Corporation revealed they were in talks with the US Administration to implant the 1.4 million service personnel with a VeriChip, replacing the metal 'dog tags' currently worn by the troops. The secular news article reported at the time that the *"device is usually implanted above the triceps area of an individual's* ***right*** ***arm*** *, but can also by implanted* ***in the hand*** *if scanned at the proper frequency"* . Other articles have confirmed that the VeriChip is indeed often implanted in the hand rather than behind the shoulder blade. Now it seems the IDF is interested in acquiring the technology.

Quote: *"The Company's integration partner intends to provide the microchips to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), the State of Israel's military force. Marc Poulshock, PositiveID's Vice President of Business Development, said, "We believe there are many important applications for the VeriChip and our associated intellectual property including next-generation identification*

and bio-sensing capabilities. Our partner is looking to help healthcare organizations, militaries including the IDF, and governments with their disaster preparedness and emergency response needs."

The IDF have not said what they will use the technology for, but with the recent release of Gilad Shalit, perhaps preventing further kidnappings of its soldiers by Palestinian terrorists might form part of their reasoning for that. While we are overjoyed that Gilad Shalit is returned safe and sound, there is no doubt the deal has strengthened the hand of Hamas considerably. One thousand and twenty seven Palestinian terrorists were freed in order to secure Gilad's release, many of them receiving multiple life-sentences for murder. Hamas leader Ismael Haniyeh has stated he regards the release of these prisoners as justification for the capture of Gilad Shalit and the murder of his fellow soldiers, and has vowed to continue the struggle until all the Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails are freed.

Quote: *"“This is a strategic turning point in our struggle against the Zionist enemy,” Haniyeh said at a celebration in Gaza on Tuesday evening, adding “it was thanks to our resistance that we were able to release the land and the people.”*

As you can see, there is little sense of justice in the world today. Men who have committed crimes, many of them who have committed murder and are completely unrepentant, are allowed to walk free, and all for the sake of finding 'peace'. Man's peace only seems to come at the expense of truth. You give me what I want and I will give you what you want, and truth and justice are quickly brushed under the carpet. God's peace is not like this. God's peace is based on His absolute truth and perfect justice.

Psalm 85:10-11
Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

How are God's mercy and truth met together? How have His righteousness and peace kissed each other? It is made possible through the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. God is able to show us mercy despite the truth about our sin, because of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross. It is through Christ's righteousness that we are able to obtain God's peace (Isaiah 53:11, Colossians 1:20). God does not seek to bring the sinner in the back door of heaven. It is not like these prisoner releases, where men who were found guilty of their crimes and sentenced accordingly, retain their criminal records after they are released and are secreted away from the prying eyes of the world. No. Because the Messiah has borne the penalty for our sins, God can be both “just , and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus
”, Romans 3:26. And “
there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus

", Romans 8:1. God is able to bring the sinner in the front door of heaven because of what Jesus Christ has done for us upon the cross. Is the life of one righteous man worth the same as one thousand and twenty seven guilty ones? In our estimation of things, it seems an unequal deal. But praise God there was a Man who gave His own life for many more than that. Have you trusted in Jesus Christ for salvation? Believe on Him for salvation today.

Romans 5:7-8
For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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