**Battle Tested Philosophy** 

2 Corinthians 5:21

"Righteousness"

**Standing Right** 

09:55 am \*5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO -\*\*LEADS TO WELCOME VIDEO

10:00 am \*\*LIVE Worship –

10:25 am LIVE SHOT –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Welcome Online Platform

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged...

\*Online Connect Card \* RightNow Media

**Opening Prayer** - Blessing of Contributions -

**Stand by for Announcements** 

**10:30 AM \*\*Announcements Video** - Tithing

**10:37 am LIVE SHOT** – Welcome - Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

Thank you to those who joined us last week on our online platform..

A few weeks we started a NEW SERMON SERIES

"Battle Tested Philosophy"

What it takes to be a

"Warrior in Christ"

Know your <u>WHY</u>

**ATTITUDE** - Positional Perspective

**<u>RESILIENCE</u>** - Burning Desire

Encourage you to go listen to the past messages.. Avail FREE

\*\*Message & App PLUG - SLICK / STILL

If you haven't done so already.... Would you please, Like our page on fb, or subscribe to our YouTube Channel, or follow us on IG, or ALL of the above...

Sometimes, when you just don't know where to start, it's often said that it's best to start at THE BEGINNING

Do you ever wonder back at what it must have been like at the beginning? LIKE ALL THE WAY IN THE BEGINNING.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." expound

29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Right Standing with God

Nothing to be ashamed of... nothing to feel guilty about.... Having what we would call a "clean conscience".. Conscience being with knowledge --- spanish would be con - "with" Sciencia - "science" - knowledge

In the Beginning clean conscience or Holy conscience NO CORRUPTION - only GOOD.

What that must have looked like.... Perfect communion with God.....*expound* 

but.....

the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Where they once stood in Righteous before God .... There was harmony, there was peace.... There was COMMUNION

Didn't have to look over their shoulders... didn't know what it was like to do dirt... to steal / cheat / lie / deceive.

Never felt the weight of a "GUILTY CONSCIENCE"

Who knows what i'm talking about?? We have all done something that removes us from a RIGHT STANDING with God....

What's your story?? You know the serpent is STILL WHISPERING lies... He's still causing the children of the righteous to fall....

See the world defines Righteousness as: "behavior that is morally justifiable or right."

## accepted standards of morality, justice, virtue, or uprightness BUT - Based on WHO's Standards? Society's standards whose moral compass has been contaminated??

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

\*expound

The Bible's standard of human righteousness is <u>God's own perfection</u> in every <u>attribute</u>, every <u>attitude</u>, every <u>behavior</u>, and every <u>word</u>. Thus, God's laws describe His own character and constitute the plumb line "THE STANDARD" by which He measures human righteousness.

righteousness is the quality of being right in the eyes of God, including *character* (nature), *conscience* (attitude), *conduct* (action), and *command* (word). Righteousness is, therefore, based upon God's standard because He is the ultimate Lawgiver

\*\* Ps 14:1–3 NKJV

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

They are corrupt,

They have done abominable works,

There is none who does good.

2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.

3 They have all turned aside,

They have together become corrupt;

There is none who does good,

No, not one.

## \*\*Romans 3:9–18 NKJV

For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

10 As it is written:

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

**11** There is none who understands;

There is none who seeks after God.

**12** They have all turned aside;

They have together become unprofitable;

There is none who does good, no, not one."

13 "Their throat is an open tomb;

With their tongues they have practiced deceit";

"The poison of asps is under their lips";

14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."

- **15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;**
- **16** Destruction and misery are in their ways;
- 17 And the way of peace they have not known."
- 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Here's the fact of the matter .... Even for those of us who could claim even to be a little righteous...

Isaiah 64:6 NKJV

But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like *filthy rags*; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

There is not one of us who can claim to have attained righteousness on our own... the standard is simply too high.

We will continue to run and hide from the Voice of our Father until our conscience can be wiped clean... alleviated from the SHAME & GUILT we carry...

Remember in the remon series TWISTED... we become plagued w/ anxiety & depression when....

We behave & or beleive something that goes contrary to God's Character.

The good news is that <u>true righteousness is possible</u> for mankind, ...but only through the cleansing of sin by Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

We have no ability to achieve righteousness in and of ourselves. But Christians possess the righteousness of Christ, because

**\*\*2 Corinthians 5:21** NKJV

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, <u>so that in</u> <u>him we might become the righteousness of God</u>" This is an amazing truth. On the cross, Jesus exchanged our sin for His perfect righteousness so that we can one day stand before God and He will see not our sin, but the holy righteousness of the Lord Jesus.

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This means that we are made righteous in the sight of God; that is, that we are accepted as righteous and treated as righteous by God on account of what the Lord Jesus has done. He was made sin; we are made righteousness. On the cross, Jesus was treated *as if* He were a sinner, though He was perfectly holy and pure, and we are treated *as if* we were righteous, though we are defiled and <u>depraved</u>. On account of what the Lord Jesus has endured on our behalf, we are treated as if we had entirely fulfilled the Law of God and had never become exposed to its penalty. We have received this precious gift of righteousness from the God of all mercy and grace.

## \*\*Titus 2:11–14 NKJV

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Here's your chance at RIGHTEOUSNESS ....

Just stand up... right there in your living room / bedroom....

## <u>Closing Prayer</u>

I feel as if there may be those here, or on our online campus who may not KNOW Christ. But are feeling stirring. Do you want to know Him?

Perhaps you stumbled across this post online by accident. Or someone invited you out of the blue..

Dear God, ..... salvation prayer...

Closing Prayer....

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we'll discover how INFLUENCE affects our Warrior mindset.

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"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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