



# WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

# CCIC BELIEVES:

- 1. WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. Galatians 2:20. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 “And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15” *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*

# OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. Teach the Word of God. 2Timothy 3:16-17” All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- 2. Teach to Pray. Luke 11:1” One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”
- 3. Teach to love God and the people. Mark 12:30-31” Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[g]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these.”
- 4. Teach to go and make Disciples Matthew, 28:19-20” Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” .

# Revelation 2:1-7

1 Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 **I know thy works**, and thy **labour**, and thy **patience**, and how thou **canst not bear them which are evil**: and thou hast **tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars**:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and **for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted**.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, **because thou hast left thy first love**.

5 **Remember** therefore **from whence thou art fallen**, and **repent**, and **do the first works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God**.

# EPHESIANS 6:11

- **“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”**

# The Imputed Righteousness Of Christ

# Text:

- Ephesians 6:14
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness
  
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

# Outline for today:

1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?
2. Why do we need it?
3. How to get it?
4. What's next?

# 1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?

A. Righteousness - the virtue or quality or state of one who is **righteous** (*δίκαιος*). The opposite of wicked.

Deu 25:1

1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the **righteous**, and condemn the wicked.

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Col 4:1

1 Masters, give unto your servants that which is **just** and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

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Gen 6:9

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a **just** man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

# 1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?

B. Imputed (Cambridge Dictionary)

## Law

To say that someone is responsible for something that has happened, especially something bad, or that something is the cause of something else:

*For purposes of the company's violations,  
the conduct of its officials and employees may be imputed to the firm.*

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## **Finance**

To calculate something when you do not have exact information, by comparing it to something similar:

*The Treasury imputed his income from the value of the car he drove.*

# 1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?

B. Imputed – (Webster) What's the connection between these meanings? Both involve considering someone or something in a particular way, tying each meaning to the word's Latin ancestor: **putare** means "to consider."

1. Credited to
2. Ascribed
3. Attributed
4. Assigned

# 1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?

B. Imputed –

For example, if you impute dishonesty to someone you're asserting that they're not telling the truth.

And if you impute selfish motives to someone's actions you're asserting that they were motivated by selfishness.

What about imputed righteousness?

# 1. What is 'Imputed Righteousness'?

B. Imputed - What about imputed righteousness?

1 Cor 1:30

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and **sanctification**, and **redemption**:

**We receive credit for being righteous without us being as such by nature or in deed but rather by association with Jesus**

## 2. Why do we need it?

**A.** All have sinned and deserve death

Rom 3:23

23 For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6:23

23 For the **wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 1:17

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

## 2. Why do we need it?

**B.** All want to be declared righteous and not wicked

When we stand before the judgement seat of Christ – we want to be declared as “**just**” rather than “wicked”.

How can that happen when we have already sinned and deserve death?

# 3. How to get it?

## A. Through the complete work of God

Rom 3:24-26

**23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**24** Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus:

**25** Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the **remission** of sins that are past, through the **forbearance** of God;

**26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be **just**, and the **justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

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ALL have sinned – this is the premise. What can it be done in light of this fact?

# 3. How to get it?

A. Through the complete work of God - **redemption**

Rom 3:24-26

**24** Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus:

Justified freely – not based on any merits we possess.

How then? - through the **redemption...**

## **Meaning**

1. The action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt.
2. The action of buying one's freedom.

# 3. How to get it?

A. Through the complete work of God - **propitiation**

Rom 3:24-26

**25** Whom **God** hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

## **Meaning**

1. Win or regain the favour of someone by doing something that pleases them.

# 3. How to get it?

A. Through the complete work of God - **remission**

Rom 3:24-26

**25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the **remission** of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

## **Meaning**

1. The cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty.
2. The reduction of a prison sentence, especially as a reward for good behaviour.
3. Reduction of the severity of disease or pain.

# 3. How to get it?

## A. Through the complete work of God - **forbearance**

Rom 3:24-26

**25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the **forbearance** of God;

Meaning

1. The action of refraining from exercising a legal right, especially enforcing the payment of a debt.
2. Patient self-control; restraint and tolerance.

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**24** Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** (The action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt) that is in Christ Jesus:

**25** Whom **God hath set forth** to be a **propitiation** (*Win or regain the favour of someone by doing something that pleases them*) through **faith in his blood**, to **declare his righteousness** for the **remission** (*The cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty*) of sins that are past, through the **forbearance** (*The action of refraining from exercising a legal right, especially enforcing the payment of a debt*) of God;

# 3. How to get it?

A. Through the complete work of God

Rom 3:24-26

**26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be **just**, and the **justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

# 3. How to get it?

B. Through participating in the complete work of God

2 Cor 5:20,21

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

# 3. How to get it?

B. Through participating in the complete work of God

1. **Hear the word** – Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
2. **Confess** – Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
3. **Believe** – Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
4. **Repent and be baptised**– Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5. **Walk faithfully till the end** – Matt 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

# 3. How to get it?

B. Through participating in the complete work of God

The story of Naaman the leper – 2 Kings 5:1-19a

## 4. What's next?

A. If you are a disciple - wear your breastplate

Ephesians 6:14

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## 4. What's next?

A. If you are a disciple - wear your breastplate

2 Timothy 4:8

8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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A. If you are a disciple - wear your breastplate

Rom 3:24-26

26. To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be **just**, and the **justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

## 4. What's next?

A. If you are not a disciple - receive your breastplate

Nahum 1:3

3 The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and **will not at all acquit the wicked**: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

# 5. Conclusion

Imputed righteousness is us being considered just in the eyes of God because we walk with Jesus.

So by believing in his blood, Jesus persuaded God to not exercise his legal right of exacting payment for our sins from us, but rather from Jesus.

It was all God's work and none of our effort. The only thing we can do is participate.

# Reflection Questions

1. Am I a disciple or not?
2. What would happen if I died today without my breastplate of righteousness to protect me?
3. Do I rely on me or on God to be declared righteous?
4. Do I walk with God and do I help others walk with God?