

God My Righteousness.

Scholars have written that the greatest message of the church is righteousness.

Sinful man Being made right with God.

Between the time of Adam's rebellion and Jesus' submission no man had ever been right with God.

All had sinned and all had fallen short of the Glory of God.

God had a Divine Dilemma

- God's holiness demands justice, God's love demands mercy.
- God hates sin but loves the sinner
- God's mercy would not allow him to leave man to his fate. God's justice demanded some punishment for sin

This was God's greatest problem.

How could God legally restore to man his lost Righteousness and still be just Himself?

Rom 3:26-28 (TPT) And when the season of tolerance came to an end, there was only one possible way for God to **give away his righteousness** and still be true to both his justice and his mercy—to offer up his own Son. So now, because we stand on the faithfulness of Jesus, **God declares us righteous in his eyes!** [27] Where, then, is there room for boasting? Do our works bring God's acceptance? Not at all! It was not our works of keeping the law but our faith in his finished work that makes us right with God.

“YOU CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TO YOUR SALVATION EXCEPT THE SIN THAT MADE IT NECESSARY.”

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[28] So our conclusion is this: God's wonderful declaration that we are righteous in his eyes can only come when we put our faith in Christ, and not in keeping the law.

What does this mean?

Righteousness means peace.

Rom 5:1 (TPT) Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us.

Peace is friendship

The joy of the Christian life is friendship with the Father.

When we are lovingly connected to God without fear, faith grows BIG TIME. When we are out of fellowship faith shrinks and is weakened.

This connection is maintained through the Word and the intercession of Jesus. He is our Advocate at the right hand of the Father.

Righteousness gives us our standing with the Father now, our right to the use of Jesus' Name now, our position as sons and daughters, and our victory over the enemy of life.

This connection gives us a true concept of God.

Religion has given us a wrong picture of God and a wrong picture of the New Creation - that's us.

It has made us see God as a holy, just, severe, stern, and unapproachable Being; who is ever on the alert to discover sin in us and condemn us.

That conception has made us afraid and caused us to shrink from Him.

The conception is wrong: He is a Father God.

He is crazy in love with you and wants you to enjoy all He created.

Do you remember the older brother?

Luk 15:31 (TPT) "The father said, 'My son, you are always with me by my side. **Everything I have is yours to enjoy.**

Then there was the time Jesus had to balance His devotion to the law with His love of the law-breaker.

Joh 8:7 (TPT) Angry, they kept insisting that he answer their question, so Jesus stood up and looked at them and said, "Let's have the man who has never had a sinful desire throw the first stone at her."

Righteousness paints an accurate portrait of who our Father is.

Righteousness means results.

2Co 9:10 (MKJV) Now He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for eating, may He supply and multiply your seed, and increase the fruits of your righteousness

Righteousness is both who you are and what you do.

Remember the fruits of Righteousness in Jesus' life.

The fruits of Righteousness were not right actions only but they were carrying out the will of His Father, speaking the words of His Father.

That meant healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, and all the other manifestations of His love toward man.

They were the fruits of Righteousness.

If we are to bear the fruits of Righteousness, they will be similar to these.

Then the results of Righteousness in our lives will be

- blessing and helping folks, healing their diseases,
- opening the Word to them,
- breaking the power of the Adversary over their lives,
- teaching them how to live in the will of the Father,
- teaching them how to enjoy all the fulness of His grace, and by showing forth in our daily walk a fearless fellowship with the Father"

When we accept Jesus Christ as Savior that Righteousness becomes a part of our being because we become partakers of the Divine Nature. The Divine Nature is Righteousness, so we become Righteous with His nature—His own Righteousness.

Righteousness means fearless faith

A fearless attitude toward the enemy of life and all his works, a fearless mastery over circumstances.

Jesus' entire public ministry was the result of His Righteousness.

He was not afraid of the Father, of satan, of malignant and contagious diseases, or even of death.

He had no fear in the presence of storms that filled other men's hearts with terror.

He was always fearless, a man without fear.

One man said, "If I was all that the Bible says I am I would change the world."

There is no if.

You are what the Bible says you are. You have what the Bible says you have and you can do what the Bible says you can do.

Rom 1:17 (NASB) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH."

Think about it this way. **The one who lives by faith is righteous!**

Our relationship with God is not stressful it is peaceful

We are not alienated from God we are friends of God

Abraham stood in the right before God not by achieving but by believing, not by performing but by resting in God's grace, not through his merit but because of the mercy of God.

Isa 32:17 (NLT) And this righteousness will bring peace. Yes, it will bring quietness and confidence forever.

Righteousness is an insulator an armor against all that is unrighteous.

2Co 6:7 (KJV) By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Jesus and the Father will come and make their home with us—no matter what.

They will make it beautiful.

They will make it a safe place for children to be born.

No quarreling, no bitterness, no divorces can ever come into the home where Jesus lives.

This home life with Jesus is the mother of faith. It makes our home relationship beautiful.

We meet dishonesty and faithlessness without saying an unkind word.

We enter into a new kind of life where we never think of being neglected, forgotten or ignored.

We never remember anything that is unkind.

This righteous life is a love filled life: this new life is love.

We forgive those who are dishonest because this new life has taken possession of us.

We are taking Jesus' place in the earth.

We are loving as Jesus would love.

We are giving as Jesus would give.

We are as helpful as the Master would be in our place.

We live with Him. His love is our love. His strength is our strength. His ability is ours.

We are His own love slaves.

We love Him because He love us”

Righteousness means freedom

When we think about it every religion ever conceived by man has been mans attempt to be made right with their gods.

To be free

But freedom was elusive and no priest, priestess or prophet could ever enjoy true freedom.

Sickness and death has held us in the bondage of fear and dread, but we are no longer afraid of it.

It has been conquered.

The Name of Jesus is greater.

Our relationship with the Father makes us greater.

We are sons and daughters of God Almighty.

We are partakers of His nature.

We are members of His household.”

Righteousness that all will see

Mat 13:43 (NASB) “Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear.

Because we walk in the confident dignity of our Father’s righteousness.

We don’t cower and hid away - we don’t shut down and stay home.

When they outlaw our congregations we will still gather - fearlessly.

You can’t hide the sun and you aren’t meant to be hidden either.

- No one has a better Righteousness than we have.
- No one has a better Savior than we have.
- No one has a better Eternal Life than we have.
- No one has a better standing with the Father than we have,
- No one has a better right to the use of the Name of Jesus than we have.
- No one can get closer to the heart of the Father than we can.
- We are what He says we are.

○ We are loved.

○ We are the Father's dream.