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2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Now, let me show you how to actually walk in this because it's one thing to hear about righteousness.

It's another thing to live from it.

Here's the key.

You must develop what I call righteousness consciousness.

Most Christians have sin consciousness.

They're always aware of what they did wrong, always focused on their failures, always remembering their past, and that keeps them in bondage.

But righteousness consciousness is different. It's being more aware of what Jesus did than what you did.

It's focusing on his perfection instead of your imperfection.

It's remembering his finished work instead of your unfinished works.

Romans 4:5 is the key to this: However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Let me show you three things in this verse.

1. To him that does not work.

You must stop working for righteousness.

That doesn't mean you stop doing good works.

It means you stop trying to earn righteousness through works.

You rest in what Jesus already did.

You stop striving.

You stop trying to prove yourself.

You stop.

2. Trust God

You start trusting, You start believing. Believing what?

That God justifies the ungodly.

Not the godly, the ungodly.

That means God didn't wait for you to clean up your act.

He declared you righteous while you were still a sinner.

Romans 5:8. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

3. His faith is credited as righteousness.

Your faith is what activates righteousness in your life, not your works.

Your faith, when you believe God's word about righteousness, it becomes real to you.

When you stop believing in your own efforts and start believing in Jesus's finished work, righteousness becomes your reality.

Now, here's what this looks like practically.

When you sin, you don't run from God.

You run to God because you know he's not waiting to condemn you. He already declared you righteous.

1 John 2:1 says, My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

If you sin, you have an advocate.

Jesus stands before the Father and says, "I already paid for that."

So, you don't come to God apologizing and begging. You come boldly.

Hebrews 4:16, Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Boldly, not timidly, not fearfully, boldly.

Why? Because you're not coming in your righteousness, you're coming in His righteousness.

Here's another practical step. Stop introducing yourself by your sin.

Most Christians do this. I'm just a sinner saved by grace.

No, you were a sinner, but now you're the righteousness of God in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

The old has gone. Old things passed away.

That includes your old identity as a sinner.

"You can't act like a conqueror until you know you are one.

And you can't live righteous until you know you are righteous."

So, start speaking it. I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

Say it out loud, not because you're trying to convince yourself, but because it's true.

And when temptation comes, remind yourself who you are.

You're not a sinner trying not to sin.

You're righteous.

Living from righteousness.

So, let me bring this home.

You have two choices.

You can spend the rest of your Christian life trying to become righteous through your works.

Or you can rest in the Truth that you've already been made righteous through Christ.

One path leads to frustration. The other leads to freedom.

One path is based on you. The other is based on him.

One path never ends. The other is already finished.

"Until you know you're righteous, you'll always approach God as a beggar instead of a son."

And that's the tragedy of most Christians.

They have son status, but they live like beggars.

They have the way to the father, but they live like strangers.

They've been made righteous, but they live like they're still trying to be righteous.

Here's what I want you to understand.

Righteousness isn't something you achieve. It's something you receive.

You don't work for it.

You work from it.

You don't try to become it.

You believe you already are it.

And when you believe it, everything changes.

You stop apologizing for existing.

You stop feeling like you're bothering God when you pray.

You stop wondering if he's mad at you because you know you're righteous.

Not because of what you did, but because of what Jesus did.

Now, let me give you the final challenge.

Stop trying to earn God's approval.

You already have it.

Stop working to become righteous. You already are righteous.

Stop living under guilt and condemnation.

Romans 8:1. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

No condemnation. Not a little, none.

So, starting today, live from righteousness, not for righteousness.

When you wake up in the morning, remind yourself, I am the righteousness of God in Christ. When you pray, come boldly.

When you fail, don't run from God.
Run to him because his righteousness doesn't change based on your performance.

It's already yours.

And when the enemy whispers, "You're not good enough," you say, "You're right. I'm not." But Jesus is, and I'm in him.

When he reminds you of your past, you remind him of the cross.

When he tries to make you feel unworthy, you declare,

"I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus."

Here's what happens when you live from
righteousness.

You stop performing for God.
You start partnering with God.
You stop trying to impress him.
You start enjoying him.

You stop living in fear that you'll mess up. And you start living in confidence that you're already accepted.

And ironically, when you stop trying to be righteous through your works, you'll actually start living more righteously, not to earn righteousness, but because you are righteous.

Think about it. When you know you're accepted, you don't have to prove yourself.

When you know you're loved, you don't have to perform.
When you know you're righteous, you live from that reality.
And righteousness flows out of you naturally, not forced, not strained, naturally.
That's the power of living from righteousness instead of for righteousness.

The gospel is not about you trying to become something.

The gospel is about you believing you already are something.
You're not trying to get righteous.

You are righteous.
You're not working for acceptance.
You're working from acceptance.

You're not earning God's love.

You're receiving it as a gift. And once you believe that, once you really know that you're righteous, you'll never approach God the same way again.

You'll never pray the same way again.

You'll never live the same way again because you'll know who you are.

You're the righteousness of God in Christ.

Not because of you, because of him.

And his righteousness is enough. It was enough on the cross. It's enough today.

It will be enough tomorrow, and it will be enough for the rest of your life.

You're righteous, not because you earned it,
because Jesus gave it to you.

So, stop trying to earn what you already have.

And start living in what Jesus already gave you.

You're the righteousness of God in Christ. Believe it, receive it,
live from it.