

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Corinthians NKJV 5: ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not \square imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

1. You Don't Have to Earn Righteousness it's a Gift,

Romans NKJV 3: ²⁴ being justified \square freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a \square propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ephesians NKJV 2: ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2. Kingdom Righteousness thinking Keeps us Strong,

Proverbs NKJV 14: ³⁴ Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin *is* a \square reproach to *any* people

Proverbs NKJV 28: The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Romans NKJV 6: ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, \square reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Kingdom Righteousness will help Judge Correctly

John NKJV 7: 24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

John AMPC 7: 24 Be honest in your judgment *and* do not decide at a glance (superficially and by appearances); but judge fairly *and* righteously

Proverbs NKJV 14: 14 Where no wise guidance is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety