



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

How Can I Be Right With God?

John 18:12-14,19-24

1. Self-Righteousness Exposed

JOHN 11:47-53

Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish." Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

- A. Self-righteous people are often driven by fear.
- B. Self-righteous people are selective in their obedience to their own rules.

ROMANS 3:10

There is none righteous, not even one

JOHN 15:5

Apart from Me, you can do nothing.

ROMANS 10:3

For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

MATTHEW 15:9

But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.

2. True Righteousness Displayed

HEBREWS 4:15

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

2 CORINTHINAS 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

GALATIANS 2:20

For I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



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