

Made Righteous to Be  
Righteous  
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Sometimes we want to *make things right*.

Sometimes we want to *set things right*.

We all have an innate desire for justice, for things to be “right,” but, we have different ideas of what is “right.”

## Proverbs 23: 2-3

**2 A person may think their own ways are right,  
but the LORD weighs the heart.**

**3 To do what is right and just  
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.**

God wants us to do what is right not in our eyes, but in His eyes.

We all have failed. Romans 3: 10-12, “There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

## Jeremiah 23:1-6

**23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. 2 Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD.**

Where are you leading people?

## Jeremiah 23:1-6

**3 “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.**



## Jeremiah 23:1-6

**5 “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.**

**6 In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.**

**This is the name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.**

Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord who is our  
Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

**14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.**

## Compels or Constrains:

To hold tightly together, to compress so that nothing is lost. To hold tightly so that what is held remains whole and complete. To hold tightly so that what is held cannot fall apart.

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

**15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

Paul is saying, “Christ’s love is the driving force in my life. It is what motivates everything that I do. I live for Him and not for myself.”

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

**16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

## 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

**18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:  
19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**



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

**God makes us righteous so that we can live  
righteous lives and bring the reign of His  
Kingdom to every circumstance right now.**

**He makes us righteous so that we can be  
righteous.**