

"With His Righteousness"

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God's Righteousness

☑ God's Righteousness was revealed, when to The Church, Paul appealed,
As he proclaimed Truth to everyone, who was saved by God's Own Son,
Teaching every one of those, who believed in Christ, who died and rose,
Who would grant all believers in Christ, eternal hope and a righteous life.

Through Paul's letter, Spirit Inspired, he stated righteousness is required,

From everybody on this earthly sod, who desires to please Eternal God,
As no one is righteous, no not one, except for God and His Eternal Son,
And without Him on the present path, we'll only see His Righteous Wrath.

But, Righteousness is provided for us, when in Christ we place our trust,
Imputed to believers as they believe, when God's Truth they truly receive,

The Righteousness of Jesus Christ, provided to all through His Sacrifice,
So we can stand before our Creator, in The Righteousness of our Savior.

God's Righteousness is explained, from the knowledge Paul had gained,
For he was a well taught Pharisee, and he had meet The Lord of Eternity,

As Paul explains how we are justified, by Christ, who for all sinners died.
And He purifies the believer's heart, with His blood, as they are set apart.

Paul practiced what he would preach, for the people that he would reach,

As an example for all Believers today, as they walk Christ's Narrow Way,
While they work out their salvation, through the process of sanctification,
With our old lives for Christ crucified, we live so Christ Jesus is glorified.

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What does the World think Righteousness means?

Wikipedia definition:

Righteousness is the quality or state of being morally correct and justifiable.^[1] It can be considered synonymous with "rightness" or being "upright".^[2] It can be found in [Indian religions](#) and [Abrahamic traditions](#) as a theological [concept](#). For example, from various perspectives in [Hinduism](#), [Christianity](#), and [Judaism](#) it is considered an [attribute](#) that implies that a person's actions are justified, and can have the connotation that the person has been "judged" or "reckoned" as leading a life that is pleasing to God.

Righteousness is not that you turn your faces to the east and the west [in prayer]. But righteous is the one who believes in God, the Last Day, the Angels, the Scripture and the Prophets; who gives his wealth in spite of love for it to kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the wayfarer, to those who ask and to set slaves free. And (righteous are) those who pray, pay alms, honor their agreements, and are patient in (times of) poverty, ailment and during conflict. Such are the people of truth. And they are the God-Fearing.

— **Quran Surah 2: Verse 177**

What Does God tell us?

Let's start with the Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 6:25 (NIV) - And if we are careful to obey all this law before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (NKJV) - ³ For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

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Psalm 119:172 Amplified Bible (AMP)- Let my tongue sing (praise for the fulfillment) of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteous.

Righteous

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Noun - masculine singular

Strong's Hebrew 6664: 1) justice, rightness, righteousness 1a) what is right or just or normal, rightness, justness (of weights and measures) 1b) righteousness (in government) 1b1) of judges, rulers, kings 1b2) of law 1b3) of Davidic king, Messiah 1b4) of Jerusalem as seat of just government 1b5) of God's attribute 1c) righteousness, justice (in case or cause) 1d) rightness (in speech) 1e) righteousness (as ethically right) 1f) righteousness (as vindicated), justification (in controversy), deliverance, victory

George Wishart was the Bishop of Edinburgh in the 17th century (not to be confused with another Scot by the same name who was martyred a century earlier). Wishart was condemned to death and would have been executed. But when he was on the scaffold he made use of a custom that allowed the condemned person to choose one psalm to be sung, and he chose [Psalm 119](#). Before two-thirds of the psalm was sung, his pardon arrived and his life was spared.

Theologian Geerhardus Vos 1862-1949 said about the righteousness of God:

First of all it ought to be observed that when righteousness is predicated of Jehovah, the analogy is not the duty of fair dealing between man and man, but always the procedure according to strict justice on the part of a judge.

Jehovah [B] [H] [S] or Yahweh – Tsidkenu (The Lord our righteousness) the special and significant name (not merely an appellative title such as Lord [adonai]) by which God revealed himself to the ancient Hebrews ([Exodus 6:2](#) [Exodus 6:3](#)). This name, the Tetragrammaton of the Greeks, was held by the later Jews to be so sacred that it was never pronounced except by the high priest on the great Day of Atonement, when he entered into the most holy place

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We know now that the Word became Flesh:

John 1:14 (NIV)- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

So the question becomes how do we live in righteousness?

Matthew 6:31-33 (AMP) - Therefore do not worry or be anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted), saying, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' ³² For the [pagan] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

Theologian Geerhardus Vos 1862-1949 said about the righteousness: Righteousness is the highest concern of the disciple. We must hunger and thirst after it, treat it as the very substance of our life, the only thing that will satisfy our most instinctive desires. We must submit to persecution for its sake.

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Philippians 3:6-9 (NLT) - I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.^[a] For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)- Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 5:19-20 (NIV) – Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 3:23-26 New Living Translation (NLT) - For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.