

## **I. Review of Previous Sessions**

### **A. Session 1 – Created for Dominion**

1. Humanity was created in the image and likeness of God to have dominion on earth.
2. Adam lost that dominion to Satan through sin.
3. Jesus came to restore mankind back to GLORY including our right to have dominion.

### **B. Session 2 – Dominion Through Covenant**

1. Whenever God entered covenant with someone, it included dominion.
2. We can have dominion, because our covenant dominates over the circumstances of life and every demonic force.

## **II. The dominion and righteousness connection.**

### **A. What is righteousness?**

1. **It is the quality of being right in the eyes of God.**
2. **The state of heart and relationship with God.**
3. **It is the identity of RIGHTEOUSNESS that allows us access to the Father.**
  - a. Righteousness or right standing with God gives us free entry to His presence.
  - b. Unrighteousness – is the state of identity that refuses us access or entry to God.
  - c. Prior to sin, Adam and Eve were identified as RIGHTEOUS, thus allowing them connection and unhindered fellowship with God.
  - d. Following transgression, Adam and Eve could not longer approach God in the same manner, they hid themselves because of their

sin. Fellowship and divine connection were broken and couldn't be the same until RIGHTEOUSNESS could be restored.

e. Jesus made us righteous

**Romans 5:1 (KJV)** – *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

**Romans 5:1 (HCSB)** – *Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)** – *But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

**1 Corinthians 1:30 (HCSB)** – *But it is from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became God-given wisdom for us—our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,*

**1 Corinthians 1:30 (GNT)** – *But God has brought you into union with Christ Jesus, and God has made Christ to be our wisdom. By him we are put right with God; we become God's holy people and are set free.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)** – *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT)** – *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

**Pastor's Note:** *The only way God would work in us and through us was to re-establish our righteousness (right standing) with Him. The only means of accomplishing this was through the perfection of Jesus. Our righteousness is two-fold:*

- *Our identity of righteousness (being right) is entirely by faith in Jesus and the free gift of salvation.*
- *Our works or righteousness are not for earning salvation, but instead they proceed from the free gift of salvation that declared us righteous.*
- *I don't act righteously to become righteous; I act righteously because I have been made righteous.*

## B. Righteousness and Dominion

1. **A person who does not understand their identity in righteousness will never operate in dominion.**
  - a. They will always lack boldness to use their authority.
  - b. They will struggle to stand in the face of opposition.
  - c. They will always feel unworthy or inadequate.
  - d. They will give in to the circumstances vs standing firm against them.
  - e. Example: David did not stand before Goliath because he was a match for him in the natural. He stood before Goliath knowing who He was according to his covenant.
  - f. **A person who doesn't understand their righteous position in Christ will always give away to unworthiness and inadequacy. *This is why we MUST be securely established in RIGHTEOUSNESS to be able to function in dominion at the highest level.***
  
2. **Isaiah 54:13-14 (NKJV)** – <sup>13</sup>*All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.* <sup>14</sup>*In righteousness you shall be **established**; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.*

**Established – to be fixed, securely determined, firmly set.**

**Note:** *When you are established in righteousness, oppression and terror cannot overtake you – YOUR DOMINION WORKS AGAINST THEM.*

3. **Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV)** – **No weapon** formed against you shall prosper, and **every tongue** which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. *This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, “**and their righteousness is from Me,**” says the LORD.*
  - a. Notice that the key to the enemy's weapons failing and his words against you being nonproductive is connected to righteousness.
  - b. Not self-righteousness, but the righteousness that only comes from the Lord.

- c. **E.W. Kenyon** *“Righteousness means the ability to stand in the presence of the Father God without the sense of guilt or inferiority.”*
- d. **Righteousness gives us the ability to STAND.**
  - In the presence of the Father without guilt.
  - In the presence of the enemy with no inferiority.
  - **Dominion requires that we be able to STAND!**

**4. Never give place to condemnation.**

*Condemnation will always rob you of your dominion.*

**1 John 3:21-23 (HCSB)** – <sup>21</sup>*Dear friends, if our conscience doesn't condemn us, we have confidence before God* <sup>22</sup>*and can receive whatever we ask from Him because we keep His commands and do what is pleasing in His sight.* <sup>23</sup>*Now this is His command: that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as He commanded us.*

- a. **The opposite would be that if our heart does condemn us, we cannot have confidence with God.**
- b. **Condemnation of the heart robs us of the confidence needed to use our dominion.**
- c. **Notice the command that keeps you out of condemnation- vs 23** – *This is the command – that we believe in the name of His son Jesus Christ and love one another as He commanded us.*  
**The command is to BELIEVE in the NAME of JESUS.**  
*Believe in HIS righteousness – forgiveness – cleansing!*  
*Keep your faith in HIS righteousness at All Times!*
- d. **1 John 2:1 (NKJV)** – *My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*  
**1 John 2:1 (GWT)** – *My dear children, I'm writing this to you so that you will not sin. Yet, if anyone does sin, we have Jesus Christ, who has God's full approval. He speaks on our behalf when we come into the presence of the Father.*  
**1 John 2:1 (AMP)** – *My little children (believers, dear ones), I am writing you these things so that you will not sin and violate God's*

*law. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate [who will intercede for us] with the Father: Jesus Christ the righteous [the upright, the just One, who conforms to the Father's will in every way—purpose, thought, and action].*

- e. **Dominion requires us to stay in the righteousness of God given to us ONLY through Christ Jesus.**

***Note: If sin is a struggle, continue to release your faith in the righteousness of Jesus – In continuing in faith – He will help you to overcome and be free of those things that continue to be an issue – THE ANSWER IS NOT BECOMING SIN CONSCIOUS in order to overcome sin. THE ANSWER is to become RIGHTEOUSNESS CONSCIOUS – so sin can no longer have dominion over you.***