

## JEHOVAH TSIDKENU: The Lord is my Righteousness

*Jeremiah 23:5-6: "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"*

- Definition of Righteousness: "still or straight" a standard of measurement, used both physically and legally
- Jesus came to declare **GOOD NEWS**: That His righteousness could save us from the 2 prisons that so frequently enslave us.

### His Righteousness has Saved us from The Prison of Sin.

- Two Systems of Relating To God:
  1. Law: "Keep the Commandments, Escape the Penalty; Break the Commandments, Suffer the Penalty" - **James 2:10**
    - ✓ Grace and Law are mutually exclusive as means of relating to God.
    - ✓ God's bold response to our sin demands our response to his righteousness
    - ✓ **Romans 6**: How can we keep on sinning? We died to that. We were saved from that prison to live life to the fullest.
    - ✓ Grace Given = Grace driven. No Ladders!
  2. Grace: "Keep the Commandments, Suffer the Penalty; Break the Commandments, Escape the Penalty" - **Romans 3:21-26**

### His Righteousness has Rescued us from The Prison of Works.

- Jesus last words on the Cross: *tetelestai* "**Paid in Full**"
- We must kill the "Jesus" + Mentality
- The World's Formula: Pedigree + Profession + Performance = Profit
- God's Formula: Jesus + Nothing = Everything
- Religious enslavement is living your life trying to gain favor. Freedom in Christ is living your life because you already have favor.
- What saved you keeps you saved: Jesus
- It's a gift. Open it. Honor it. But don't try to earn it. - **Ephesians 2:8-9**

### By Grace Through Faith, His Righteousness = My Righteousness.

- The Great exchange - **2 Corinthians 5:21**
- Righteous is more than a Status: Legal, Relational, Eternal, Personal.
- My righteousness is in Jesus, through Jesus, because of Jesus, is Jesus.
- Solid Rock-Edward Mote

### Questions to consider:

1. Which scripture passage helped you understand the Lord is our righteousness best?
2. When you think of righteousness what comes to mind? How does that compare to what the Bible says?
3. Do you tend towards grace or law? How does that impact your relationships with God and your family?
4. What questions would you like to discuss about faith, grace, works, law, and righteousness? Have a great discussion with friends. Seek out someone you trust to help bring biblical light to your questions.
5. How has Jesus' righteousness and good news changed what you believe about how life works?