

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
THE FORCE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
LESSON 5: WE ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD
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• FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

- Matthew 11:12
- Peter 1:4 [Romans 16:24-26]
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 “Jesus was made to be the curse, so we could be made righteous
- (Matthew 6:33) [Amplified Classic Version] But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.
- Righteousness = Right Standing with God

I. Man Lost His Right-standing with God

- a. Adam lost his right-standing with God when he sinned (transgressed)
- b. Abraham’s Faith in God was accounted to him as Righteousness
 - i. Romans 4:16-25
- c. Jesus paid for Adam’s transgression and man’s righteousness was restored

II. You Have BEEN Made the Righteousness of God

- a. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- b. Righteousness = the ability to stand in the presence of God without the sense of sin, guilt or inferiority [Jesus had this Righteousness]
 - i. Ephesians 5:1 = imitate, follow, do like Jesus did
 - ii. Romans 5:1
- c. Don’t confuse Righteousness with Holiness
 - i. Holiness is being and acting like God
 - ii. Operating in the Forces of the Recreated Human Spirit
 - iii. Romans 11:16-22

III. Jesus' Righteousness has been imparted to you

- a. 1 Corinthians 1:30
- b. God provided this righteousness upon legal grounds
 - i. (Romans 4:25) [Young's Literal Translation] who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised up because of our being declared righteous.
 1. We were declared righteous when HE was resurrected
 2. The Church is already without spot or wrinkle because of the Blood Jesus shed & our repentance of past deeds

IV. Righteousness is a Free Gift

- a. Romans 5:17-19
- b. "If God could not make man righteous and as free from a sin conscience and condemnation as he was before sin entered the world, then Satan's work in Adam was more effectual than God's work in Jesus."

V. Declare His Righteousness

- a. Romans 3:21-26
- b. Romans 10:10
- c. If God is going to have perfect fellowship with man, then man must be as righteous as God
 - i. We're righteous because of the Cleansing of Jesus' Blood
 - ii. We're righteous because of the Washing of the Water of the Word
 - iii. We're righteous because of the infilling of the Holy Spirit
- d. God is not holding anything against anyone one that has received Jesus as Lord & Savior
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:19
 1. This is true through True Repentance

VI. Put Away a Sin Consciousness

- a. Don't hang onto sin tags such as: "I'm an old sinner saved by grace"
- b. Satan has made the Body of Christ think that it is a mark of humility before God to boast of our sinful, weak, unworthy condition
- c. You are God's Workmanship created unto Good Works: Ephesians 2:10

VII. Begin to Develop a Righteousness Consciousness

- a. Hebrews 10:1-2
- b. Hebrews 9:11-14
- c. Hebrews 1:3
- d. (Rom 5:1) [Amplified Classic Version] THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
- e. Hebrews 4:16
 - i. Ephesians 3:11-12
 - ii. 1 John 5:4
- f. 1 Peter 3:12
- g. James 5:16
 - i. If you can't be righteous then how can your prayers be effective
- h. Ephesians 6:14
 - i. The Breastplate protects the vital organs
 - ii. Spiritually = the Breastplate of Righteousness protects "THE HEART" (Spirit)