

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH**  
**VOLUME 2: THE SEED OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
**MESSAGE 10: UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
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- **FOUNDATION:**
  - **1 Timothy 6:12**
    - The only FIGHT we are called to the Good Fight of Faith
    - Romans 10:17
    - The greatest enemy or hindrance to Faith is a lack of understanding God's Covenant Words
    - We cannot have Faith in God or of God or in God's Covenant Words beyond our actual Knowledge of God's Covenant Words
      - Psalm 119:130
  - The lack of understanding "righteousness" or our Right Standing with God is a hindrance to our Faith – so are the following hinderances:
    - Not Understanding the New Birth
    - Not Understanding our place in Christ
    - Not Understanding our Legal Right to the Name of Jesus
    - Not Understanding how to Act on God's Word
    - Not Understanding the Laws of Confession of Faith
  - **James 5:16-18**
    - Page 44 of Kenneth E Hagin's book: Understanding How to Fight the Good Fight of Faith: "a lack of understanding of what Righteousness is and what privileges righteousness gives to the believer holds more Christians in bondage than any other thing."
    - Romans 10:10
    - (Romans 5:17) [Amplified Classic Version] For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [*God's*] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [*putting them into right standing with Himself*] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
    - 2 Truths found in these statements:
      - With the Heart man believes
      - We receive the gift of Righteousness @ the New Birth
    - An untruth about Righteousness: we have to grow to some kind of high spiritual level in order to be righteous.
    - We can grow the fruit of the spirit, but Righteousness is a gift to be received.
  - **Mark 11:23-24**
  - **James 5:14-16**

I. **The Prayer of the Righteous**

- a. **James 5:16** = avails = provides or brings much power: God's Power, the ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit (on the scene) [becomes effective]
  - i. Verse 17: Elijah = a man of like passion
    - 1. 1 Kings 17:1 = no rain for 3 years & 6 months
    - 2. Elijah prayed down FIRE against the Prophets of Baal
    - 3. 1 Kings 18:19-46 = outran the King's Chariot
    - 4. 1 Kings 19:1-4 = then ran scared from Jezebel
- b. Psalm 32:1-2
  - i. Hebrews 8:6 = we have a better Covenant
- c. 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21
  - i. In Christ we are made NEW
  - ii. In Christ become Righteous with God
- d. Romans 10:10
  - i. How do we get Righteous?
    - 1. Thru the New Birth
    - 2. We believe we are Righteous.
    - 3. We receive the Gift of Righteousness