

Men's Breakfast
July 18, 2026
"We Are Righteous"

Topic: Righteousness

E.W. Kenyon says, *"The man who fails to understand righteousness has no approach to God."*

He also says on the flip side *"The instant a man knows that he is the righteousness of God in Christ, and knows what that righteousness means, satan is defeated."*

What keeps a man of God a babe/inmature in Christ?

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) *"¹²For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of string meat. ¹³For everyone that useth milk is unskillful (hath no experience) in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

But not you! Now is the time to awake to righteousness!

- **Romans 13:11 (KJV)** *"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time **to awake out of sleep**: for now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed."*
- **Ephesians 5:14 (NLT)** *"...Therefore it says. **"Awake, O sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."***

At the moment of the new birth God's righteousness has been imparted to you, not as an "experience," but as a legal fact.

It's the righteousness of Christ – **1 John 2:1** *"...Jesus Christ **the Righteous**"*

Some definitions of Righteousness:

- To be made right with God's rightness – the Nature of the Father
- Perfect, pleasing, accepted/approved by God
- The ability to stand in the presence of God without a sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority, as though sin had never existed before
- The ability to stand in the presence of satan as his master

This righteousness is not our righteousness, it the righteousness of Jesus.

That gives you a standing in the presence of the Father, identical with the standing of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV) says, *"But of him are ye in Crist Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"*

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Philippians 3:8-9 (KJV) *"Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"*

One of the names of God is Jehovah Tsidkenu = The LORD our Righteousness

Isaiah 61:10

Key: Although this righteousness is a marvelous gift given to us as a child of God, we must still appropriate that righteousness BY FAITH!

Romans 3:22-26 (KJV) *"²²Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.²⁴Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.²⁵Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.²⁶To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus"*

8 Effects of the Righteousness of God

1. Righteousness restores you back to God's original purpose of man

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV) *"²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."*

You are not a mere man. You are a man that has partaken of the divine nature.

The destiny of man is His origin

Examples:

- When God wanted there to be plants, he spoke to the earth
- When He wanted fish, He spoke to the sea to bring forth fish
- When He wanted birds, He spoke to the firmament to produce the birds
- **But when God wanted man, He spoke to Himself! "Let us..."**

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The original state of man – The image God created man in **was in an image of Righteousness** – This is the reason for redemption, to get us back to that original state– Righteousness – *"By one man's obedience, many were made righteous."*

Ephesians 4:24 (KJV) *"And that ye put on the new man, which is after God is **created in righteousness** and true holiness."*

2. Righteousness makes you a New Creation

You became a New Creation – It's who you are, not what you'll become - **2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)** *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is** a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

- We do not grow in righteousness
- We are MADE righteous
- Righteousness is a gift – **Romans 5:17 (KJV)** *"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the **gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."*

3. Righteousness brings about the End of Condemnation

Justification vs. Condemnation – **Romans 5 support (Read in Bible)**

- Justification – made righteous (result of justification)
- Condemnation – made sinner (result of condemnation)

Who brings about condemnation? Ask the men

Romans 8:31-34 (KJV) *"³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?³³Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. ³⁴Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

Romans 8:1 (KJV) *"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."*

This is the end of condemnation!

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1 John 3:20 (KJV) *"For if our heart condemn us... – The only person to condemn us is ourselves*

But if God declares you righteous, what business do you have to condemn yourself.

So don't feel sorry for yourself. The moment you are starting that way, stop it and confess, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ."

4. Righteousness ends the sin conversation

The sin problem has been dealt with. The only problem is our flesh and the un-renewed mind.

God's cure for sin, was the new creation – **Romans 5** tells us *"By one man disobedience many were many sinners, but by one mans obedience many were made righteous*

Under the New Covenant, sin has be remitted, wash away, take away. Under the Old Covenant sin was covered. But Jesus entered the Holiest place and spilled His own blood on the mercy seat **once and for all!** There remains no more sacrifice for sin!

When we sin, we merely break our fellowship with God, not our relationship.

Just like a husband and wife may say unkind things to each other, it breaks that fellowship.

Now connect this with your relationship and fellowship with God – You can't sin your way out of your relationship. The status of your relationship, where you stand with God is Righteous.

1 John 1:7 (KJV) says, *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."*

So, our job is to not sin, but to walk in the light. To walk in righteousness. Not to be sin conscious but to be righteousness-conscious.

1 Corinthians 15:34 (KJV) *"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."*

As we do that, there is automatic cleansing from all sin.

5. Righteousness brings peace between you and God

Peace with God – The struggle is over, the war is over – Jesus made peace between us and the Father by His precious Blood.

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

Ephesians 2:13-14 (KJV) *"¹³But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us*

Colossians 1:20 (KJV) *"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."*

Isaiah 32:17 (KJV) *"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever"*

6. Righteousness makes you fearless in the presence of satan

Righteousness has the last say. **Isaiah 54:17 (KJV)** *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."*

7. Righteousness brings about the Greater Glory

Haggai 2:9 (KJV) *"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts."*

2 Corinthians 3:9 (NKJV) *"For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory."*

The ministry of rightness – making all things right

8. Righteousness creates in you a Love for Lost Souls

2 Corinthians 5:18–20 (NLT) *"¹⁸And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'"*

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Isaiah 62:1 (KJV) *"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."* – **Connect with Acts 2.**