



# THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

# Kingdom Righteousness

Matthew 9:9–17



**Are you still clinging to your  
unrighteousness?**

# Matthew 9

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, “Follow me,” and he got up and followed him.

10 While he was reclining at the table in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came to eat with Jesus and his disciples.

11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”



# Matthew 9

12 Now when he heard this, he said, “It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick.

13 Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice., For I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

# What is God's Righteousness?

God's righteousness is the sum of his perfect character, holy nature, and just actions. God alone is fundamentally righteous.

Louis Berkhof, "God's righteousness is the divine perfection by which he maintains himself as the Holy One and upholds his creation to perfection while imposing perfect justice by rewarding obedience and punishing disobedience."



# Our righteousness is a gift from God

If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:17

# Our righteousness is accredited by God

He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21



# Our righteousness comes by faith

so that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.

Philippians 3:9

The self-righteous invent man-made standards of holiness,  
but Christ's righteousness is received freely through faith.

The self-righteous boast in being more sanctified than others,  
but Christ's righteousness produces humility and gratitude.

The self-righteous condemn sinners,  
but Christ's righteousness welcomes them into God's grace.



The self-righteous obey out of fear,  
but Christ's righteousness gives freedom and security.

The self-righteous crave human approval,  
but Christ's righteousness rests in God's full approval.

# Matthew 9

14 Then John's disciples came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

15 Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests be sad while the groom is with them? The time will come when the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast."



# Matthew 9

16 No one patches an old garment with unshrunk cloth, because the patch pulls away from the garment and makes the tear worse.

17 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. No, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

# Romans 14:7

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking,  
but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”