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## The Righteousness of God

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You cannot allow guilt and shame to control your life. “Rise-up might men and women of God.”  
You are now in God’s righteousness and those things of your past can not hold you down anymore.

If you are quick to repent, quick to forgive, quick to believe, and quick to walk in love, then you will turn out as Pastor Charles says, “all right.”

**Romans 5:17** “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.)”

Are you more aware of sin controlling your life or of the grace and righteousness brought by Jesus Christ in your life? You are now in that righteousness of God through Jesus Christ. What a difference it would make in our lives if we were just as aware of the righteousness given to us by God as we are our sins!

If we never realize the righteousness we have through Christ, then we can only be second rate Christians, living without the true freedom provided to us.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

**2 Corinthians 5:21** “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

**2 Corinthians 5:19** “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”

**2 Corinthians 5:19 (Amp)** “It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).”

God wasn’t in Jesus to condemn people, but to reconcile mankind back into harmony with Himself.

Jesus was made sin so that we might be the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ.

The significance was always more about how people came before God when giving their sacrifice to Him in the Old Testament. They were required to be completely pure and clean. Now, after Christ, the sacrifice was the significance allowing us to go into God’s presence just as we are now today, without guilt and shame.

Jesus Christ fulfilled the law. If we accept Jesus, then we now fulfill the law.

“You will now go higher and farther than you have ever been before because you now have Jesus Christ.”

**Romans 10:4** “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

We always try to create our own righteousness, but it always comes up short.

Romans 7 says we were once “married” to the law. Jesus Christ came, the law died, and now we are married to Jesus.

We no longer live in a low black cloud of condemnation anymore.

We should honor our parents' friends, the people that our parents honored, after our parents have passed away. This will give us God's favor.

Sin should not to rule in our lives because our righteousness comes from God and should rule in our lives.

No longer should we be confined or chained with a memory of mistake. Just like an elephant that is chained from when it was a small calf, it never tries to get loose because it is chained to the memory. We should not be like that older elephant trapped!

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

**Romans 8:30-38** "30Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 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. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,"

**Romans 8:32-34 (Amp)** "32He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?] 34Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?"

God puts everything in right relationship.

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Sin might separate you for a while, but once you confess your sin, then you are right back where you were before in Christ.

**Galatians 2:19-21** "19For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."