

Righteousness

Lesson 29

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUSTIFICATION are inseparable in scripture because the SAME WORD is used for both.
2. Many teach that man is basically GOOD. This teaching only points out the SINFULNESS of the human heart because it DISAGREES with God. Romans 3:10
3. God REQUIRES righteousness because He is righteous. He always requires what is RIGHT and that is why Jesus had to come. Jesus is righteous and LOVES righteousness. Hebrews 1:8&9
4. Righteousness is IMPUTED to us that is “CREDITED” to our account. Hebrews 2:23; Romans 4:3-6
5. God must PUNISH unrighteousness. Romans 1:18
6. FELLOWSHIP between righteousness and unrighteousness is IMPOSSIBLE. 2 Cor. 6:14-16
7. The NATURE OF GOD is righteousness; therefore, He is the SOURCE of righteousness. Romans 1:17
8. Because God is COMPLETELY RIGHTEOUS He sees our righteousness as FILTHY RAGS. Isaiah 64:6
9. Outside of Christ NO ONE ever WAS, IS, or WILL BE righteous. Romans 3:10&11
10. MAN’S heart is not only WICKED but is EXCEEDINGLY wicked. Jeremiah 17:9
11. The UNBELIEVING MIND of man is AGAINST God. Romans 8:7&8
12. SELF righteousness CANNOT produce salvation. Phil. 3:4-9; Romans 10:3
13. Because SELF-righteousness is of NO VALUE we need the righteousness of God which is FOUND IN CHRIST through faith in Him. Rom. 3:21&22; 1 Corinthians 1:30
14. Our righteousness is A GIFT FROM GOD. Romans 5:17; and Romans 10:4
15. OUR SIN was placed on Christ and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS was placed on us. 2 Cor. 5:14, 15 & 21; Hebrews 2:9
16. Jesus became the SATISFACTION for the righteousness of God making it possible for God to FORGIVE us and JUSTIFY us. Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:1&2
17. WORKS cannot produce righteousness, only FAITH IN CHRIST. Romans 4:5&6

18. The believer's righteousness is not SOMETHING, it is SOMEONE.
19. Faith in Christ REMOVES self-righteousness. Philippians 3:9
20. The GOSPEL contains the righteousness of God. Romans 1:16&17
21. A righteous life is the RESULT of salvation. 1 John 3:7; Matthew 6:33

Conclusion

When Christ died on the cross, it was the greatest evidence of the righteousness of God. The sins "that are past" had been passed over and God had "winked at" or "overlooked" them, but at the cross God paid the full price. Only the atoning death of His Son, our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, could justify the past, present and future of a righteous and supreme Creator of the world.

All the *past* could be "winked at" before the death of Christ because God foreknew of the cross (Romans 3:25).

All *future* forgiveness is righteous only by looking back at the cross (Romans 3:26).

All *present* unrighteousness is made righteous by His cleansing (1 John 1:9).

The past, present and future meet at the cross (Romans 5:8). The righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:17).

Therefore, none of us are righteous. Righteousness is of God. *If* we have accepted His Son, then He sees in us "the righteousness of God in Christ."