

FIRST STEPS WITH JESUS
Lesson 7: YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS
PART 2

PART 2: YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS (Begin with a short review of part 1)

I. SOME BENEFITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. Boldness

1. **Proverbs 28:1** - 1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion. NKJV
2. When a Christian has a revelation that they are the righteousness of God and they are no longer a dirty, unworthy sinner it causes them to be bold in the presence of God, man, and the Devil.
3. The believer will be bold to preach the Gospel, take a stand for the Word of God, to say no to people who want them to do wrong things, and bold to serve God.
4. They will be free from negative thoughts and words of others about them for they have seen the truth of who they really are – a righteous child of Almighty God.

B. You are righteous in God's sight.

1. **Hebrews 10:16-17** - 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." NKJV
2. Because God makes you righteous and does not remember your sins you are able to stand in the presence of God as one who is innocent, holy, and righteous, without the sense of guilt or shame; as though sin never existed.

C. Are qualified – worthy.

1. **Colossians 1:12** - 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. NKJV

D. Peace With God.

1. **Romans 5:1** - 5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, NKJV

E. No more condemnation.

1. **Romans 8:1** - 8 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
2. God does not condemn you nor should you condemn yourself.

F. For these reasons you can boldly come before God to receive what you need.

1. **Hebrews 4:16** - 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. NKJV
2. If you sin after becoming a Christian you can come with confidence to God and know He will help you and forgive your sin (1 John 1:9).

G. Your prayers have power.

1. **James 5:16** - 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. NKJV

H. Can rule over the Devil and all his works.

1. **Romans 5:17** - 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) NKJV

I. God wants you to know, believe and receive these benefits of righteousness.

J. We do not want just knowledge but we want to actually walk in these truths.

II. HOW TO WALK IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. #1 - By renewing your mind.

1. **Romans 12:2** - 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. NKJV
 - a. Sometimes the biggest hindrance in believing and walking in the truths of the Bible is wrong thinking. Before we became Christian many of the things we thought about life and ourselves were wrong. God wants us to renew our minds by meditating in the scriptures about righteousness.
 - b. When we renew our minds our thoughts about ourselves will begin to agree with the Bible and no longer hinder us.
2. **Ephesians 4:22-24** - 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. NKJV
 - a. **Verse 23:** The way you put off the old man (quit acting like the sinner you were before you were saved) and put on the new man (start acting like the righteousness of God you are now) is by renewing your mind.
 - b. This will bring forth the third aspect of righteousness in the Bible which is righteous behavior.

B. #2 – By faith - By acting on these truth in faith.

1. Believe you can go before God without the sense of guilt and unworthiness - Believe you can go before God with confidence because you have peace with God - Believe in the work God has done in you through Jesus Christ and believe you are righteous and all the benefits of righteousness belong to you.
2. Sometimes when you want to draw close to God to worship Him, or when you have a need and want to go to God for help thoughts and feelings of unworthiness will come. Thoughts of being a sinner and undeserving will come and hinder you from going to God.
3. When this happens you need to make a decision to walk by faith and not by feelings or thoughts.
4. You believe the Bible is true. You believe you received righteousness as a free gift through the work of Jesus Christ and that you are now the very righteousness of God.

5. So just act on the scriptures about benefits to righteousness by faith and act like the Bible is true regardless of what you feel or what thoughts may come.
6. The primary way we act on our faith is by speaking what we believe in our hearts. We believe the Word of God so begin to say what God's Word says about you – "I am the righteousness of God in Christ!"

Conclusion: Ask all to stand. You are the righteousness of God. You are righteous in God's sight right now. When God looks at you He sees you as righteous. Because of Jesus Christ you have become a child of God and have been made to be the righteousness of God. You can stand before God as though you never sinned. If you sin after becoming a Christian you can come before God when you need help or when you make a mistake with confidence that God will help you. God wants you to know the truth about righteousness and the about the benefits of righteousness. When you know these truth and act on these truths in faith it will completely change your life and walk with God. Let me encourage you to meditate I these verses until they come alive on the inside of you. Your life will be completely changed.

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COMPREHENSION TEST: For instructor with answers

1. What does the word “Righteous mean?”

Means to be innocent, right, the ability to stand before God as though you never sin.

2. When does God make you righteous?

When you received Jesus as your Lord and savior.

3. How do you become righteous in God’s eyes?

By becoming a new creation in Christ and receiving the free gift of righteousness by faith.

4. Should the Christian condemn themselves for sin?

No.

5. What should you do if you sin after you are saved?

Go to God with confidence, confess your sin to Him, and ask for forgiveness.

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