

# **“I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD”**

## **2 Corinthians 5:21**



### **AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.**

It was because of an act by God and not because of anything of my own doing that I can claim this. **Look up** the meaning of righteousness.

In the Biblical usage of this word, righteousness is rooted in covenants and relationships (between God and man). Righteousness is an attribute of God’s nature and should therefore be an attribute in our lives as well (a reflection of His nature in us).

**Read** Psalm 97. As you look back over this reference, salvation and justice exist together as the two sides of God’s righteousness. From the verses in this Psalm, **make notes** below regarding the righteousness of God.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

### **THINK ON THESE POINTS REGARDING RIGHTEOUSNESS**

1. Righteousness is only possible because of Christ’s death on the cross. God made Christ to become sin so He could pay the price (penalty) for us. We don’t have to pay the penalty because of God’s great love for us and His desire to bring us back into relationship with Him.

2. It is through faith that we attain the righteousness of God. **Look up** Philippians 3:9 and **write** the verse out below. **Highlight the key words** in this verse.

3. It is a robe which He places on us. As you **look up** Isaiah 61:10, there are two items of clothing mentioned in this verse which are given to us. What are they?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

4. The paths He leads me in are paths of righteousness. See Psalm 23:3. Are you maintaining your walk on these paths? What gets you off the path?

5. Peace is the harvest of righteousness when we are in conformity to God's will and purposes. **Look up** the following verses and **write the phrases** which pertain to this harvest.

Isaiah 32:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:11 \_\_\_\_\_

James 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Who can behold God's face? See Psalm 17:15

7. The Lord rewards me according to my righteousness and He pays back in kind. **Read** Psalm 18:20 and Psalm 11:5, 7.

8. What is one name the Lord is known as? See Jeremiah

33:16.

Re-read this verse and in the place of the word "our", place your name. Meditate on this thought. How does this make you feel?

9. What do you see in Psalm 71 in relation to righteousness?

We read in the Scriptures that we are to bear fruit. That subject of "fruit" is really another study in itself as there are various areas of our lives where we are to "bear fruit." However, when it comes to the area of righteousness, there are "fruits" that should be manifested in our lives. Let's take a look at some of these.



### FRUITS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Psalm 1:3: In this verse, there are 4 characteristics of this fruit mentioned. What are they?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Look at Psalm 15. In verses 2-4, there are some further qualities listed of the righteous man/woman. What are these?

3. **Read** Psalm 24:5. The righteous man will receive a blessing from the Lord and vindication from God.

4. What does Psalm 101:4 say the righteous man will not have anything to do with?

5. Psalm 112:4 states that even in darkness, the light dawns for the upright because of his trust in God. Verses 5-8 states what will happen to this individual.

**List these.**

Verse 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 7 and 8: \_\_\_\_\_

6. God gives to us encouragement in Proverbs 2:26 when He states that Godly wisdom and understanding are given to us when we seek it as diligently as looking for a treasure. He knows what we need to be equipped with as we live our lives day in and day out. Verse 7 states that God holds victory in store for the righteous. He is a shield (He will guard our course/protect our way) as long as our walk is blameless before Him. In verse 10 of Proverbs 2, what is it that will enter your heart?

Verse 11 adds to this that discretion will protect you and understanding will guard you. Are you feeling very special as a child of God?

7. What does Proverbs 10:16 say that the wages of the righteous bring to him/her?

8. Proverbs 11:15 is adding to the Proverbs 10:16 reference. As you read this verse take note that the fruit of righteousness in your life will make a straight way for you. The one who sows righteousness in every area and relation shall have a sure reward (verse 18). Verse 19 adds that this individual will attain life.

9. Look at Proverbs 11:30 and Psalm 1:3. What is the fruit?

10. **Write out** Proverbs 12:28 and **underline the key words** that apply here.

11. What is the resulting fruit found in Isaiah 32:17?

The result in your life will be quietness and confidence. No matter what goes on in our lives, the effect should be as an underlying stream of quietness and confidence flowing through us. The Scriptures state that we will live in peaceful dwelling places/undisturbed places of rest. A complete trust in the Lord and knowing He has all things in His control should help us to remain in that place of rest. It is when we take our eyes off of Him and on to the circumstances around us that brings us into places of anxiousness. The result of anxiousness then "opens a door" for the enemy to play with our mind and emotions. If we can keep our eyes on the One Who delivers and has promised to do so, those circumstances that arise in our lives can only be used to strengthen us, our trust and commitment to our Father.

12. Look at Isaiah 33:16. For the man of righteousness, there are four results of his walk in the paths of righteousness. What are these results?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Look up** Isaiah 55:12 and **write** the verse below. This is also a good verse to put into your "memory bank."

14. As we walk and live in righteousness, we are not to just sit back and receive. Fruit needs to keep bearing fruit and multiplying as part of God's Kingdom. Daniel 12:3 states that those who lead many to righteousness will give forth like the stars forever.

15. Matthew 12:35 says: "The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good things and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouses fling forth evil things." (Amplified)

16. **Read** Romans 6:22. **Fill in** the blanks.

\_\_\_\_\_ lead to holiness and result in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

17. What results in our lives as far as interpersonal relations with others when we are walking in righteousness? See John 13:35.

18. 1 Corinthians 13 is known as the "Love Chapter." Looking at this portion of Scripture, what does it state that love will produce?

19. We are all familiar with the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22. Can you write these out from memory? If not, refer to the Scripture reference.

Are any of these fruits lacking in your life? If so, list the ones you feel need to be developed in order to bring the "fruit-bearing" on your "tree."

Are you willing to surrender yourself to the Lord for His work to be done in this area? Thank Him for His work and for the ones you may be stronger in.

20. **Write out** 1 John 3:17.

21. **Write out** 1 John 4:18.