



TWCC Sermon Connection Handout

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020

Sermon Series: Foundations (Biblical Truths to Build Your Life On)

Sermon Title: Righteousness

Opening Scripture Text: Read Matthew 7:24 - 27 (NKJV).

RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Each of us as born-again believers need to grasp and understand our _____. We need to understand what righteousness _____ and what it _____ to us as believers and Christ-followers.
- **Romans 1:16 – 17 (NKJV)** – “¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it **the righteousness of God** is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”
 - **(1st UNDERSTANDING) – RIGHTEOUSNESS is a _____.** It is important to understand that the Gospel of Christ is a revelation of RIGHTEOUSNESS. Understanding righteousness is fundamental to Christianity. Understanding righteousness also enables us to win the fight of _____. Righteousness _____ us *right standing* or *rightness* with God; in the Christian context, a *good position* with God our Heavenly Father. **Righteousness sets us free from a sense of sin, guilt, shame, inferiority and condemnation.** Righteousness is the motivating power that drives us to both see the revelation of and experience the reality of _____. God see you IN CHRIST, but you must see yourself IN HIM!
 - We are no longer haunted by a sense of inadequacy or inferiority.
- **Romans 5:17 (NKJV)** – “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.”
 - **(2nd UNDERSTANDING) – RIGHTEOUSNESS is a FREE _____.** Righteousness is the force of the Spirit to enable and empower us with _____ in our faith and a _____ in our focus to step out *courageously* and step up *confidently* in:
 - **(1)** _____ we are in Christ and **(2)** _____ we are in the Body of Christ! Without a sense of fear, cowardice, timidity, inferiority, shame or condemnation.
 - Righteousness is living in a state of favor or being pleasing, accepted, or _____ by God.

- **Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 21 (NKJV)**
 - (3rd UNDERSTANDING) – RIGHTEOUSNESS is something God _____ us in Christ.

- **1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)** – “But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and **righteousness** and sanctification and redemption.”
- **EVERYTHING JESUS DID, HE DID FOR YOU – IT IS SET TO THE _____ OF YOUR ACCOUNT AS THOUGH YOU DID IT. IT OTHER WORDS, YOU GET THE CREDIT, BUT JESUS GETS THE GLORY!**
- Our Father God would not and did not make an _____ new creature. If you are saved and born-again, you must be _____! We have God’s Class, First Class Righteousness!
- **Romans 10:9 – 10 (NKJV)** – “⁹ That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
- **Romans 4:25 (NKJV)** – “Who was delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification.”

- **Read Romans 3:21 – 26 (NKJV)** – God is our righteousness! God Himself has become our righteousness.

FORGIVENESS INCLUDES CLEANSING FROM UNRIGHTEOUSNESS!

- **Read 1 John 1:5 – 10; 1 John 2:1 - 2 (NKJV)**
- **What to does SIN do to us?** (1st) Sin breaks our _____ with God. Breaking spiritual fellowship with God means – separation from God’s *Presence, Peace, Protection* and *Provision*. (2nd) Sin lets the devil’s _____ and evil infection enter into your life. It is the doorway and entrance into how he and his demon cohorts are permitted to steal, kill and destroy in our homes, our marriages, our families, our finances, etc. (3rd) Sin expels you out of _____ into _____. Spiritual things tend to become *dull, dim, dense*, a *drudgery* and *dark* in your life because your joy in practicing and walking in the light of the Word has been forfeited through sin and disobedience.
- We forfeit our _____ when we do three things relative to sin: (1) Deny the _____ of sin (2) Deny the _____ of sin and (3) Deny the _____ of sin.
- **What is SIN - Biblically Defined?** (1) What ever is not of _____ (**Romans 14:23**) (2) To show _____, PREDJUDICE or DISCRIMINATION towards others who are of a different color, class, category, creed or culture (**James 2:8 – 9**) (3) A Violation of _____ (**James 4:17**) and (4) All _____ in sin (**1 John 5:17**).
- **Friends, we are not live and exist as a Believer and Christ-follower with a sin consciousness, but a righteousness conscious! We are not just forgiven sinners! We are the righteousness of God in Christ!**
- **1 John 1:9 (NKJV)** – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins** and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.”
- **Two Part to Receiving Forgiveness:**
 - (1st Part) = _____ – acknowledge and agree with God about that Sin / sinful act or actions.
 - **SIN goes out by way of the mouth.**
 - (2nd Part) = _____ God’s Cleansing – take for yourself by faith the cleansing from **ALL** unrighteousness. **Righteousness comes in by way of the mouth.**
- **2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)** – “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”