

Righteousness, it's important, it's not an option!

Righteousness as seen in the Old Testament: as opposed to un-godlyness.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish, **Psalm 1:6**.
And he (*Abraham*), believed in the LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness, **Genesis 15:6**.
(a certain priest named Zacharias, and his wife) were both righteous before God, walking in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless, **Luke 1:6**.

He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness, **Psalm 9:8**.

Righteousness in the Old Testament was based on one's works and their obedience to God. In the New Testament, we have been given the gift of Christ's righteousness, and we now need to walk in it.

Righteousness, now in the New Testament: We are declared to be righteous.

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.)¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life, **Romans 5:17-18**.

In Romans 4:5-8, we see that:

- **verse 5:** All who simply believe on Him, that justifies the ungodly, their faith is counted for righteousness.
- **verse 6:** Blessed is the man that God has imputed righteousness to apart from works,
- **verse 7-8:** Who's iniquities are forgiven and sins are covered, blessed is he that the Lord will not impute sin.
- **verse 9:** and just as Abraham, our faith can also be reckoned for righteousness,

Righteousness given to us, however, how we walk in it is our choice.

- **When the Holy Spirit is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: . . . Of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more;** John 16:8-10.

Righteousness is very much connected with; Knowing that God raised Jesus from the dead, **Romans 10:9-10**. and walking in obedience and being Holy and blameless before the God, **Philippians 2:15**.

The importance that we must be clothed in Christ's righteousness: (it's a necessity).

Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, **Luke 18:9-14**.

The Pharisee trusted in his self-righteousness, and was abased.

The Publican humbled himself, realizing his sinful condition, and was exulted.

Parable of the Marriage feast, **Matthew 22:1-14**.

The man that refused to put on and wear the proper wedding garment, can be compared to a man that was not cloth in or refused to cloth himself in Christ's righteousness.

No matter how good we think we are, our righteousness is as a filthy rag, **Isaiah 64:6**.

And without putting on Christ's righteousness, we will be found unacceptable to the Father.

For there is only One who is righteous:

O righteous Father, the world has not known Thee: but I have known Thee, . . ., John 17:25.

The Father determines what is righteousness and what is not, it is not necessarily based on our worldly values or our sense of what is right or wrong.

Other scriptures and further comments about the essential need of righteousness:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you, Matthew 6:33.

- Only when we come in His righteousness, shall all these things / blessings be given us.
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These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal, Matthew 25:46.

- Only the righteous inherit eternal life,
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The righteousness of God *is* revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. **Romans 1:17.**

- We must see ourself as righteous by faith, we cannot not determine this according to our works.
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To declare the righteousness of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins that are past, ; **Romans 3:25.**

- If we do not claim Christ's righteousness, we also then retain the sins and the guilt of our past, (ouch).
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What saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness, **Romans 4:3.**

- It is as simple as believing God, believing the good news of the Gospel, God raised Jesus from the dead.
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So by the obedience of one (*Jesus Christ*), shall many be made righteous, **Romans 5:19.**

For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes, **Romans 10:4.**

- All we have to do is believe the account of Christ; He was born, Crucified, died, and rose from the dead.
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Servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **Romans 6:16.**

- Question: who are we going to obey, (sin unto death or righteousness to life)?
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That ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness, **Ephesians 4:24.**

- Righteousness is a part of the new man that all believers have become in Christ, don't question it, put it on!
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The Lord, the righteous judge, will give a crown of righteousness to all that love His appearing, **2nd Timothy 4:8.**

- God is Thee righteous Judge, and the Lord will reward us according.
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O man of God, follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness, **1st Timothy 6:11.**

- It is quite essential, righteousness is the first mentioned on the list.
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Scripture *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **2nd Timothy 3:16.**

- Being righteous is not just a belief, it can also be lifestyle that requiring instruction.
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Thy throne of Christ Jesus is for ever: a scepter of righteousness *is* the scepter of thy kingdom, **Hebrews 1:8.**

- God's entire kingdom operates under righteousness, there is no other way.
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Every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe, **Hebrews 5:13.**

- learn the needed skills now, it's never to late to grow and mature in the Word.
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Melchisedec, priest of the most high God, King of righteousness, and after that King of Salem, **Hebrews 7:2.**

- This high priest of God, is foremost king of righteousness, after that king of Salem and peace.
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And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace, **James 3:18.**

- Righteousness is sown in, if you are not walking in of peace, check your level of righteousness.
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That we, being dead to sins, should live to righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed, **1st Peter 2:24.**

- Even God's incredible gift of healing given to us, seems to be conditional on us living in righteousness.

Scriptures in the Old Testament concerning righteousness, each edited down to one line, for space:

The acts of the Lord are righteous, **1st Samuel 12:7.**
... the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether, **Psalm 19:9.**
The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever, **Psalm 37:29.**
The salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *he is* their strength in the time of trouble, **Psalm 37:39.**
Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth, **Psalm 58:11.**
Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous, **Psalm 69:28.**
The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon, **Psalm 92:12.**
He (*the Lord*), shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth, **Psalm 96:13.**
Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times, **Psalm 106:3.**
Gracious *is* the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful, **Psalm 116:5.**
Thy Word *is* true . . . : and every one of Thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever, **Psalm 119:160.**
The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works, **Psalm 145:17.**
He (the LORD), layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: for them that walk uprightly, **Proverbs 2:7.**
For the froward *is* abomination to the LORD: but his secret *is* with the righteous, **Proverbs 3:32.**
Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death, **Proverbs 10:2.**
The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: **Proverbs 10:3.**
The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth, **Proverbs 10:30.**
Righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall, **Proverbs 11:5.**
The fruit of the righteous *is* a tree of life; and he that winneth souls *is* wise, **Proverbs 11:30.**
The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous, **Proverbs 15:29.**
The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion, **Proverbs 28:1.**
the LORD of hosts exalted in judgment, and God shall be sanctified in righteousness, **Isaiah 5:16.**
With righteousness shall He judge the poor, . . . with His lips shall he slay the wicked, **Isaiah 11:4.**
Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in, **Isaiah 26:2.**
... when Thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants will learn righteousness, **Isaiah 26:9.**
Let favor be shewed to the wicked, *yet* will he not learn righteousness: . . . , **Isaiah 26:10.**
Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment, **Isaiah 32:1.**
The work of righteousness is peace; and the effect is quietness and assurance for ever, **Isaiah 32:17.**
The LORD is exalted . . . : He hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness, **Isaiah 33:5.**
I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and give thee a covenant of the people, **Isaiah 42:6.**
I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: **Isaiah 45:13.**
I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right, **Isaiah 45:19.**
I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: **Isaiah 46:13.**
Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD, **Isaiah 51:1.**
but My salvation shall be for ever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished, **Isaiah 51:6.**
The servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of Me, saith the LORD, **Isaiah 54:17.**
For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; **Isaiah 59:17.**
They might be called trees of righteousness, planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified, **Isaiah 61:3.**
he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, **Isaiah 61:10.**
Behold, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch (*Jesus*), **Jeremiah 23:5.**
and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, **Jeremiah 23:6.**
... they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness, **Ezekiel 14:20.**
... and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, **Ezekiel 21:3.**
When the righteous turn from righteousness, and commits iniquity, he shall die, **Ezekiel 33:18.**

I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, in judgment, lovingkindness, and mercies, Hosea 2:19.
Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; , Hosea 10:129.
But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream, Amos 5:24.
that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD, Micah 6:5.
they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness, Zechariah 8:8.
that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness, Malachi 3:3.
Then shall discern between the righteous and the wicked, that serves God and not, Malachi 3:18.
But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; Malachi 4:2.

Scriptures in the New Testament concerning righteousness.

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Jesus baptized by John B., Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Matthew 3:15.

For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: Matthew 21:32.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled, Matthew 5:6.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 5:10.

except your righteousness exceed the Pharisees, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven, Matthew 5:20.

go ye and learn what that means: I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance, Matthew 9:13.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, Matthew 13:43.

ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity, Matthew 23:28.

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment, John 7:24.

in every nation he that feareth Him (God), and works righteousness, is accepted with Him. Acts 10:35.

Elymas the sorcerer, was called: a thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, Acts 13:10.

God will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ whom He has given assurance unto all men, Acts 17:31.

likewise: the wrath of God comes on men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Romans 1:18.

all of us, after we have stored up wrath must come to the revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Romans 2:5.

now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, witnessed by the law and prophets; Romans 3:21.

Even the righteousness of God by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: Romans 3:22.

to him that believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness, Romans 4:5.

David describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God impute righteousness without works, Romans 4:6.

for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness, Romans 4:9.

For the promise, to Abraham, or to his seed, was through the righteousness of faith, Romans 4:13.

And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness, Romans 4:22.

receiving abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by Jesus Christ.) Romans 5:17.

by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life, Romans 5:18.

even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness, Romans 6:18.

But now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness, Romans 6:19.

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness, Romans 6:20.

the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit, Romans 8:4.

if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness, Romans 8:10.

the Gentiles, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith, Romans 9:30.

But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness has not attained to the law of righteousness, Romans 9:31



with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation, Romans 10:9

the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, Romans 14:17.

God has made Christ Jesus to us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1st Cor 1:30.

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: 1st Corinthians 15:34.

much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory, [2nd Corinthians 3:9](#).
 that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (Christ Jesus), [2nd Corinthians 5:21](#).
 what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and light with darkness? [2nd Corinthians 6:14](#).
 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith, [Galatians 5:5](#).
 (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) [Ephesians 5:9](#).
 Stand therefore, . . . , and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [Ephesians 6:14](#).
 filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God, [Philippians 1:11](#).
 but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: [Philippians 3:9](#).
 a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, [2nd Thessalonians 1:5](#).
 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; [2nd Thessalonians 1:6](#).
 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, [1st Timothy 1:9](#).
 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, [2nd Timothy 2:22](#).
 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God, [James 1:20](#).
 chastening is never pleasant: nevertheless it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness, [Hebrews 12:11](#).
 Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and called the Friend of God, [James 2:23](#).
 The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, [James 5:16](#).
 He bare our sins in his body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: , [1st Peter 2:24](#).
 the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: [1st Peter 3:12](#).
 God's eyes and ears are open to the righteous, but His face is against them that do evil, [1st Peter 3:12](#).
 them that obtain precious faith through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: [2nd Peter 1:1](#).
but saved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; [2nd Peter 2:5](#).
 And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: [1st John 2:1](#).
 If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that does righteousness is born of Him. [1st John 2:29](#).
 let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous, [1st John 3:7](#).
 whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother, [1st John 3:10](#).
 that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for that is the righteousness of saints, [Revelation 19:8](#).
 He *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war, [Revelation 19:11](#).

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1st Corinthians 4:20		
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