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Righteousness
Lesson 1

God is known as **Jehovah-Tdsidkenu**: which means **God is my righteousness**

In 2 Timothy 3:vs16, 17 it says, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

Spiritual Maturity – Hebrews 5:12-14

Dictionary Definition: To be morally upright; without guilt or sin

The Hebrew word for righteousness is **tseh'-dek, tzedek**, Strong's Concordance: 6664—explains righteous as integrity, equity, justice, straightness.

The root of **tseh'-dek** is **tsaw-dak'**, In the Hebrew, Strongs: 6663 defines it as —upright, just, straight, innocent, true, and sincere.

In Strongs: 1345 the Greek word for righteousness is **dikaloma** = judgement, justification. The Greek word for righteous is “just” or “justifier”.

The **Christian definition** is: To be in right standing with God, through Jesus Christ. The ability to stand in the presence of the Father without the sense of guilt or inferiority, as if sin never existed. We are justified: just as if we never sinned.

2 Peter 3:9, Habakkuk 1:13, Proverbs 17:15, Romans 9:14

One of the great majestic names of the LORD God is “*The LORD Our Righteousness*” (Jer. 33:16).

There are two kinds of righteousness:

1) Righteousness as a result of obedience to the Law, i.e. through achievement, or good works. This was established in the OT.

2) Righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus. Philippians 3:9, Romans 5:17.

This is the New Covenant.

In the OT righteousness is used to define our relationship with God:

Jeremiah 9:24, Psalm 50:6, Psalm 23:3

Adam was the first righteous man.

Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:8

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Adam sinned: Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death*

Isaiah 59:2

Romans 3:vs23-26 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

John 8:34 *whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.*

2 Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 14:9-11, Ephesians 2:12-13

In the OT the Jews were required to offer the blood of sacrificial animals to receive forgiveness for their sins, and stand before God righteous once again.

The cross of Jesus is a public demonstration of God's righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Romans 3:25-26

When we receive righteousness through Jesus Christ:

1. Our standing is restored.
2. Our fellowship is restored.
3. Our faith is restored.
4. Our peace is restored.
5. Our freedom is restored.
6. We become His children again.

Colossians 1:13-14 *in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

1. We are delivered out of Satan's dominion.
2. We are born into the kingdom of the Son
3. We have redemption from Satan's dominion, which means that Satan has no legal right over anyone who has accepted Christ as his Savior. The Believer becomes part of God's family.
4. There is the remission of our sins – which is the forgiveness of our sins.

You are born into righteousness when you are born again.

1 Corinthians 1:30 *righteousness and sanctification and redemption—*

Isaiah 64:6, Jer. 17:9, Mark 7:vs20-23

Romans 10:3 *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.*

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Romans 5:16-17 *who receive **abundance of grace** and of **the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

Revelation 5:10 we have been made "*kings and priests to our God; and **we shall reign on the earth***"

When we are united to Christ, we have a righteous and holy standing before God. We are "in Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:9, 1 Corinthians 11:7

John 8:v29 *for I always do those things that please Him."*

John 4:34, John 5:v30

This is how we walk in righteousness –do the will of the Father, as Jesus did. John 6:38

John. 8:46, Matthew 17:v5

1 Peter 2:22-23 the righteousness of Jesus "*Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth*".

He "*fulfilled all righteousness*" Matthew 3:14-15.

"*The wages of sin is death*" in (Romans 6:23) and

"*The soul that sins will surely die.*" (Ezekiel 18:20)

In the OT the sins of the Jews was "covered" by the blood of animals.

But in the NT, our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus. We stand pure and holy before the Lord, through the blood of Jesus.

We need to appropriate our righteousness. This means: To take possession of or make use of –exclusively for oneself.

Romans 3:24-26 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation (means: the act of atoning for sin or wrongdoing) by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed...

God's gift is "*the righteousness that is by faith from first to last.*" "*The righteous person will live by faith*" (Rom. 1:17; Hab. 2:4).

Isaiah 43:25 "*I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My **own** sake; and I will not remember your sins.*"

Exodus 12:13

Revelations 1:5 "*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*"

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

2 Corinthians 6:vs14&16 God tells us in v. 16 that He will dwell in us and walk with us – how could God who is pure and holy, and perfect in every way – dwell in us, with all our sin – if He didn't first cleanse us with the blood of Jesus?

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Believers are called “light” (Matt. 5:14)

Our prayer life:

1 Peter 3:12 *For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers*

James 5:16 *the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.* You are that righteous man.

Inheriting eternal life: Matthew 19:29, Romans 4:13

Overcomers: Rev. 21:7

God accounted Abraham’s works of faith as righteousness

In Genesis 15:6 (Abraham) *believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.* In the NT James confirms this in chapter 2:v23 *And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.*

Read Romans 4:vs3-22

John 17:23

2 Peter 1:4 *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *all things have become new.*

Jude 24 *to present you faultless*

Romans 8:37 *we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Romans 8:31 *If God is for us, who can be against us?*

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

Leviticus 17:11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’*

Atonement means: the reconciliation of God and humans; brought about by the redemptive life and death of Jesus.

Redemption means: Salvation from sin through Jesus’ sacrifice

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Redemption

The dictionary definition for redemption means:

1. Deliverance upon payment of ransom; rescue.
2. The payment of an obligation
3. **The Christian definition is** = Salvation from sin through Jesus's sacrifice

The word “**redeem**” means to “buy out or buy back” and this term specifically referred to the purchase of a slave’s freedom.

Romans 6:6 *our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

Revelation 5:9-10 v.9 *For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood.*

Ephesians 1:7 *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

Romans 5:17 *who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life.*

Galatians 3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.*

Galatians 4:5 *to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

Titus 2:14 *who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

1 Peter 1:16 *“Be holy, for I am holy.”*

Colossians 1:18-20 *and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself...having made peace through the blood of His cross.*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 *your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.*

Read **Galatians chapter 3**

vs13-14 and v29 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us WHY did He do this? 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through*

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faith – and v. 29 if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What was the purpose of the law?

Galatians 3:19 *What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made.*

Read the entire **chapter 28 of Deuteronomy**.

Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 promises *all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you...*

vs 15-68 : curses of the Law.

Galatians 3:13 we are redeemed from the curse of the Law.

Galatians 3:v14 *if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Matthew 6:33 *“seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*

Philippians 4v.19 *my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

3 John 2, *I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

2 Corinthians 9 verses 6-14 (v.'s 10-11 specifically) *Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.*

Haggai 2:8-12 tells us that all the silver and gold are the Lord's, and the world – and all it contains.

We have a better covenant through Jesus.

Hebrews 7: v. 22 and 25, *by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. v.25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He **always** lives to make intercession for them.*

Joshua 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. **then** you will make your way prosperous, and **then** you will have good success.*

Ephesians 2:6 and (He) raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We have also been redeemed from the curse of sickness.

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Deuteronomy 28 every sickness and disease is a curse of the law, and verse 61 says that it is punishment for breaking God's law.

In Deuteronomy 28, there are 11 verses of blessings (verses 3 to 13) and 53 verses of curses (verses 16 to 68).

In the original Hebrew, the verb is in the **permissive** rather than the **causative** sense.

Deuteronomy 28:27 should have been translated something like, "*The Lord will **allow** / **permit** these plagues to be brought upon you...*"

The English language has no corresponding permissive tense, the verbs were translated in the causative tense. **Isaiah 45:7** reads, "*I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I the Lord do all these things*".

God may permit evil, but He does not create it.

1 Samuel 16:14 says, "*But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.*"

Malachi 3:6 *For I am the LORD, I do not change.*

Hebrews 13:8 *that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Jesus "healed ALL" in the NT. (**Mark 6:5-6**)

John 10:10

1 Corinthians 14:33

Colossians 1:21-22 *And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—*

Genesis 2:17 "*...in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*"

Genesis 3:22-24 we are told that Adam disobeyed God and he became a slave of sin and death.

John 8:44 Satan's nature.

1 Corinthians 15:26

Revelation 2:7 *To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life.*

John 5:24 says, *he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

Romans 8:16: *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God—*

Colossians 1:13-14 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

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Developing a righteousness consciousness

Obeying the commandments of God is counted as righteousness:

Deuteronomy 6v25 "Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us."

Psalm 119:172 My tongue shall speak of Your Word, for *all Your commandments are righteousness.*

Isaiah 58:2 Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, *as a nation that did righteousness, and did not forsake the ordinance of their God.* They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.

We have had a sin-consciousness, a sense of condemnation.

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

A righteousness-consciousness is a victory-consciousness in Christ.

I have the victory through Jesus Christ, because *1 Cor. 15:57* says, *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Know who you are in Christ:

we are more than **conquerors** through Him who loves us. *Romans 8:37*

I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens me.** *Philippians 4:13*

I am the **head** and **not** the **tail**; *Deuteronomy 28:13*

I am blessed going in and blessed going out *Deuteronomy 28:6*

Greater is He who is in me, than He who is in the world. *1 John 4:4*

All things are possible to him who believes. *Mark 9:23*

God always leads me in triumph in Christ. *2 Corinthians 2:14*

Isaiah 55v10-11: *For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

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John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.***

Ephesians 2:3, *among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others.*

Colossians 1:3 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.***

2 Peter 1:4 *by which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises**, that **through these you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Because of Jesus, healing belongs to us. There is a principle involved in knowing what we have because of Jesus. It is this: ***If we have scriptures to back what we are speaking with our mouth, we will create realities the way God creates realities when He speak.*** This means, when we speak in line with the Word of God, we create something; we bring something into being with the confession of our mouth.

John 16:13-15 *However, when He, the **Spirit of truth**, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for **He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak**; and **He will tell you things to come**. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine **and declare it to you**. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

I Corinthians 3:21, 22 *Therefore let no one boast in men. **For all things are yours**: 22 ...the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—**all are yours.***

Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 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.***

2 Corinthians 10:5 *cast down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.*

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Galatians 5:22, 23: Fruit of the spirit- *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

1 Peter 3:12 *For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.*

Ephesians 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.*

1 John 4:4

Isaiah 32:17 *The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

Righteousness is a “way” of life as indicated by the following scriptures:

Psalm 106:3 says, *Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times!* “he that does righteousness” requires action –

Proverbs 8:20 says, *I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice.*

Proverbs 12:28 promises us that, *In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.*

Revelations 19:11 describes Christ on a white horse: *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

Righteousness is something to be “learned” **Isaiah 26:9-10** *With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; for when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. 10 Let grace be shown to the wicked, yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.*

Righteousness is something to be sought after: **Matthew 5:6** says, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

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

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1 John. 2:29 *If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.*

1 John 3:7&10 is written in the continuous present tense: *Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. V.10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

Jeremiah 23:6 states, *Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.* The Hebrew is Jehovah Tsidkenu.

In the OT a righteous man could lose his righteousness through sin.

Ezekiel 3:20 *when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.*

Ezekiel 18:22&24 *None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. V. 24 "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.*

Righteousness is made void by committing sin **Ezekiel 18:26** *When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.*

In the NT 2 Peter 2:21 *For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.*

1 John 1:9 allows us to confess our sins before the Lord and He will: *cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* Do this daily.

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Romans 1:17 *the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

Galatians 5:5 *we, through the Spirit, eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

Rom. 5:17-18

Romans 6:16 *Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

Daniel 4:27 *break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.*

1 Cor. 15:34 *awake to righteousness and do not sin.*

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

Hebrews 11:7 *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."*

James 2:14-26 *What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. v 20 faith without works is dead? by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. v26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

The Force of Righteousness

I Corinthians 1:30 *But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—*

Isaiah 32:17 *The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness,*

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quietness and assurance forever.

Isaiah 54:14-17 In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you. v17. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me,” Says the LORD.

Romans 10:1-10 v.4 Christ is the end of the law for righteousness – to everyone who believes.

4 points: sin consciousness vs. righteousness consciousness

1. Sin consciousness never acts boldly; it always hesitates.

Hebrews 11:6 that it is impossible to please God without faith.

2. Sin consciousness requires some physical evidence that God is moving.

Hebrews 9:26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

3. The righteousness consciousness *knows* God is moving because he asked Him to.

1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God – does not have life.

4. *Hebrews 10:1-2* tells us that animal sacrifices through the law were insufficient. But verses *10-14* tell us that, *we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

John 11:vs32-44

Righteousness cannot be obtained by works – **Romans 9:vs30-32**

Righteousness must be submitted to – **Romans 10:vs1-4**

Righteousness which is by faith *speaks* – **Romans 10:6**

Read Hebrews 10:vs1-23. **Remission** means: **Release from a debt**, penalty, or obligation. Forgiveness or pardon.

Romans 5:1 “*being declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*”.

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The Triumph of Righteousness

Romans 5:17 *For if by the one man's offence 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.*

Go through the scriptures and find out what belongs to us because of Jesus. Underline these scriptures in red and list all these scriptures and study them – confess them over your lives daily.

Refer to “In Him” by Kenneth Hagin Snr.

When you confess God's Word over your life – it becomes Rhema and Rhema becomes the weapon that destroys the enemy.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

Ephesians 4:24 *put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

1 Peter 1:15-16 *as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct,** 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”*

We are to walk in His Word, and when we do, we are made holy. Holiness is being of one mind with God.

Romans 3:23-25 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins, that were previously committed.*

Confess 1 John 1:9

Jesus' triumphed over Satan.

- A. He had victory whilst on earth.
- B. He had victory in the Resurrection.
- C. He had victory in the New Creation.

Jesus had full authority over nature. Matthew 8:23-32, Luke 4:33-35, John 11:41-42

John 8:36 *Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

Isaiah 26:3-4: *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.*

Psalms 37:23-27 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholds him with His hand. 25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the*

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righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; and his descendants are blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell forevermore.

Righteousness leads us in triumph.

1. We can expect victory on earth . . .
2. We can expect victory through the Resurrection . . .
3. We can expect victory in the New Creation. . .

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 2:6 "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus".

Hebrews 10:12-14

*Isaiah 58:8 **your healing** shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the **glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.***

*James 1:25 – But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer **but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.***

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Our right-standing with God

Matthew 6:24-34

Luke 12:31-32 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

Galatians 1:4 gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

Galatians 3:6-29 "the just shall live by faith". v.13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us. v.22 that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

1 John 3:1-2 what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! v2 Beloved, now we are children of God.

John 1:12-13

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Ephesians 1:4-5 *just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.*

Galatians 4:5

John 17:23

Romans 2:11

Ephesians 2:1, 6

1 Corinthians 3:9

2 Corinthians 5:21; 8:9

Isaiah 53:6, 9

Colossians 2:10 *you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

Romans 5:1

1 Timothy 3:16 *without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.*

Job 33:26 *He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, He shall see His face with joy, for He restores to man His righteousness.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.*

We must develop a *righteousness consciousness*.

Romans 5:17 tells us that it is a gift, and

Romans 3:21-22 – states we have righteousness by faith.

Romans 3:25 *whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.*

Hebrews 10:9-10 *I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Romans 3:26 *to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

1 John 5:11-12 *this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

Read Hebrews 9:vs7-9 and vs11-14

Confession

I am the righteousness of God, through faith.

God sees me through Jesus.

God loves me as much as He loves Jesus,

because I am in Christ,

seated with Him in Heavenly places.

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Lesson 5

Healing in the Gift of Righteousness

Isaiah 53:4-12 v5 *He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.*

Isaiah 54:v5, 8-17, v17 *No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.*

1 Peter 2:24 *Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

Romans 5:17 *righteousness is a gift.*

Romans 8:10-11 *"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. "*

Proverbs 12:3 *the root of the righteous cannot be moved. - the stronger the root, the less able you are to dislodge it.*

Parable of the sower Mark 4:17 *and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the Word's sake, immediately they stumble.*

You need to be established in the Word to be established in righteousness.

Hebrews 10:1-2 reminds us of this, *For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.*

Deception and concerns of this world.

1 Timothy 2:14 *Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*

Revelation 12:9 *the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

God in His mercy has given us a way out through 1 John 1:9.

Ephesians 6:13-17 *take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

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v14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Romans 4:8 *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

Deuteronomy 28:61 every sickness and disease is a curse of the Law.

Sickness was part of the curses of the Law Deuteronomy 28 vs 15-68.

Galatians 3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.*

In the original Hebrew, the verb is in the **permissive** rather than the **causative** sense.

*Deuteronomy 28:27 The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumours, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed, v27 and v61 should have been translated something like, "The Lord will **allow** / **permit** these plagues to be brought upon you..."*

The God of the Old Testament and the New Testament is the same God that "healeth thee" -- Jehovah Rapha (Exodus 15:26 says, "If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. **For I am the LORD who heals you.**"

Healing is part of Christ's redemptive work.

Matthew 8:17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

1 Peter 2:24 *that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

1. Faith is a grace gift from God (Ephesians 2:8). (Romans 10:17)
2. Faithfulness, long-suffering/patience are fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)

Acts 10:38 reports that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing **all** that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."

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Joint-Heirs with Jesus

Romans 8:v15-17 which says, *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

Colossians 1:12-22 v15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth.*

As a joint-heir with Jesus Christ, we inherit everything that HE is:

He makes us worthy – **He** presents us before the Father, pure and sinless.

How precious Jesus is to the Father, is how precious Jesus has made us to the Father.

The way the Father loves Jesus, is the way the Father loves us.

Galatians 4:4-7 provides us with a summary of how we became heirs of God: *when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

1 John 4:17 *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

Philippians 2:5-6,v15 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.*

1 John 3:1-2 says, *Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

Revelation 1:4-6 *To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.*

Romans 9:30-32 *What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness, ³² Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.*

2 Corinthians 6:14 *what fellowship has righteousness to do with lawlessness?*

Hebrews 9:12-14 *Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood*

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*He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Hebrews 1:3 says, who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

The righteousness of God in Christ:

1. You are acceptable to God and can enter into his throne room of grace boldly.

Hebrews 4vs16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2. You can receive the benefits of forgiveness and healing.

Psalm 103 vs1-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases.

3. You can have personal fellowship with Jesus.

1 Cor. 1 vs 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. You need not fear judgement day where all deeds of evil are exposed.

Because 1 John 4 vs 17 tells us, Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

5. You are in a position to walk free from sin and evil.

Romans 6 vs 7-11 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

6. You are in a position to bear and increase in the fruits of righteousness

2 Cor. 9 vs 10 says, Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.

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7. Once we are accepted by God, born of His Holy Spirit we are born again, declared righteous.

Ephesians 2 vs 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Philippians 3:9 not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.

Matthew 19:29 whoever leaves things behind for Jesus' sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.