

Practice Your Position!

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Introduction: The Holy Spirit awakened me with a deep burden to see that His believers are living far below their Bold Position in Right Standing with God. When your everyday life, the attitudes and voices of those around you, and the decisions from the past have weighed you down, it is time to take your position. God designed **His Gift of Righteousness to be daily exercised!**

- **Hebrews 5:12** *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. ¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

I. GUILTLESS RIGHTEOUSNESS – IS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU!

Romans 3:19 *Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

- **2 Peter 2:19b** *for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.*

Overcome - inferiority--to be conquered by one or forced to yield to one.

Bondage - to make a slave of, or reduce to bondage

1. **Guilt** produces shame.
2. **Inferiority** is being subordinate to a person or situation which appears to overpower you.
3. **Insecurity** is experiencing more fear than is warranted.
4. **Condemnation** is the sentence imposed upon one found guilty
5. **Man's religion** uses God's Law to bring one to see only failure in our lives, we are never good enough, then when we try to get it right we get **SELF RIGHTEOUS.**
6. **God's Righteousness** has come without the law. **Romans 3:21** *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*

A. Righteousness--the ability to stand in the presence of God without the sense of guilt, inferiority or insecurity, just as if sin never existed. 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

B. Righteousness is gifted to sinners by faith.

1. Faith makes everyone entitled to His Righteousness
2. No difference between Jew and Gentile
3. Everyone has sinned.

Romans 3:22 *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

C. We are declared righteous by grace through Jesus' Blood.

1. Through God's Goodness, Jesus paid the price for sin.
2. Through Jesus' Blood, your sins are remitted, and you are legally "not guilty" because you believe!

Romans 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

II. GOD'S GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS BY FAITH WITHOUT CONDEMNATION

Romans 5:17 *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.)*

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

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST SPEAK FROM THE HEART AND MOUTH **Romans 10:6** *But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)⁷ Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)⁸ But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;⁹ That if thou shalt confess*

with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ¹² For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

IV. JESUS BECAME SIN SO THAT WE WOULD BECOME RIGHTEOUS AND REIGN AS KINGS IN HIS KINGDOM

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

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

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰ **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

V. JESUS IS NOW OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. HE HAS GREAT EFFECT IN OUR LIFE AND FRUIT THROUGH OUR LIFE. **1 Corinthians 1:30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

- A. We are far from oppression, fear, and distraction. **Isaiah 54:14** *In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee;---* ¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, **and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.**
- B. The fruit shall be peace, quietness, and assurance. **Isaiah 32:17** *And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. ¹⁸ And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;*
- C. Righteousness becomes a great protection in life through God's armor. **Ephesians 6:10** *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and **having on the breastplate of righteousness; ---the breastplate of righteousness***

VI. THE ACCUSER IS UNDER YOUR FEET! **Revelation 12:9** *And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

DAILY - EXERCISE THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- I receive grace and the gift of right standing with God through Jesus' Death and Resurrection!
- Through Jesus' Blood; guilt, shame, blame, and condemnation have no place in my life in Jesus' Name!
- I declare God's peace rules my heart and mind through Jesus Christ!
- I am complete, washed by Jesus' Blood and break every word and action assigned against me and my house in Jesus' Name!
- I reign as His King on this Earth in Jesus' Name!
- Jesus is the Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- NOW! Nothing can stop me now in Jesus' Name!

Worship God with your first-fruits, tithes, offerings and sacrifices they are a memorial before God:

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Cornelius' prayers and giving became a memorial! Acts 10:4 *And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, **Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.***

Numbers 10:10 *Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, **ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.***

Psalms 20:1 *The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; ² Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; ³ **Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah.** ⁴ Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. ⁵ We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. ⁶ Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.*