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Guys I heard this sermon on Monday night and got the sermon notes.

Now I see repentance from dead works completely different.

It's repentance from dead works after I have been saved!

Anyway...it's a great sermon...don't miss it and pass it on!

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Because of the dominion of the law, everyone here is married. And there are only two husbands: 1.) The Law, who is cr uel and hard, always pointing out your mistakes and failures which in turn makes you feel like a constant failure, and 2.) The Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly laid down His spotless life so that you might become the righteousness of God thro ugh Him. It is spiritual adultery to go back under the law. It cheapens the cross of Christ to think that you have not beco me righteous in Him. That is why He died. That is who He will return for. Ephesians 5:27 says that He will return for a c hurch Â“not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing.Â” When would we become such a church if we havenÂ't already t hrough Christ? Read what Paul wrote again in Romans 10:3-10 with a new understanding.

DonÂ't you see, when we try to establish our own righteousness we miserably come up short. When we try to maintain our salvation or the feeling of being saved by doing good things, we have failed to receive all that Christ has accomplish ed through the cross. Turn with me to Philippians 3:8-11 where we read, Â“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that w hich is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His re surrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurr ection from the dead.Â”

We are stuck in the infant stages of Christianity when we wonÂ't receive the righteousness that Jesus purchased for us t hrough His cross. Christ fulfilled the law, then gave His life as a ransom for all who would believe. Included in that pay ment was our righteousness; that we could not hope to gain by keeping the law, for all are lawbreakers. In the book of T itus we read: But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousne ss which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of t he Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

Please hear this, if we wonÂ't receive the fact that we are righteous in GodÂ's sight, what's more, that we have become t he righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, then we destroy our faith. We remain spiritual babies that are not able to grow up in the things of God. And letÂ's face it, nobody wants to be around an adult who acts like a child. It eventually wears on and wears out the best of us. We canÂ't afford to live another day in the deception that we are not righteous in Christ . Reject that nagging, relentless feeling that youÂ'll never be good enough, righteous enough, or holy enough. Where d oes that feeling of unrighteousness come from? The Bible says that there exist in the world an accuser, who lays the bl ame on us day and night (Zechariah 3:1-5 & Revelation 12:10). Many precious brothers and sisters in the Lord just quit because the feeling of trying to measure up is too great. They just throw in the towel since they canÂ't escape the feelin g of not ever getting it right. Paul said, Â“Who has bewitched you?Â”

Please turn now to Colossians 2:9-10, 14. This is a wonderful portion of Scripture that will solidify the fact that YOU AR E righteous in GodÂ's sight. You can stop trying to measure up. You can caste off forever any attempt to gain GodÂ's a pproval. Why? Because if you believe in Jesus Christ, you already have it. Colossians 2: 9, 10 & 14: Â“For in Him dwel ls all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and powerÂ…h aving wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.Â”

When we are ignorant of righteousness, when we remain as babes, a spiritual tragedy takes place. We will read or hear the wonderful promises of God, but not be able to respond in faith to them because we have a inner voice saying, Â“You Â're not good enough to receive any of those.Â” Our consciousness of sin and the feeling of disapproval makes us put t he promises of God off for the future. We think, Â“IÂ'll have victory someday in heavenÂ” or Â“I know IÂ'll overcome sin one day.Â” DonÂ't you know the devil just loves to deceive GodÂ's people. When do you expect that:

YouÂ'll be complete in Him (Colossians 2:9-10)
YouÂ'll be more than a conqueror through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37)
You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you? (Philippians 4:13)
God will always lead you to triumph? (2 Corinthians 2:14)
There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus? (Romans 8:1)

YouÂ'll have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30)

The answer to everyone of these questions is NOW. Right now! In Jesus Christ. For He has accomplished it through the cross. By dying for us, He has fulfilled the righteous requirement of the Law and removed all the condemning handwriting. Once and for all! 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 says, Â"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on ChristÂ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.Â" If that werenÂ't enough, look at Romans 8:3 & 4: Â"For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.Â"

LetÂ's look at Colossians 1:13-21 and allow the Spirit to transform how you see yourself and quiet the condemning voice of the devil once and for all.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heave, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled (called back into union or relationship) in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

Paul writes in Romans 1:16, 17: Â"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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, Â"The just shall live by faith.Â"

So whatÂ's next? What do we do with this righteousness? We live. We live for Him, knowing that we are right in His sight. How do we live? By His Spirit. We walk and live by His Spirit. John 6:63 says, Â"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.Â" Praise Jesus! LetÂ's grow in the realization that He has made us righteous and provides the Spirit so that we can live victoriously for Him.

Re: I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/10/28 3:55

Did Abraham know this and was he saved as we are saved?

Was Abraham's faith the same reckoned faith of Christ that we have?

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by MisterCheez (), on: 2006/10/31 19:15

An excellent sermon. Who gave it?

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Re: I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2015/12/2 7:01

Very good - I recommend reading this message - with faith

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Desi,

The email you provided is not working.

Thanks
Lisa

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2015/12/5 21:54

That email was given 11-1-06.

I am the righteousness of God only because of the Christ birthed in me who brings my soul-mind into the realm of the Sp irit whom is the only one and we in the Spirit the only way to worship God and see the things He has done.

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Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/12/6 4:56

I totally didn't look at the date! I thought it was a new post! Silly me!!

Thanks Christinyou!!! :)

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2015/12/6 6:37

I only found out because you said it didn't work, so I tried it too. Then I looked at the date. See your not so silly after all.

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Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will

be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to anotherâ€"to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Because of the dominion of the law, everyone here is married. And there are only two husbands: 1.) The Law, who is cruel and hard, always pointing out your mistakes and failures which in turn makes you feel like a constant failure, and 2.) The Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly laid down His spotless life so that you might become the righteousness of God through Him. It is spiritual adultery to go back under the law. It cheapens the cross of Christ to think that you have not become righteous in Him. That is why He died. That is who He will return for. Ephesians 5:27 says that He will return for a church â€œnot having spot or wrinkle or any such thing.â€• When would we become such a church if we havenâ€™t already through Christ? Read what Paul wrote again in Romans 10:3-10 with a new understanding.

Donâ€™t you see, when we try to establish our own righteousness we miserably come up short. When we try to maintain our salvation or the feeling of being saved by doing good things, we have failed to receive all that Christ has accomplished through the cross. Turn with me to Philippians 3:8-11 where we read, â€œYet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, 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; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.â€•

We are stuck in the infant stages of Christianity when we wonâ€™t receive the righteousness that Jesus purchased for us through His cross. Christ fulfilled the law, then gave His life as a ransom for all who would believe. Included in that payment was our righteousness; that we could not hope to gain by keeping the law, for all are lawbreakers. In the book of Titus we read: But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

Please hear this, if we wonâ€™t receive the fact that we are righteous in Godâ€™s sight, what's more, that we have become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, then we destroy our faith. We remain spiritual babies that are not able to grow up in the things of God. And letâ€™s face it, nobody wants to be around an adult who acts like a child. It eventually wears on and wears out the best of us. We canâ€™t afford to live another day in the deception that we are not righteous in Christ. Reject that nagging, relentless feeling that youâ€™ll never be good enough, righteous enough, or holy enough. Where does that feeling of unrighteousness come from? The Bible says that there exist in the world an accuser, who lays the blame on us day and night (Zechariah 3:1-5 & Revelation 12:10). Many precious brothers and sisters in the Lord just quit because the feeling of trying to measure up is too great. They just throw in the towel since they canâ€™t escape the feeling of not ever getting it right. Paul said, â€œWho has bewitched you?â€•

Please turn now to Colossians 2:9-10, 14. This is a wonderful portion of Scripture that will solidify the fact that YOU ARE righteous in Godâ€™s sight. You can stop trying to measure up. You can caste off forever any attempt to gain Godâ€™s approval. Why? Because if you believe in Jesus Christ, you already have it. Colossians 2: 9, 10 & 14: â€œFor in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and powerâ€¦having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.â€•

When we are ignorant of righteousness, when we remain as babes, a spiritual tragedy takes place. We will read or hear the wonderful promises of God, but not be able to respond in faith to them because we have a inner voice saying, â€œYouâ€™re not good enough to receive any of those.â€• Our consciousness of sin and the feeling of disapproval makes us put the promises of God off for the future. We think, â€œIâ€™ll have victory someday in heavenâ€• or â€œI know Iâ€™ll overcome sin one day.â€• Donâ€™t you know the devil just loves to deceive Godâ€™s people. When do you expect that:

Youâ€™ll be complete in Him (Colossians 2:9-10) Youâ€™ll be more than a conqueror through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37) You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you? (Philippians 4:13) God will always lead you to triumph? (2 Corinthians 2:14) There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus? (Romans 8:1) Youâ€™ll have wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30)

The answer to everyone of these questions is NOW. Right now! In Jesus Christ. For He has accomplished it through the cross. By dying for us, He has fulfilled the righteous requirement of the Law and removed all the condemning handwriting. Once and for all! 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 says, â€œNow all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christâ€™s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.â€• If that werenâ€™t enough, look at Romans 8:3 & 4: â€œFor what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.â€•

Letâ€™s look at Colossians 1:13-21 and allow the Spirit to transform how you see yourself and quiet the condemning voice of the devil once and for all.

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heave, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled (called back into union or relationship) in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

Paul writes in Romans 1:16, 17: â€œFor 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. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, â€œThe just shall live by faith.â€•

So whatâ€™s next? What do we do with this righteousness? We live. We live for Him, knowing that we are right in His sight. How do we live? By His Spirit. We walk and live by His Spirit. John 6:63 says, â€œIt is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.â€• Praise Jesus! Letâ€™s grow in the realization that He has made us righteous and provides the Spirit so that we can live victoriously for Him.

Re: - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2015/12/8 21:51

Thanks Tuc

Re: - posted by thelogos (), on: 2023/7/31 6:35

Great title, horrid sermon. At the very best, a recipe for ensuring a believer remains a babe in Christ.

The righteousness that a believer practices after coming to Christ is NOT a filthy rag, but a blessed and absolutely necessary fruit of their redemption. If a professed believer does not practice righteousness, they are NONE of his.

Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (1 Jn 3:7)

He says a Christian â€œshouldâ€• do good and stop doing wrongâ€¦.bad choice of words. A Christian MUST do good and stop doing wrong as a condition of their salvation.

Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. (3 Jn 1:11)

Re: - posted by Onesimus4God (), on: 2023/9/5 9:55

Excellent!!!!

Re: I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST - posted by twayneb (), on: 2023/11/2 12:03

We also have to note that we do not actually become righteousness. We have righteousness imputed to us through Christ. We put on His righteousness.

righteousness - posted by beloved-vern, on: 2023/11/4 6:50

God has not called you to be perfect, God has called you to His perfection. God has called you to the perfection of another. He has not called you to be righteous. He's called you to the righteous that belongs to another. And the exercising of His power to us is that Christ lives in us as that righteousness perfect and complete.

The mighty power of God has been wrought in Christ and bestowed to us. The power exerted by God in Christ overcoming corruption and death. This first, again, it's important, this power firstly exhibited in Christ being raised from the dead. This is when a new creation comes into being. Again, the resurrection is a big deal. This is when it all comes into being. This is when He's raised up and he is raised and He says, I will take away the first, establish the second. Establish means to raise up, to stand up. That means when he stood up, the second was established. And in the second, there is perfection. There is spiritual perfection. There is perfect righteousness without sin, salvation without sin. That comes in the second that his resurrection brings about.