



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

The Bible teaches that we can best experience spiritual growth through knowledge, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you **through the knowledge** of God, and of Jesus our Lord” (2 Peter 1:2). The most important information regarding what Jesus has done for us is obtainable “through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3). Observe in both of these passages that the Bible teaches that we receive marvelous information from God “**through the knowledge!**” Notice how God determined that Biblical comprehension would best increase, “**Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2 Tim 2:15)!

When we study we soon learn that we must replace our old *preconceived* “knowledge” with fresh information that we discover from the Word of God. Tonight’s Bible study is yet another attempt to increase our spiritual knowledge of the gems stored within the Word of God.

The goal of this Bible Study is to bring us to an understanding where we truly identify with what the Bible means to become “the Righteousness of God.” We simply must comprehend that through no effort of our own we have become the “righteousness of God,” “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 (2 Cor 5:19-21). In another related passage, Peter proclaims this message yet again, “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:1). Peter clearly states that we obtain “like precious faith” to his faith by becoming “the righteousness of God!”

The title “the righteousness of God” appears eight times (*the number of Jesus and new beginnings*;) in the New Testament. Why does God’s word seem to place such a high priority on our understanding that we have become “the righteousness of God?” What is God’s ultimate goal in making us righteous? David understood this concept and he even penned the famous passage, “He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me **in the paths of righteousness**” (Ps 23:3), so too does He lead us along those same paths.

Sooner or later in our Christian walk we must awake to the fact that we are, “the righteousness of God,” “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” Rom 5:17. When we really receive the spiritual seed (*when we are*



Why the “Righteousness of God”

*“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)*

*impregnated by) the concept that we have become the “**righteousness of God,**” and understand what that really means to us, we begin to change in a very significant way!*

It is much like when a woman’s reproductive system receives seed from her husband; she can never be the same again! Through the Holy Spirit, we also receive the seed that we are “the righteousness of God!”

We are going to learn that by being the righteousness of God it means that we are in right positioning with the Kingdom of God and that we have kingdom rights! The question is, “Do we really understand those rights?” Let’s begin to look deeper into this concept of being made righteous, “For as by **one man's disobedience many were made sinners** (When we were born into the human family through our father Adam we didn't have anything to do about becoming a sinner!), so **by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous** (Since birth we were sinners; Jesus' blood paid the price for us to become something new! Instead of a sinner we became the righteous!) (Rom 5:19). Note that according to this passage, we personally had absolutely nothing to do with either condition! One man alone caused each condition, Adam in the case of us becoming sinners, and Jesus in the case of us becoming the “righteousness of God!” We were sinners because of Adam and we are now righteous because of Jesus! Our only choice in the matter was to accept and proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior!

The day that we first believed and proclaimed Jesus, He in turn proclaimed us to the Father, “Whosoever therefore shall **confess me** before men, **him will I confess also** before my Father which is in heaven” (Matt 10:32). The point is that when Jesus “confesses” us we become the “righteousness of God;” therefore, we are Abraham’s children, “Even as **Abraham believed** God, and **it was accounted to him for righteousness**” (Gal 3:7). Jesus Christ proclaimed each of us to be the “righteousness of God!” You and I cannot decide to become the “righteousness of God!” Nobody can get to that point as a result of his or her individual works! The Bible teaches that only Jesus Christ can make us righteous!

This should make you want to shout! Repeat after me, “**I have been made “the righteousness of God!”**”

That is an awesome gift that nobody can ever earn! We were dead but are now alive, “That as **sin hath reigned unto death**, even so might **grace reign through righteousness** unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom 5:21). If we are “the righteous of God,” that means that we are in right positioning with the government of God! When Adam sinned he became “unrighteous.” This means that all of the rights of the kingdom were revoked from Adam. He went out of right positioning with the kingdom of God and thereby lost his citizenship credentials in relation to the government of God.

When one goes to prison they must give up their governmental papers such as a passport. In essence when incarcerated one becomes an “uncitizen.” They remain under the control of the government; however, they are neither considered in the category of citizens nor non-citizens. Rather, they are under judgment of the government; and have no rights as a citizen. In essence, they are out of “right position” in relation to the government. As a citizen one has the right to vote, buy property, travel into any state they please, drive wherever they wish, etc. However, while in prison they loose all these citizen rights! They do not even have the rights to: go to bed when they want, nor to vote as they choose, nor to



Why the “Righteousness of God”

*“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)*

drive where they wish, nor to eat what they want, nor to sleep when they choose. Instead they are under the complete control of their warden!

Losing right positioning with the government of God is exactly what occurred in Adam and therefore his imprisonment continued in the lives of his progeny. When Adam disobeyed the Government of God he went out of right positioning with the kingdom of God and became a prisoner to darkness; figuratively, he lost his citizenship rights. As a result, he was placed under the warden named satan and was imprisoned in the penal institution known as sin, “ye were **the servants of sin**” (Rom 6:17). Even worse than the grip of sin, he and his children were bound over to death, “Nevertheless **death reigned** from Adam to Moses, **even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression**” (Rom 5:14).

The Good News (*Gospel*) is that Jesus came to set the prisoners free, “to preach **deliverance to the captives**, and recovering of sight to the blind, to **set at liberty them that are bruised**” (Luke 4:18). He came to restore our right positioning with the government of God. We were born into the prison of sin! Jesus came so we could reclaim our intended citizenship rights! We were unrighteous from our birth; that is why David wrote, “I was shapen in iniquity; and **in sin did my mother conceive me**” (Ps 51:5).

God entered into a covenant with our father Abraham long before He gave Moses the law. James sheds some important light on Abraham’s covenant, “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and **it was imputed unto him for righteousness**: (right positioning) and he was called the Friend of God” (James 2:23). Since Abraham was in covenant with God, he regained authority to Adam’s original rights. Those governmental rights that were lost in Adam were restored by Abraham’s covenant. Over time, Abraham realized the power of these rights! Indeed, through faith, “he considered not his own body now **dead, when he was about an hundred years old**” (Rom 4:19). Regardless of his age, through the promises, he fathered Isaac and twelve other sons who became princes; all of this came after 100 years of age!

Abraham discovered over time the power of his covenant with God and certainly wanted to pass this covenant on to his children! Nevertheless, he knew that his “covenant children” through Isaac would lose those rights for a period of four hundred years. God told Abram on the same day that he entered into covenant with him, “when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. 13 And he said unto Abram, **Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years**; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance” (Gen 15:12-14). The main point for us to remember is that Abraham became a qualified citizen of the Kingdom of God as a result of becoming “righteous” through faith!

By the time that the children of Israel came out of their Egyptian bondage they lapsed back into satan’s prison; for this reason Pharaoh is considered to be a type of satan. The children of Israel temporarily needed the law of God in order to point them back into right positioning (*righteousness*) with God. However, we need to realize that Abraham’s promises came before the law, therefore his promises have preeminence over the law.



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

Jesus completely restored those promises once and for all! Notice that when Jesus came to reintroduce the Kingdom of God, He restored us back to Abraham’s covenant of

promises and not to Moses’ laws, “to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise” (Gal 3:16-18).

A head of state has the authority to pardon any of his subjects. You may remember just a



few days before Bill Clinton left the presidency he authorized several controversial pardons! This caused quite a stir in political circles. Some of the people were still in jail while others were fugitives on the run. As head of state, when he pardoned these people the law of the land guaranteed that their entire citizenship rights were completely restored. It was as if they had never been out of favor with the United States Government! The head of state restored their full governmental rights.

Do you realize that Jesus did the same thing for us while upon the cross? He pardoned all of our sins: past, present, and future! Therefore we have full rights restored! We are in right positioning

(*righteousness*) with the Kingdom of God!

While Jesus was still on the earth he ran into a woman who was infirm and bent-over. We pick-up the story when, “he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was **a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself”** (Luke 13:10-11). Essentially, this woman had a “righteousness” problem; she was out of right positioning with the Kingdom of God. Jesus was about to address her problem of righteousness. However, the religious people did not appreciate that Jesus would break Moses’ law and heal her on the Sabbath. Their religious attitude did not please the Lord who said, “**ought not** this woman, **being a daughter of Abraham**, (a daughter in right positioning would have Abraham’s rights) whom **Satan hath bound**, (clearly, this daughter was not in right positioning in the sight of God) lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” (Luke 13:16). Jesus (as head of state) essentially “said, woman, I give back to you your citizenship rights and place you in “right positioning” with the Kingdom of God!” So too, we believers are operating under the conditions of a pardon from the same head of state!

That woman received a new passport from the Kingdom of God and therefore she had the right to healing, “**ought not** this woman, **being a daughter of Abraham**, whom **Satan hath bound**, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” Ought not we be redeemed from all of the effects of the fall? Ought not our health be renewed? Ought not our bondages cease? Ought not our finances be repaired? These are citizenship rights that we must begin to claim, “For our conversation (*“politeuma”* which means



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

citizenship or to behave as a citizen) is in heaven” (Phil 3:20)! How is it that we can expect these blessings, “For **ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.** 27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And **if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise**” (Gal 3:26-29).

Therefore, how should we stand before God? Since the Bible proclaims that we are “the righteousness of God,” then we must believe and therefore stand without a sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority! How are you standing before the Almighty? If you are standing in guilt, condemnation, or inferiority, you will act like a coward! You won't believe what the Word of God claims about you; instead you will turn into a coward and run from the battle!

Sin Makes Cowards of us All! We need to understand that SIN MAKES COWARDS OF EVERYBODY! We must understand satan's purpose for sin! If we don't understand his purpose, he will beguile us! The devil wants to steal our confidence in the new kingdom that we serve.

Now lets take the example of a brand new Christian, He was told at conversion that he had the right to pray and get answers! Further, he believed it with all of his heart. He went home and told his mother, “I am the righteousness of God and I get my prayers answered! Do you need any prayers? If you do let me pray for you.” Next he went to his friends and told them that if he were to pray for any of their illnesses they would be made well! His friends thought that he was crazy!

Now about seven days later, this new Christian went home and his mother asked him to pray for her since she felt a little sick. The new Christian said, “Mom, I think that I better call the elders of the Church so they can pray for you!” What do you think happened to this new Christian in just seven days? Through sin he become a coward!

However, since we are the “righteousness of God,” our sin is none of the devil's business! If I sin I can confess my sin and get cleansed and then continue on the road of being righteous! Sinners practice sin and the righteous people practice righteousness!

When we sin and get to feeling condemned we become guilt-ridden. At that point we fail to exercise our rights as citizens. This guilt-ridden condition resists us from continuing in righteousness! Whenever we are there, we need to tell the devil that he “is a liar and that we are the “righteousness of God!” We simply need to return to the path of righteousness!

When Jesus got involved in our lives we became “the righteousness of God!” We can claim that we are new creatures, “**they which receive** abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” (Rom 5:17). We are not sinners just saved by grace! We are the “righteousness of God!”

Say that out loud, “I AM NOT A SINNER! I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD!” This does not give us a license to sin! Instead, when we are “the righteousness of God” we simply loose the desire to sin!

We have seen that every time that we sin, it attacks our confidence! However we don't need to live in sin! We can cleanse ourselves through Jesus Christ! We don't ever want



Why the “Righteousness of God”

*“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)*

our confidence shaken! We must always remember that we do not earn righteousness, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of**

God: 9 *Not of works*, lest any man should boast” (Eph 2:8-9). Even by definition, a gift is not earned!

When someone sins we are not to condemn him or her and say, “you should be ashamed of yourself!” Rather, we are to ask them, “Well did you repent; you know that you have the blood right to repent!” NEVER EVER condemn others!

Neither should any Christian ever say, “But I am unworthy.” YES, we are absolutely WORTHY!!! We are worthy because of the blood of the lamb. This means that God looks at us through His worthiness. Many angels cried, “Saying with a loud voice, **Worthy is the Lamb** that was slain” (Rev 5:12). Our confidence can be restored through confession, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Notice that John did not tell us that we have become unworthy and will remain that way until we confess; he only said that confession cleanses us and knowing we are cleansed restores our confidence! We must understand that we are always worthy because the blood of Jesus! Neither can we ever become worthy through keeping the law, “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. 21 But now **the righteousness of God without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ**” (Rom 3:20-22). Everybody who once confesses Jesus has become “the righteousness of God” and that righteous condition never leaves us even though we may from time to time engage in unrighteous activity (*sin*).

At times, Christians get stuck on the sin and are hindered from practicing “the righteousness of God!” However, they still remain, “the righteousness of God!” Their real problem is that they have lost their confidence because of sin! However, Christians do not need to stay in that confidence lacking condition, “And **they overcame** him (*the devil*) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony” (Rev 12: 11).

Through Jesus we have blood bought rights; indeed, we are instructed to:

- Lay hands on the sick and they will be made well, “**they** (*believers who have the same faith that Peter and Paul had*) **shall lay hands on the sick**, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18);
- Cast out devils and speak with new tongues, “and these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall **they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues**” (Mark 16:17).
- Ask anything through prayer in faith expecting results, “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, **believing, ye shall receive**” (Matt 21:22)

Do we have that kind of confidence? Are we confident that God will supply everything that we ask in prayer? According to Scripture, we need to pursue results-oriented faith; after all the Bible says, “these signs **shall follow them that believe**” (Mark 16:17). (*This happens to include us!*)

We might hear statements such as: “Oh yea, I understand that I am righteous in Jesus Christ; but, healings and miracles really don’t happen today! Yes I have faith; but none of us are as righteous as the Apostles! Anyway, Jesus just doesn’t want us to perform those



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

kind of miracles today!” Now let’s observe the source from which this doubtfulness enters; thinking and then speaking these words of doubt actually produces the

disbelief that blocks productive faith. When we think and speak like that, we guarantee that we will not get answers; indeed, we probably won’t even make a prayerful request in the first place! However, to believe these false arguments is to ignore (Mark 16:18), (Mark 16:17), and (Matt 21:22) and many other scriptures.

Let’s focus for a short time on the word “confidence;” we will begin as we investigate conditional statements. They always start with an “IF,” clause; and are usually concluded with a “THEN,” clause. The word “THEN” can be either specifically or implicitly stated. Typical conditional statements follow: “IF such and such THEN such and such;” “IF A THEN B;” “IF A, B.”

The Apostle John wrote a very interesting conditional statement, which exposes the foremost confidence destroyer. He expresses to us how our confidence remains in tact, “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God” (1 John 3:21). The first thing that we need to understand from John’s statement is that there naturally exists a conflict or at least a mutual exclusivity (*meaning if one exists then the other does not*) between confidence and condemnation!

Notice: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works” (Heb 10:22-24).

The mutual exclusivity between “condemnation” and “confidence” is consistent throughout the Bible message!

Now that we understand the existence of this conflict, let’s notice another powerful and related compound conditional statement authored by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle John, “And this is the confidence that we have in him, (*Notice, John is revealing the source of our confidence!*) that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us; And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” (1 John 5:14-15). Through this passage, the Apostle John reveals to us how we can ensure confidence in order to receive our requests and petitions!

Let’s breakdown John’s statement; it contains a few “**IF–Then**” conditional statements! Notice John’s qualifying “IF” in the passage! “If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us; if we know that he hear us . . . we have the petitions that we desired of him.” There are two conditions which must be met in order to have the confidence that we seek: (1) We need to ask according to His will; and (2) We need to know that He hears us! If either of these two conditions is not met then we cannot have confidence in our petitions of God! On the other hand, if both of these conditions are met, we can have full assurance! We can become as powerful in our requests as was Jesus Christ! Now let’s go one step further and convert the conditional statement into a mathematical-type Biblical equation:



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

(Asking in God’s Will) + (God’s Hearing Us) = (Confidence in our requests)

Now that seems pretty easy, but what is the weak link or the unknown variable within that equation? Okay, let’s say that we seek out God’s will from the Bible and we are sure that what we are asking for is according to His will; maybe we have asked for healing, or for release against an evil spirit. In any case, we are sure that our request is within God’s will. However, we do not receive what we ask for! What could have gone wrong?

To solve our problem let’s revert to the conditional Biblical equation. We have already observed that this equation is a biblical truth! This is what the Bible clearly told us; however, it didn’t work.

(Asking in God’s Will) + (God’s Hearing Us) = (Confidence in our requests)

When we experience a lack of results it begins to work on our overall faith. We know that the Scripture says, “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our **confidence** stedfast unto the end” (Heb 3:14). At times like this, satan begins to tell us, “If you cannot trust in God’s promises any better that that then your faith must be in vain!”

In situations such as these, according to John’s compound conditional statement, it can only be that our **confidence** has been weakened! Why can’t we hold fast to our confidence? Our problem is that we begin to think that God does not hear us as the scripture says, “Now we know that **God heareth not sinners**” (John 9:31). Notice the formula below:

(Asking in God’s Will) = (Confidence in our requests) - (God’s Hearing Us)

John earlier told us, “Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God” (1 John 3:21). Therefore our heart (*combination of spirit and soul*) must in one way or another be condemning us! The point is that every form of sin (*known or unknown*) robs us of our confidence! Sin weakens us, “For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel . . . in quietness and **in confidence shall be your strength**: and ye would not” (Isa 30:15). Notice that Israel did not “**and ye would not**” retain their confidence! Israel sinned; through sin they lost their confidence! Let’s focus on the core of that passage, “in quietness and **in confidence shall be your strength!**” This passage is yet another witness that we are strong when we have confidence! There is no arguing that Biblical concept!

The scripture clearly teaches, “if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.” Since John’s statement is obviously true; that means that the opposite of his statement is also true; notice the opposite statement, “if our heart (does) condemn us, then have we (not) confidence toward God.” Clearly, sin saps our confidence (*our strength*) and weakens us! When we are weakened we can no longer be victors; instead we become victims!

Remember Isaiah’s passage, “**in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength!**” (Isaiah 30:15). We are strong when we have confidence! We need to be Gary Cooper type of Christians; we need to live in quietness and confidence! The Word of God works in us to produce righteousness, “And **the work of righteousness** shall be peace; and **the effect of righteousness** quietness and assurance (*confidence*) for ever” (Isa 32:17).



Why the “Righteousness of God”

“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)

But realize that, “they that are in the flesh (*not living in the flesh, but living to please the body and soul*) cannot please God.” We read earlier that “God heareth not sinners,”

however, we need to understand that that specific verse concludes with, “if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth” (John 9:31). The point is that we must be worshippers of God who are performing His will; when we are confident in these efforts we begin to realize that He hears us because we are the “righteousness of God!”

So, even if you do sin, get right up and claim Jesus’ sacrifice because, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*” (Rom 8:1). But notice that we must adjust our walk! In other words, we must stop living according to the desires of the body and soul. The problem is that we can sin in unfamiliar ways that we don’t even recognize; for example, low self-esteem (*not considered by most to be a sin*) does not agree with God’s word and therefore it is a form of sin! This means that we must change our mind (*soul*) by learning to live by every word as Jesus said, “It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but **by every word of God**” (Luke 4:4).

When we begin to wholly rest in Jesus, we essentially “walk in the spirit.” In our walk we should expect to operate in the necessary confidence because God hears us! We can trust that He hears us, “God is made unto us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor 1:30). Through resting in Jesus we will make every necessary breakthrough!

The sports and business worlds teach us that confidence is of great importance even in the natural realm. Confidence is such a powerful force! The business world spends millions of dollars to infuse confidence into their employees! They teach, “Believe and you can!” Successful head coaches in football, basketball and whatever sports don’t focus on skills. The great athletes already possess the necessary skills; head coaches essentially focus on teamwork and **CONFIDENCE!** The great head coaches give their players a vision of being the champion! They put that vision in the now. The New England Patriots players (*winners of the 2004 Superbowl*) had a roadmap to the championship presented to them in late December of 2003 by their coach who never let the players get their eyes off of that goal!

Say along with me, “***I have confidence because I am the righteousness of God!***”

We need to get confident because we are the “righteousness of God” and then pass it on to other Christians! Through Jesus Christ, we are going to take over the world! I am not talking about playing church but passing on the fire of Jesus Christ! Christianity of the last hundred years simply didn’t understand all of the power that the Holy Spirit was going to pour out on us in these latter days! The Apostle Peter spoke of the, “But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And **it shall come to pass in the last days**, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit**; and they shall prophesy” (Acts 2:16-18).



Why the “Righteousness of God”

*“he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in him” (2 Cor 5:21)*

We must believe, “I am what the Bible says I am; I can have what it says I can have. I can do what the Bible says I can do; therefore, I have confidence and live by the Word of God!” Through that kind of attitude God will pour out His Holy Spirit on us so that we cannot take it all in!

In what do we place our confidence: money; private abilities; education; doctors; the Dow Jones; or employment? NO! Our confidence is in none of these things! We have confidence only in the Lord! And we can have complete confidence in His Word because we are the “righteousness of God!” Let us get to the point where you cry out, “My Confidence is in the LORD!”

Sin is loosing its value in this society! This world’s stock in sin will soon begin to plummet! Righteousness is on the wings and we should be heavily investing into it! Buy into righteousness! Turn your back on sin and invest in righteousness!

We have already come under the Kingdom of God; indeed, we are come to Mt. Zion, the Church of the Living God! We should therefore live in confidence, “And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with **confidence**, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God” (Ezek 28:26). We must live in confidence that God will do what he says he is going to do!

Who has destroyed or hampered your confidence in the past? I don’t know and it doesn’t really matter! What we must do now through the he power of the Holy Spirit is to re-build our confidence in the fact that God’s word declares us to be the “righteousness of God!” We must get to the point where we know we will never become separated from our faith! No demon from hell can make us serve sin! Instead, we serve righteousness!

Are we really righteous? “If ye know that **he is righteous**, ye know that *every one that doeth **righteousness** is born of him*” (1 John 2:29). God has called us to serve Righteousness! How do I know that I am doing righteousness?

- I LIVE BY FAITH LIVE IN THE WORD OF GOD!
- I Have Confidence in His Word!
- I do not let any thought or word or deed cast away my confidence!

Paul taught that Christ is our example and that we should follow him as he followed Christ. Notice the words of those that scorned Jesus, “He trusted (*or had confidence*) in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God” (Matt 27:43). When we begin to believe, we are “made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our **confidence** stedfast unto the end” (Heb 3:14). Always remember that the source of our confidence is in knowing that we are “**the righteousness of God!**”

This document was created with Win2PDF available at <http://www.daneprairie.com>.
The unregistered version of Win2PDF is for evaluation or non-commercial use only.