

YOU, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Part 3)

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Glory to God! We sing glory to the Lord! He is the Author of salvation. Salvation belongs to Him. It doesn't belong to any man. It is His! He brings forth salvation. We cannot say that it belongs to any man that he by his own works can bring forth salvation.

Today we are going to talk about the righteousness of God.. What is the righteousness of God and how can we be made the righteousness of God? I mean, if we are made the righteousness of God does that mean that God doesn't have righteousness and then He will bring us forth and then we are His righteousness? How do these things work? Well, God is righteous and then He will bring forth His righteousness in a certain way and we shall be made the very righteousness of God.

What I have seen in Grace circles and also in the Charismatic circles is that we have this concept of righteousness as a theory., and just as it stands before God, meaning, you are as you ought to be, which I agree but there is a broader understanding of, how are we as we ought to be. We basically defined righteousness as pertaining to the Law, meaning that since we are not under the Law anymore and the Law cannot accuse us of sin, therefore we are righteous because we don't have sins. That definition of righteousness is still a works' based definition because works is the foundation from where you define the righteousness. If righteousness that is imputed to us, and we spoke on this two Sunday's ago, it means to be as you ought to be, in the presence of a Father or God that made you a promise of immortality. If you are as you ought to be in the presence of One who promises you immortality free from your works, the only way that you are as you ought to be is to say, **“Well, Father, if You promise me that, then I believe You!”**

Then you find the righteousness of faith, and we have a whole teaching on that. Go back two weeks and you can see that teaching in depth. Then we have the righteousness of the Law which I defined as two parts. There are two parts to that righteousness: the righteousness of the Law can also be combined with the righteousness of God in that the Law points to what Christ had to come and do in order to bring salvation to man. The other righteousness of the Law is the righteousness where we try to find life by obeying the Law ourselves and that is the righteousness of the Law which can never produce life. If our definition of righteousness is, “Well, Jesus fulfilled the Law and because the Law was taken out of the way, therefore I don't have a Law that can accuse me as a sinner and because I don't have sin, therefore I'm righteous,“ you are still living under the Law! You are living under the thing of, “Well, because there is not a Law, I am righteous, saying, “Well, because there is not a Law, I am righteous because I cannot break the Law therefore I cannot be guilty by my works and because I cannot be guilty by my works, I am righteous.“ That is still a works' based definition of righteousness!

The righteousness that we can walk in is the righteousness of the Trinity where we are as we ought to be! You are as you ought to be by simply believing that God will bring forth life and immortality in you.

That covers the righteousness of the Law. That covers the righteousness of faith meaning that righteousness is imputed to us on account of belief.

Now, how are we made the very righteousness of God?

Romans 10:

:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

(So what does Paul pray about for Israel here? That they might be saved. Now that is an amazing thing that the Apostle Paul is praying there. He says, "I pray that Israel might be saved." The kind of thing that is going around in the Church today is that the Jews are the saved people of God and that the Church is actually lost and they must suck up to the Jews so that God can then, one day, can also have a bit of favor and save the Gentiles by how they blessed the Jews. People, that is a lie! I want to say that to you and you might say, "Bertie, you are anti-Jew." Let me tell you that I am not anti the Jews. I am anti stepping upon the Blood of Jesus in glorifying human flesh and the flesh of a certain nation saying that God even honors the flesh of a nation and thereby, by the flesh of a nation, He will save man. THAT IS ABSOLUTE HERESY! It is infiltrating the Church and I know I will still receive a lot of persecution for what I am about to teach, not today but in the future about the Jews and what God has done concerning nations. I want to say this, just in short, so you can know where I will go with this: THERE IS NO MORE JEW! THERE IS NO MORE GENTILE! Glory to God! We don't walk by that anymore!

So, here the Apostle Paul prays that the Jews may be saved. If the context, and I know that I am getting a little off the point but just let me say this: if the context of Paul's understanding of Jews is that one day in the return of Christ, the Jews are going to be saved because they are going to see the Messiah for who they are, why is he then praying that the Jews might be saved? He knows that they are going to be saved in the return of Christ. Those are difficult questions that people wouldn't like to answer but here Paul comes and he says, "I wish that the Jews might be saved. I wish that Israel might be saved." Because all that are of Israel are not Israelites." I'm a bit off the point but let's get back into Romans:

*:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but **not according to knowledge.***

(So these guys are zealous. They have zeal. They even have the zeal of God! They have a zeal for serving God and doing things for God but not ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGE! Verse 3 says why:

:3 FOR THEY BEING IGNORANT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, ARE GOING ABOUT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, HAVING NOT SUBMITTED THEMSELVES UNTO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

:4 FOR CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVES

:5 FOR MOSES DESCRIBED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH IS OF THE LAW, THAT THE MAN THAT DOES THOSE THINGS SHALL (HAVE LIFE, OR) LIVE BY THEM (BY DOING THE LAW)..

So the righteousness of the Law is, "You will have life by what YOU do."

:6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaks on this wise, (speaks this way) Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? That is to bring the Christ down from above (in other words that is to bring the Savior, or salvation to the earth.)

:7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep (who will humble himself, who will serve so much or do a great work or travel great distances)... that is to bring up Christ again from the dead.

(So it says that it is not by your works. It says, "You shall not have life by your works but the

righteousness of God says this:

:8 *The Word* (of promise...I want to add in there to give the context) *is nigh thee* (close to you) *even in your mouth and in your heart: that is the word of faith we preach:* (where we can be persuaded that God will give us immortality, eternal life by what He promises!)

Now I know that you might say that I have added a lot to that passage there, but if you read from chapters 4 and 5 that is the context in which it is written. So what he says is that the righteousness of God is to say, "I promise you eternal life by MY doing. The righteousness of the Law says, "The equitable deed of the Law is that the Law will, by your own will power, will give you life by obeying the Law for it says that the righteousness of the Law is, if you obey the Law, then you will, by what you do, have life. The righteousness of God says: Don't do anything. God promised you life and therefore He will bring forth life.

So, God's righteousness is God's equitable deed towards man (fair and impartial, just, unbiased, unprejudiced) in justifying sinners with immortality... or blessing sinners with immortality. You may say, "Bertie, that can never be true!" Maybe you have read this before:

Romans 4:5 *But to him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.* Let's read it, again, to the shock of our legalistic system: *But to him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

So what must we believe? We must believe that God will justify the ungodly.

What is this justification? This justification is not to say, "Well, I don't just look at my sin." The justification is to treat you and bless you with immortality and eternal life free from your works, by what God promises you. God says, very clearly, "I promise you immortality. I promise you eternal life. That's what I promise you as sinners. I will justify the sinner with life and immortality. The one who believes it, he is living righteous for he is not saying to God, "God, You don't know what You are talking about. God, God, You don't know what You are saying. I will be righteous by obedience to the Law and by those words, I will have life."

Let me give a good example on finances. If you say that you are going to have the life of financial stability and the life of financial prosperity, and you are going to protect your finances by tithing or giving to the local church and thereby you are honoring God and and bringing protection over your finances because you have this revelation, do you know what you are actually doing? You are having the life of financial blessing by your own works and you have not submitted to the righteousness of God which is to say, "I bless you and I am good to you and I am your Abba, I am your Father." You have not submitted to the righteousness of God. You have worked up your own righteousness and the prayer of the Apostle Paul toward the person who lives that way is: I pray that he might be saved! Well, like I said before, "Put that in your pipe and smoke it!"

You may be able to tell that I am a little bit upset about certain things but I want to tell you that when I look at the Church, when I look at what's happening in the Church, sometimes I feel in my heart, "Lord, Jesus, we need to preach the Gospel of Grace so powerfully and so boldly, with so much power that people can see the Truth and wake up to reality and get away from all the lies and deception. I found that as the Grace of God comes toward the Church, there are always some people who are coming in, spying out our freedom and wanting to bring in some form of legalism and law, leaving the Church in a place where they cannot experience the freedom of God.

People, we can never and should never be in a place where we cannot believe that God will justify the ungodly. What the righteousness of God says is. This is the message of the righteousness of God: GOD PROMISES THE SINNER AND THE UNGODLY, IMMORTALITY. Let me say that again: God promises people immortality... the ungodly. I want to read it. I want this to sink into your heart:

Romans 4:5 *But to him that works not* (in other words, does not work up his own righteousness by some kind of a principle to want to have life), *but believes* (trusts) God to justify the ungodly. (In other words, I'm not working up any form of righteousness. I declare that by my own works I am ungodly. I don't have the godliness in my acts and equitable character. I don't have any of those things but it doesn't matter! I believe in God Who will justify and give life and immortality to the ungodly.) *his faith is counted for righteousness.* (It means when you believe that, it is accounted to you, for righteousness. God is saying, "Amen! You are doing the right thing to believe and trust that I will do that for you!")

But the righteousness of the Law says, "You will live by what you do." The righteousness of faith says, "I have life by God promising me the life and He will bring forth His promise."

With that said, we are going to move on. Now it says that Jesus was made sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He hath made Him to be sin for us* (or we can read it this way: *for He made Him sin for us*) *who knew no sin* (in other words, Jesus knew no sin but He was made sin for us. Why?) *that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.*

So, there is a righteousness of God. What does the righteousness of God say? The righteousness of God says that I will give you life and immortality. I'll give you holiness as a free gift. I'll set you free from the power of the flesh. I'll take the Law System out of the way and by My doing you will have life, the fruit of the Spirit and immortality." That is what the righteousness of God says but He came and ended the Law System. Why? So that this righteousness that God speaks can manifest and that we can be made that righteousness. That is what it means --- that we can be made the righteousness of God.

Let me explain to you how I see this. If God would be standing in a Court of Law and He would be accused of being a murderer, of being a person who is sin conscious, of a person who judges sinners with death, and a person who is harsh, that reaps where he has not sown, and all those kind of things and they come with all of these kinds of accusation and they even come with Scriptures to prove it... what would be the voice of God's righteousness? What would God's righteousness be in that place, in that Court of Law? What would be the proof of His righteousness or the message that would say, "All those accusations are false. He is actually righteous!" What would that be? It would be a person who does not deserve, by any of his good works, to be loved. A person who does not deserve, by any of his good works, to be blessed. A person who is worthy of death, to be given life to him by God. To take a man that has been down and out and see him blessed and prosperous and full of life and happiness and joy and all his flesh taken away and everything and standing in that Court and without saying a word, just seeing what God did to the ungodly and how God blessed him, would contradict all other accusations and that man, and what God has done in that man, would be God's righteousness in that Court of Law.

In the very same way, **we are made the righteousness of God, meaning that if you want to behold the righteousness of God, you look at man!** We can be made the righteousness of God. What does that mean? Here is Apostle Paul sitting in his own feces in jail and singing praises to God! Isn't that a manifestation of the righteousness of God of how God could take a man and put him above his

circumstances? How God could take a man who persecuted the Church and God could take his flesh away, take sin away, could take death out of him and give him a love for people to the point that he will sit in jail, in the stocks, and he would shout praises to the Lord, worshiping God for the glory of knowing the love of God to the point that the Law people would actually persecute him and finding a joy that comes from much more than the things of this world. When you behold Paul sitting in jail, singing praises up to God, we behold how God can justify the ungodly to a place where he is living the life God lives. Therefore we see Paul being made the righteousness of God. And the end of us being made the righteousness of God would be the resurrection from the dead wherein we have immortality and life where the righteousness of God shall be seen and manifested in us where people would say, when they see a sinner that has been set free and have the life of God, they would say, "Behold the righteousness of God!"

Now you might say, "Bertie, that means that I am only the righteousness of God by my works and by the good that manifested in me." No, that's not what it means. What I am saying is, "If God can take you, free from your effort, free from your contribution, free from your works, and promise you life and bring forth that life in you, **YOU ARE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN THIS EARTH!**

That's why the Bible says in Romans 10, that as long as you try to work some principle, or try to obey the Law so that you can have life by the Law or have blessedness by the Law or by working some principle, you have not submitted yourself to the equity of character of God.

Let us look at the definition of righteousness in the Greek:

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From Strong's it says: equity of character or act...

So we are made the equity of character or act of God. So God showed His righteousness by putting His good deeds and His equity of character on display inside you. Therefore, we say, "Behold the righteousness of God."

Let me say that again. God is righteous but His equity of character, or equity of act, which is one of the the definitions for righteousness, His equity of character and His equity of act, is put on display inside you by Him being good to you! By Him taking away the sin of the sinner, by Him breaking the power of the flesh over a sinner, by Him living His life in us by Him taking the ungodly and giving him a seat in the Trinity, clean him up, make him holy, make him everything he needs to be **BY THE DOING OF GOD**. That is the righteousness or the equity of character of God put on display, put on exhibit --- you can see it. Amen!

Another meaning for justification or the root meaning of justification means equitable in character or act; by implication, innocence. So when we are made the righteousness of God we are the voice what God does in us by taking away all our sin, by bringing forth life, by Him bearing His fruit in us and not by our works, we are spelling the very innocence of God. You must realize that God doesn't stand innocent before the world on account of legalism and Law and lies about God! But when we see God taking a sinner and blessing the ungodly, giving His Son to the ungodly and just not in theory but that it is actually powerful enough that He will bring forth His fruit in us, the world can look at and people can look at and we can look at what God brings forth and we can say that God has been accused as a murderer of people, judgmental, angry, a money hungry God that is running after your tithing and your sowing and all those kind of things, that seeks that you must now honor His resurrection by paying the tithe and all those kind of things and you must pay with your faithfulness, and all of that. We've seen

God in that light! That's what has been taught about us but when we behold what God does for the ungodly, that He gives His Son to the ungodly, He cleans them up, He gives them life, He heals their broken hearts, He restores them, He gives them the kingdom. He actually comes and co-lives with them, He lives inside them. He takes the ungodly and says, "I love to live inside you! You are My temple! I give you the highest quality of life!" Then we say, "Oh, my goodness!" Now, in what we see God has done here we behold God and we can come to the conclusion that God is actually innocent! Therefore, we are now made the righteousness of God. Can you see that, Church? So our expectation, and we should never have this narrow definition of righteousness, of a Law based definition where we say, "Well, there's no more Law therefore I am the righteous." Well, thank God that the Law has been taken away and according to the Law definition of righteousness, the whole world has been made righteous because the Law has been taken away, but we shall not just be made righteous where the righteousness of the Law by our sin be taken away. We shall be made the righteousness of God by God bearing forth His fruit in us.

So what we do as the Church is we say, "Hands off all kinds of human effort to try and score points with God or to try to work any kind of a work to bring forth life and all we do is we say, "When Jesus died, the sin of the world died, my sin died, and the Spirit that raised Him from the dead is available for me. I believe that I am forgiven. I believe that I am innocent. I believe the Law man has been taken away and I believe that what God has promised me, which is immortality and the fruit of the Spirit by His doing, and as I believe that, I receive the Spirit of Truth. As I receive that Spirit of Truth, God brings forth His fruit in me and as He lives in me I am the very righteousness of God on display in this world, therefore I am made the righteousness of God!

The only place where we can see the righteousness of God is in what happened in Christ in human form and that was, all of that righteousness that we see there, was so that we can be made that righteousness that all angels, all demons, every person that ever lived can behold the goodness and the equity of character and the equitable deed of God in Christ in US! The equitable deed of Jesus is wonderful but the end goal of that equitable deed is so that we can be justified with life and immortality free from our contribution and work. Glory to God, Church! Isn't that good news! That is absolute good news! Glory to God.

There are other verses that explain righteousness:

Psalm 112:9 *He had dispersed (talks about a man giving to the poor), he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever;* (What is his righteousness that endures forever? The new life He has given to the poor! The blessedness that comes to the poor. The equitable deed where He actually changed the life of a poor person. It's like going to a man who cannot afford an education and you pay for his education and he gets his degree and you see this new life come forth inside that person, your righteousness remains forever, your equitable deed, your equity of character remains. Where do we see the righteousness? In how he blessed the poor! That is his righteousness. The blessing the poor receive is seen as the righteousness of the man that gave it, it shall be forever.

Psalm 112:10 *And the wicked shall see it, and be grieved;*The Law based person says, "No, that's not right. It can't be that easy. It can't be that simple. They will grieve." But I want to tell you the righteousness of God, wherein He as the rich, came and blessed the poor with His quality of life, shall remain forever for it shall bear forth His fruit and that is why righteousness shall manifest in us.

We will end off with these verses:

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation (What is the Gospel? It is the power that will bring forth salvation from the flesh; it shall bring forth life in you. That's the Gospel... not your effort) to every one that believes (So as we believe this, as I explained that we receive the Spirit of this Truth, the Spirit revives us and gives us life) to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

(In other words this Gospel was preached to the Jews in Law form wherein he said, "Listen Jews. This is what I am going to do and He gave all the prophetic words to them and then also for the Greek and also for the Gentile. Unfortunately the Jews rejected, most of them rejected the Gospel.)

:17 *For therein (inside the Gospel, inside the goodness that God portrayed in Christ) is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith. (What does that mean? It means that the righteousness of God, the equity of character of God, comes forth and is revealed and shown in the one who believes that God can give life and immortality and the fruit of the Spirit as a free gift. It is revealed in meaning God manifests that in him and as it is revealed, we say, "Ahhh, I see! I see the righteousness of God! Here is the righteousness of God," and then we behold the believer. Glory to God, wherein God manifests His righteousness. Hallelujah!*

Let me say that again. I conclude with this: God comes and He says, "I give you eternal life and immortality." God says, "I, by My doing, give you life and immortality. I promise you that! It is not for you to work up. I promise I will give it to you." The worse thing you can ever do is to say, "Well, God, I hear what You say but let me just make sure and work some principles to have life.

It's like me promising my son saying to him, "You know, my son, I'm going to buy you this thing or that thing and then I travel and then I come home after a week and I purchased this thing for him and I come home and see that he built his own one. I ask him, "Why did you do that?" He says, "Well, I didn't trust you. I was scared that I couldn't do the work right and therefore I built this thing by my own work." Even if he built something that is as good as what I bought him it would be a voice of him believing that I am not a righteous father. His work is an accusation against me! His work is a lie! He is actually lying about me... his unbelief because he can't believe that he doesn't have to do anything and I will just give it to him!

In the very same way, God came and He promised us life and immortality. We were bound by death. We were bound by Satan's System. He promised us. In His promise He made it possible to fulfill His promise by taking away the Law man and everything. And then He comes and tells you this promise and as we believe this we receive the Spirit of faith, the Truth that brings life or is the life of God. As that Spirit enters us, what does He then do? He comes and manifests this equitable deed. He manifests His righteousness which is so good. He takes the unjust, He takes the ungodly, and He brings life to them as a free gift. He takes the ungodly and blesses the ungodly with life. And as the ungodly just say, "God, if You want to make the ungodly immortal and give them Your quality of life and have them co-seated with You, that's okay. I believe You will do it!" And as you believe that, He does it! He brings it forth and now the righteousness of God, Who He always was, is revealed in **you!** If we say, "Where is the righteousness of God? Here I am!" Why am I called the righteousness of God? Because I can have life free from my works!

So if you come with your effort, of how, "I'm the blessed of God! I come with my ten testimonies of how God has prospered me because I followed this principle or that principle!" **JUST SHUT UP! YOU ARE LYING ABOUT GOD! YOU ARE SAYING THAT HE IS UNRIGHTEOUS FOR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED THROUGH THE GOSPEL AND GOD GIVING FOR**

FREE AND HIM PROMISING AND NOT BY YOUR DOING! IT'S LIKE ABRAHAM BRAGGING ON HIS CHILD WITH HAGAR! LET'S NOT DO THAT! CAST OUT THE BOND WOMAN WITH THE CHILD, MEANING, CAST OUT THE LEGALISTIC SYSTEM WITH THE CHILD OR THE FRUIT OR THE TESTIMONY YOU GOT FROM YOUR LEGALISTIC SYSTEM!

People, I know that I have said some radical things but we are not going to have eternal life by blessing the Jews! We are going to have eternal life by believing on Jesus! And every Jew who believes on Jesus shall also be saved and the Jew who doesn't believe will be lost! That is how simple it is! Why? For he has not submitted to the righteousness of God. Everyone that still continues to believe that we, outside of just God giving us life and immortality by Him promising us, outside of that anything outside of that is building up your own righteousness so that by your works you can have life. You are not going to have life by blessing the Jews! I'm not saying to curse the Jews. I'm not saying that we should curse anybody! I say, "Let us believe that God will give us life. That He will pour out His love in us. That He will pour out His righteousness inside us and put His righteousness on display inside us by the power of the Resurrection and we will bless the Jew, we will bless the Gentile, we will bless any person, we will love the lost, we will be generous! Why? On account of God's righteousness manifested inside us, putting it on display and therefore we shall be made the righteousness of God by Him living in us. He became sin so that you might be made the righteousness of God. You will be the righteousness of God on display. When people ask, "Where is the righteousness of God?" I will point to you! Glory to God! That's what God points to. He's promised you life. He's promised you immortality, Church, and let us believe. Let us believe that truth! He's proved it so many times. Let us believe upon Him and so have life and immortality. Glory to God!