

Take Your Place

Part 1

The Reality of Righteousness

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J. B. Phillips, "The New Testament in Modern English", 1962 edition, published by HarperCollins.

There is a place on earth, that God intended for each person to dwell. That reality is the righteousness of God. When God created Adam, he intended for him to live in a place of purity. Mankind was created to live righteous.

When this happens, we will be able to walk in true compassion with others. We walk in the mindset of God's character which says, "I am at the highest level of compassion with this person, not to feel sorry for them, but to take them to God's promises, His will, and His WORD."

Isaiah 32:15

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15 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high (He was, wasn't He? This happened at pentecost, and in our own personal baptism of fire. Mark 1:8, Acts 1:5, Acts

2:38, Matthew 3:11), and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is valued as a forest.

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) will abide in the fruitful field.

17 And the **effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external]**, and the result (effect of) of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.

Peace here is not just happiness, it is assurance. We rise up and in the knowledge of God and take our place of righteousness.

18 My people shall dwell in a **peaceable habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.**

19 But it [the wrath of the Lord] shall hail, coming down overpoweringly on the forest [the army of the Assyrians], and the capital city shall be utterly humbled *and* laid prostrate.

Righteousness is a state of being.

Justification is what God sees us as being (Just as if we never sinned).

When an intense storm comes, how many of us have become concerned, for tornado's or other frighteningly real events, not so the Christian, when we face the hail storms and tornado's of life, we live in the righteousness of God, and that peace causes us to command that storm to bow the knee. **That would be the righteousness of God speaking.**

You see the Word of God HAS TO BE BELIEVED!

16 Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) will abide in the fruitful field.

When trouble comes, we tend to go to questioning God. Why is this happening to me?

We need to ask questions like:

- 1) What has He done?
- 2) What is He doing?
- 3) What is He going to do?

Each time you ask the question:

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? you have taken the problem out of God's hands and placed it in your hands. This is where we miss it as Christians.

This is when we act as our own God. WE try to solve the problem, WE try to figure out the next steps, WE it is all about I, I, I, I, I!

The scripture clearly tells us not to have any God other than God. This includes you.

1 Corinthians 1:30

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30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus,

The Word Christ according to the Gospel of John, we have seen the Christ being interpreted Messiah meaning the anointed one.

Anointed means "To pour on, to rub on or to smear".

We are the Body of CHRIST! THE anointed one.
Christ in us the hope of Glory (The anointing in us the hope of glory)

God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin].

The righteousness of God was a key issue to the Apostle Paul.

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Righteousness is not some state of belonging or some state of piety earned by many works of good deeds. It is not the attaining or training of the flesh (which can be done) but this is called holiness. It is a right place with God. Religion chokes on it.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature (new species of being) altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come!

18 But all things are from God, Who through *Jesus* Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

20 So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We [as Christ's personal representatives] beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor [now offered you] *and* be reconciled to God.

21 For our sake He **made** Christ [virtually] to be (with mine and yours) sin Who knew no sin, so that in *and* through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].

Romans 5:17

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17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life

through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Because of God's grace, we become the righteousness of God in Christ (The anointed one).

You are as righteous as Jesus because you have been united with Jesus. YOU ARE ONE WITH HIM.