

Righteousness.....?

Romans 1

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 3

²¹Now, the way to receive God’s approval has been made plain in a way other than Moses’ Teachings. Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets tell us this. ²²Everyone who believes has God’s approval through faith in Jesus Christ.

There is no difference between people. ²³Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God’s glory. ²⁴They receive God’s approval freely by an act of his kindness^[a] through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free from sin. ²⁵God showed that Christ is the throne of mercy where God’s approval is given through faith in Christ’s blood. In his patience God waited to deal with sins committed in the past. ²⁶He waited so that he could display his approval at the present time. This shows that he is a God of justice, a God who approves of people who believe in Jesus. ²⁷So, do we have anything to brag about? Bragging has been eliminated. On what basis was it eliminated? On the basis of our own efforts? No, indeed! Rather, it is eliminated on the basis of faith. ²⁸We conclude that a person has God’s approval because of faith, not because of his own efforts.

Ephesians 2

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Corinthians 5 ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin^[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Righteousness is

- **R_____ standing**
- **A_____ from someone who matters!**
- **A_____ as having real importance in a relationship that matters!**

Without “righteousness” in we are robbed of p_____, j_____, l_____, s_____, v_____, l_____ within ourselves.

Without “righteousness” in our relationship with God we n_____ experience life in the center of our being!

We are robbed forever and our lives show it!

**Our hearts have a God-shaped hole and He must fill it!
Without that hole filled life will never stay in!**

**Our futile attempts at “_____” righteousness arewell futile!
Aren’t you tired?**

We “get” to “get” righteousness from God as a “_____” from Him! From beginning to end it is an experience of “f_____”! At its best faith S_____, R_____ and then A_____ accordingly!

Dear Lord Jesus,

*I **SURRENDER** myself (along with my brokenness and futile attempts at righteousness) and my agenda for this day in my life to You!*

*I **RECEIVE** You, Your gift of righteousness, Your agenda, Your promises and Your resources for me to follow You this day!*

*And now I will **ACT** like it in faith-filled obedience! Amen*