

His Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 | Romans 8:1 | Philippians 3:9

Week one was about seeking Him — His presence, His truth, His way, His plans, His mission. This week shifts the question: not just "am I seeking God," but "who has He already made me to be?"

Here's the truth we're building on: God made Jesus, who had no sin, to become sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21). That's not something we earn by trying harder — it's something we already carry because of what He did. There is no more condemnation for those in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). Paul said he wanted a righteousness that didn't come from his own effort, but through faith in Christ (Philippians 3:9).

This week we'll walk through the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, goodness, self-control, light — not as things to manufacture, but as evidence of what's already true about who we are in Him. Today, simply ask: Holy Spirit, what are You saying to me this week?

DECLARE:

- I am the righteousness of God in Christ.
- I'm not working for right standing with God — I'm living from it.
- Holy Spirit, have Your way in me this week.

Today's Focus: Love

WEEK 2

Matthew 6:33 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | Romans 8:41
1 John 4:10 | 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 | John 15:5

We are the righteousness of God. We are not working for righteousness — we are living from righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21). God has given us His power and is making us more into His image (Romans 8:41). This week we go deeper into the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives — asking, "Holy Spirit, what are You saying to me?" — and praying to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, beginning today with love.

God is love (1 John 4:10). Try reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and replacing the word "love" with "God" — that is who He is toward us. Pray for a fresh revelation of His love. How do we receive God's love? By recognizing our worth in Him. We are not worthy of His love — we've fallen short — but we are worth His love. He paid for us. What's our value? Jesus. And how do we love others out of His love? We don't try harder to love people — we stay closer to Jesus (John 15:5). We ask Him to fill us so we can release His love to the world around us.

Today's Focus: Joy

Nehemiah 8:10 | 1 Thessalonians 5:18 | Psalm 28:7

Take a moment to reflect on what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. Have you ever gone through the usual steps for something, only to realize you weren't receiving the results you expected? It's frustrating when we want to receive something and aren't seeing it. Sometimes we come to prayer seeking an answer, and it doesn't come. Sometimes our spiritual battery isn't dead — it's just drained.

The devil knows that if you lose your joy, you lose your strength — and he can defeat you (Nehemiah 8:10). To reconnect to that strength:

Gratitude for God (1 Thessalonians 5:18) — looking for something to be grateful for can energize and strengthen us.

Trust in God (Psalm 28:7) — "When you are not sure how the story ends, trust the Author who wrote it." Trust is the boost our joy needs, like cables connected to a power source before they can turn the engine.

Who is the source of our joy matters. Joy isn't what happens to you — it's who is living on your side. Joy has a name, and it's Jesus. The joy He gives cannot be taken away. When Jesus is your source and the power of the Holy Spirit is in you, you can carry your joy anywhere — to revive your city, to bless your enemies.

Today's Focus: Peace

WEEK 2

Psalm 4:8, 29:11 | Acts 10:36 | Romans 5:1 | Philippians 4

The peace of God is real. He is the Prince of Peace — "prince" in the sense of lordship: He is the one in charge (Sar), and His peace is Shalom — rest, tranquility. We can only experience the highest peace when He is ruling.

Ask yourself: in the area of my life where I have no peace, could it be that I haven't made Him Lord there? Where is our lack of peace pointing to an area we haven't surrendered? If we step outside His Lordship, we lose our peace. Our lack of peace comes from ignoring God's principles — where is He not first in our life (Matthew 6:33)? If He is Lord, He is in control. Release it to Him. Do not be anxious (Philippians 4).

Today's Focus: Goodness

Galatians 6:9 | Psalm 77:11 | Romans 12:18

Good means beauty, excellence, purity, and uprightness (Galatians 6:9). Paul is speaking here to our souls: we can be doing good with our hands while losing the good in our hearts. It's the Christian heart that sets us apart from the world. His righteousness gives us the grace to live this out. The goal of goodness: I will find beauty in every situation and relationship.

PRAYERS

- *Lord, help me supernaturally remember — the times You showed up and brought Your goodness, because there are times we forget the passion God placed in our hearts (Psalm 77:11).*
- *Lord, help me desire unity over accuracy — God ties a personal issue to community; we can't do it without community (Romans 12:18).*
- *Lord, help me see opportunity and not outcomes — we will reap a harvest even when we can't change something ourselves; only the Spirit of God can. Step into the situation in prayer.*

Today's Focus: Self-Control

WEEK 2

2 Peter 1:3-7, 2:11-12 | 1 Corinthians 9:27 | 2 Corinthians 10:5 | Romans 8:5-6 | Galatians 5:25

Self-control isn't just about stopping something — it's about not doing it, and instead giving the Spirit control. It starts with asking the Holy Spirit first.

Pause the body (1 Corinthians 9:27) — fasting is a beautiful way to say no to the body and take control. It's not just about what you stop doing, but what you replace it with.

Pause the soul (2 Corinthians 10:5) — take every thought captive and bring it into obedience to God (Romans 8:5-6).

Initiate the Spirit (Galatians 5:25) — keep in step with the Spirit.

Today's Focus: Light

Matthew 5:14-15, 6:16

God's word tells us we are the light of the world, and light dominates darkness. That is our job — God did not call us to spectate, He called us to participate. There is no plan B; we are God's plan. Revival doesn't begin with a better strategy — it begins with deeper surrender. We step into darkness and bring revival wherever we go; every great revival is born out of a deep place of prayer.

PRAY

- *God, I am listening — it's time to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to me.*
- *God, I am expectant — I carry expectation into every room.*
- *God, I am ready — put me in the middle of the game.*