

# Our Spirit is Righteous

## Righteousness: A Gift by Faith in Christ

“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)”

⌋Romans⌋5:17⌋NKJV

Righteousness is a gift. A gift is something that was not purchased or worked for. It can only be received!

When you are righteous, you have been proven as acceptable to God — to be as you ought to be, the way God created you to be. Many people often use this phrase: “to have right standing with God.”

“Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, across from the king’s house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house. So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter. And the king said to her, “What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you—up to half the kingdom!”⌋Esther⌋5:1-3⌋NKJV

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

⌋Hebrews⌋4:16⌋NKJV

“And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy.”

⌋Exodus⌋26:33⌋NKJV

“Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”

⌋Matthew⌋27:51⌋NKJV

““But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to

him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry."

¶ Luke ¶ 15:17-24 ¶ NKJV

When we have accepted Jesus into our own hearts by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth, we are instantly transformed within. Brand new!

Notice the verse below...

## **A New Creation in Christ**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

¶ I Corinthians ¶ 5:17 ¶ NKJV

The individual who finds themselves in Christ has become something new. Old things have passed away; all things have become new. When God looks at you, He sees the finished work of the cross — your debt of sin paid, righteousness. You are acceptable to God, a new creature! You're not the same person you were before Christ!

Now you may ask... "I don't feel any different. I don't look any different. How could I have become something new when I feel so connected with who I was?"

It's very simple. The new you — the real you — was changed within. Your spirit, which was dead to God and blind to the light, has become alive to God. God's love has been shed abroad in your heart, and for the first time, the veil of darkness that once blinded you has lifted!

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

¶ Thessalonians ¶ 5:23 ¶ NKJV

When you accept Jesus as your Savior, you are a new creation. You are born again — a brand new creation. Where did this take place? In your spirit.

Your spirit man was recreated, reborn.

Your physical body did not get born again.

Your soul did not get born again.

## Reigning in Life Through the Gift of Righteousness

Now, going back to Romans 5:17, notice this... it says that those who have received this gift of righteousness will reign in life. The word *reign* means to walk in the authority of a king — to govern. Just before that, however, it says “death reigned.” It had control over you like a king, subject to its laws and decrees. But now we are reigning in life, no longer being dominated by death, no longer subject to its laws. We are perfect in God’s sight, no longer blemished by sin.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

11 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV

We become the righteousness of God when we respond to His call and answer it. Brand new. Jesus was our substitute, taking upon Himself my sin — the sin that separated myself from Him.

## Sealed by the Holy Spirit

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV

When we accept Jesus as Lord, we receive the stamp/seal of the Holy Spirit.

“...The moment you believed, God thoroughly examined and inspected you to make sure that you were fully intact and complete. Because He found nothing in you broken, defective, or faulty, God put His seal upon you — the ultimate proof that He found you to be impeccable. That seal meant you were approved, endorsed, recognized, affirmed, sanctified, and notarized by the Spirit of God. It was His guarantee that you are going to make it to your final destination.”

Ephesians 1:13 RIV

“This should tell you how intensely God longs for your arrival in Heaven! He Himself has inspected you, sealed you, and guaranteed you. Now He watches over you to see that you make it all the way into His Presence, where He eagerly anticipates that day when He will see you face to face.”

— Rick Renner

### **Andrew Wommack Study Guide “Sealed” on Ephesians 1:13**

A. All the righteousness, holiness, and goodness your born-again spirit was recreated with was immediately sealed tight with the Holy Spirit.

B. When you were born again, your spirit was immediately encased — vacuum-packed — by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of preservation.

C. When you fail in any area of your life after being saved, the rottenness, uncleanness, and defilement that comes to your body and soul doesn't penetrate your spirit.

D. This Holy Spirit seal keeps the good in and the bad out.

Notice that what happens at salvation is something so miraculous, so powerful, that you have been made brand new, alive to God, and sealed with His Spirit.

When we do sin, it does not touch what God has done. It affects our body and soul, but it could never penetrate the recreated spirit. Naturally, there are consequences for sin, but it does not tarnish the new man. It may affect our physical bodies and soul, but our spirit is in a different class — being perfect.

### **Walking in the New Man**

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:17-24 NKJV

The Bible instructs us not to walk as we did before, but to put on the new man which was created in true righteousness and holiness!

Can we walk how we did before? Obviously, yes. So many believers have walked far beneath their calling. It would be like rolling around in the mud after receiving new clothes. You would most likely look at that kind of person and think they must have no respect for themselves. Walk in dignity! Walk according to the new man — created in true righteousness and holiness. You are not who you were before.

### **Paul's Testimony of Grace and Righteousness**

“I can testify that the Word is true and deserves to be received by all, for Jesus Christ came into the world to bring sinners back to life — even me, the worst sinner of all! Yet I was captured by grace, so that Jesus Christ could display through me the outpouring of his Spirit as a pattern to be seen for all those who would believe in him for eternal life. Because of this my praises rise to the King of all the universe who is indestructible, invisible, and full of glory, the only God who is worthy of the highest honors throughout all of time and throughout the eternity of eternities!  
Amen!”

¶ 1 Timothy 1:15-17 ¶ TPT ¶

“Here’s a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I’m proof — Public Sinner Number One — of someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off — evidence of his endless patience — to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever. Deep honor and bright glory to the King of All Time — One God, Immortal, Invisible, ever and always.”

¶ 1 Timothy 1:15-17 ¶ MSG ¶

These verses are not literal translations but give us a glimpse into what Paul was trying to convey to his readers!

That if he, the chief of sinners, through faith in Jesus can become righteous, then as a pattern, all men who trust in God can experience the same!