



## GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

**SCRIPTURAL LESSON:** *Romans 10:1-10*

**GOSPEL TRUTH:**

Jesus Christ's desire for all mankind is to have a meaningful relationship with Him and to follow His righteousness (*Isaiah 51:1*). Godly righteousness cannot be achieved by our own efforts. When we follow and submit to the will of God, then we can approach and possess God's righteousness.

**GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:**

*And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (Philippians 3:9).*

**THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:**

1. All true righteousness is created and executed by Jesus Christ (*Deuteronomy 32:24-26*).
2. Having God's righteousness is a by-product of having deep faith and persistent obedience to Jesus Christ (*Romans 1:17; 3:24-26*).
3. Be a living example of following God's righteousness (*Proverbs 11:9; 21:21*).
4. Follow after Godly righteousness and Godly attributes (*I Timothy 6:11-2; II Timothy 2:22*).
5. The righteous believer will be blessed (*Proverbs 15:29-33; Matthew 13:43*).
6. Righteousness exalted a nation (*Deuteronomy 4:6, 28:1-6; Proverbs 14:34*).

**BACKGROUND SETTINGS:**

All the sacrifices in the Old Testament pointed to the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary. Jesus Christ declared and displayed God's righteousness by His perfect obedience to the will of God.

In our scriptural lesson, the Apostle Paul's desire was that Israel be saved. The people of Israel were establishing their own righteousness by establishing their own laws, customs, and traditions (*Philippians 3:9*). Human effort is no substitute to God's goodness and righteousness. Paul states that only through the righteousness of faith in Jesus Christ can one secure salvation. In other words, living by faith in God and displaying Godly virtues (qualities) will make our salvation sure.

**LESSON SUMMARY:**

In our present world there is an absence of God's righteousness (*Romans 3:9-20*). Righteousness is not the result of being a good person or doing good deeds. We are not saved by our good works, but by the love and grace of God. God's people need to maintain a close relationship with Jesus Christ to approach God's righteousness. When we live our life demonstrating God's love, unwavering faith, persistent endurance, integrity, and avoiding evil Jesus Christ calls us "blameless" (*II Peter 3:14-15*). Blameless because He has forgiven us of our sins so that we can walk in the "newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*). When we follow Jesus Christ we become righteous, not because we are perfect, but through God's forgiveness we can become holy in His sight. We no longer serve to serve ourselves, but to serve Jesus Christ.

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