

# Imputed Righteousness

- We will be teaching today from the Amplified version of the bible.
- The bible is the only real truth.
- It is the inspired word of God.
- Today we will be teaching on **Righteousness.**

# Imputed Righteousness

- What is righteousness?
- Righteousness is right standing with God.
- How do we become righteous?
  - Is it by doing good works or being kind.
  - Is it by being a good person?
  - Is it by just being nice?
  - Is it by being a good Christian?
  - Is it by performing Christian ritual or sacraments?
  - Is it by going to church faithfully every Sunday?
  - Is it by being baptised as a baby?
  - Is it by keeping the Mosaic Law?
- It's none of these things!

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- Then, how do we become righteous?
- **We must stop trying to earn it.**
- **stop trying to make ourselves acceptable to God.**
- **we must simply accept the substitute sacrifice of Jesus.**
- It then comes to us as a free gift – not by our own efforts.
- We are blood bought.

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- Our heavenly Father declares us not guilty and He chooses to remember our past sins no more.
- [1 Corinthians 6:11](#)
- .....*But you were washed clean (purified by a complete atonement for sin and made free from the guilt of sin), and you were consecrated (set apart, hallowed), and you were justified [pronounced righteous, by trusting] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God.*

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- We must guard against **Self Righteousness**.
- We must avoid having a high opinion of ourselves, thinking that we deserve recognition through our own efforts.
- That is pride and lack of humility and an outward form of Godliness.
- Everything we are comes from Him! – He made us - we are created beings and we are blood bought.

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- Jesus illustrated this with a parable.
- *Luke 18*
- *<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some people who **trusted in themselves** and **were confident that they were righteous** [that they were upright and in right standing with God] and scorned and made nothing of all the rest of men:*
- *<sup>10</sup> Two men went up into the temple [<sup>[i]</sup>enclosure] to pray, the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.*
- *<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee [<sup>[i]</sup>took his stand ostentatiously and began to pray thus before and with himself:*
- *God, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men—extortioners (robbers), swindlers [unrighteous in heart and life], adulterers—or even like this tax collector here.*
- *<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I gain.*

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- *<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, [merely] standing at a distance, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but kept striking his breast, saying, O God, be favourable (be gracious, be merciful) to me, the <sup>[k]</sup>especially wicked sinner that I am!*
- *<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified (forgiven and made upright and in right standing with God), rather than the other man; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.*

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- We must trust wholly in the finished work of our saviour Jesus Christ.
- Before his conversion the apostle **Paul** had a high opinion of himself - he thought that he was righteous.
- [Philippians 3:6](#)
- *As to my zeal, I was a persecutor of the church, and by the Law's standard of **righteousness** (supposed justice, uprightness, and right standing with God) I was proven to be blameless and no fault was found with me.*



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- But after his conversion he realised that he was acceptable to God not through his own efforts but by believing in the atoning sacrifice of Christ Jesus.
- [Philippians 3:9](#)
- *And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] **righteousness** that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired),*
- *but possessing that [genuine **righteousness**] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One),*
- *the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.*

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- So what can we conclude?
- When we are saved, we are a new creation, born again, spiritually alive, no longer I that live but Christ in me.
- As He is, so are we in this world.
- We are now the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- It is **His** righteousness that is **imputed** to us.
- Because it is **His** righteousness, and not our own **earned** righteousness, **it never fades and it is never lost.**
- **We are always righteous.**

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- However, sometimes we may act unrighteously.
- That is called “sinning”
- Our conscience makes us feel guilty – we know we are doing wrong and we feel uncomfortable.
- We feel unworthy to come into Gods presence.
- But God has provided a way to deal with this.

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- We are not separated from our Heavenly Father – Why? - because we are “**in Christ**” and it is His righteousness that is imputed to us – **permanently!**.
- When our Father looks upon us He sees us **in Christ**.
- Because we are **in Christ** we are righteous.
- Our sin has already been accounted for at the cross.
- So how do we deal with our wrong doing?

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- By repenting!
- Repentance is turning away, stopping doing that which dishonours our saviour!
- Firstly we admit to ourselves what we have done and we take responsibility for it.

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- We recognise that we sinned and did something dishonouring to our saviour.
- Please note that we did not lose our righteousness (because it was imputed)
- but we did **act** un-righteously.

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- When we accepted Jesus as our saviour, our sins, past, present and future, were completely dealt with.
- Jesus took our punishment on the cross and at the whipping post.
- We are forgiven.
- By recognising our present day mistakes and taking action to correct them, we honour Him and we come under His full blessing.

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- We find God's instructions in Ephesians 4
- *<sup>22</sup> Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;*
- *<sup>23</sup> And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],*
- *<sup>24</sup> And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.*



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- In order to accomplish this we have help.
- Jesus ascended into heaven in order that He could send us the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit lives in us and He teaches us to live righteously.

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- The Holy Spirit doesn't attempt to point out what we are doing wrong.
- He endeavours to confirm our righteousness.
- He reminds us of who we are as sons and daughters of the living God.
- In response, we are enabled to live in a manner that is honouring and brings glory to our saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- When we repent, we receive all the blessings and promises of God.
- Many Christians have been wrongly taught that the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin – He does not – He reassures us of our righteousness.
- However He does convict the non Christian, the un-believer accordingly.

## *John 16*

- *<sup>8</sup> And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:*
- *<sup>9</sup> about sin [and the true nature of it],*
- *because they do not believe in Me [and My message]; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness [personal integrity and godly character].*

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- If you are a Christian but you are struggling today -
  - With feelings of unworthiness.
  - Or you are struggling to overcome some issue.
- Stop listening to the devils lies.
- Renew your mind to the truth.

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- Remind yourself that you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- *Romans 8:1*
- *Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus.*
- It is an imputed righteousness – not something you have to work for.

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- When you get up in the morning, look in the mirror, and say
- **I am** the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- It is an imputed righteousness and **nobody can take it away from me!**
- **Glory to God – thank you Jesus.**

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- Sometimes we find ourselves struggling with issues from the past which don't seem to get better.
- In this case it may be appropriate to find mature Christians who can counsel and help you to get free.
- In the meantime keep reminding yourself that you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus – **eternally!**

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- Thank you for listening.
- You can download a copy of this teaching in pdf form by going to
- <https://eleos.online/teaching/righteousness/righteousness.pdf>