

As a believer, you must be righteousness conscious. Righteousness conscious is by knowledge, it is the knowledge of what Christ has made and you must learn to feed yourself with this reality. By faith in the gospel, we are made righteous with God, we stand right with God and we stand confident with God. You should learn to sing God's word, learn to believe God's word by faith in the gospel and learn to see yourself in the light of God's word. Righteousness is what we have received at salvation and it is freely given in Christ Jesus alone and this is the reality of our salvation.

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THE REALITY OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS





hristianity is a reality, it is what Christ has done, it is who Jesus is and who he represents to us. Christianity is founded on the works of salvation and it is pertinent for every believer to have a full recognition of what God has done in Christ Jesus for us. A believer needs to understand that there can be no salvation outside the works of Christ. The ability of God to save is found in the gospel and the gospel alone.

1st Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

God's plan is for all men to be saved and for men to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Philemon 1:6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Every Christian has to precisely appreciate the reality and has to accurately understand the things that are given to him in Christ Jesus. Our participation becomes effective by the acknowledging of every good thing in us in Christ Jesus.

WHAT IS THE REALITY OF THE BELIEVER? **2nd Timothy 3:15**

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ lesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The reality of the believer is that you need to understand God's word. A man is born again by the word. So, God and his word are the same. God's word is real to a Christian and he has to hear and believe God's word. A Christian need to accustom himself to the scriptures because the message of the bible is about Christ Jesus. The scriptures are inspired by God, the scriptures are valid for doctrine, the scriptures are given for evidence, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. God's word must be real to you and you must know that you cannot lose your salvation, he has paid that price for you and this reality is forever.

WHAT DOES RIGHTEOUSNESS MEAN?

Let's see **Romans 10:8-10** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto right-eousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Righteousness is to stand right with and before God. It is to be without blame or fault. Righteousness is what we have received at salvation, it is freely given in Christ and it is the reality of our salvation

There is a further explanation in **Romans 3:19**Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law

and the prophets;

22 even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.

The righteousness of God is by faith, we are justified on the basis of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and we are made righteous by the obedience of Jesus.

SIMPLE FACTS ABOUT OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

- The believer is declared righteous by faith. Your righteousness is not by merit but by your belief in christ. The believer was declared righteous by the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- Righteousness comes to a man as a free gift. Let's see **Romans 5:17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Righteousness is not something you work for but a free gift received from Christ.
- because the believer is a new creature. The believer is not just declared righteous, he has been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. It is now our identity.

 Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

 Righteousness comes to the believer as a nature, that is the believer's state and it is a state that doesn't change.

CAN A BELIEVER BE RIGHTEOUS CONSCIOUS? 1st Corinthians 15:34

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to