



THURSDAY 13

## LOVE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



*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 (Romans 5:17).*

In our previous study, we talked about the gift of eternal life that's imparted to be born again. Now, that wonderful gift of eternal life comes with two associate virtues: love and righteousness. You can't get them anywhere else. Upon receiving eternal life, the love of God is automatically shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

Christ in you means the nature of God is in you, and God's nature is love. The Bible says, "...**God is love...**" (1 John 4:16). That love resides in your spirit; your responsibility is to let that love flow through you. 2 Corinthians 5:19 says, "**To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**" Having reached out to us in love through Christ, He has given us the ministry of reconciliation, to win others and bring them into His love.

The second thing is righteousness; Christ has made