

The Gift of Righteousness

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Scripture References:

- Hebrews 5:12, 13
- Hebrews 5:12, 13, *NLT*
- Romans 1:16, 17
- Acts 20:24
- Proverbs 23:7
- Galatians 1:6, 7
- Romans 5:17-19
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Romans 5:1, 2, *NLT*
- Romans 3:22, *NLT*
- Romans 4:1, 2, 4-8
- Hebrews 13:5
- Romans 1:18, 19
- Romans 1:18-23, *MSG*
- Galatians 2:21
- Isaiah 64:6
- Romans 11:6
- Galatians 5:4
- Jude 1:4
- Titus 2:11, 12
- Romans 6:14

Summary:

*Most Christians only understand righteousness in the context of what they do right. Religion says we can qualify to be made righteous by our own good deeds; however, true righteousness is a gift from God. As long as we continue to think that our righteousness depends on our own efforts, we will remain spiritual babies; we begin to mature spiritually when we realize that it only comes through **Jesus'** righteousness, not ours.*

Notes:

1. As long as we think our righteousness depends on our own efforts, we'll remain spiritual babies; we begin to mature spiritually when we realize that it only comes through Jesus' righteousness, not ours.
2. We need right-thinking to understand God's grace. Sometimes our bad behavior is caused by wrong-thinking; wrong-thinking leads to wrong-living. Ungodly people will try to replace grace with lasciviousness; however, grace is not a license to sin. God's grace teaches us to live godly lifestyles.
3. Righteousness is something we receive, not something we earn; we receive it only through God's favor. Our response to this is to have faith in Jesus. We don't place our faith in what we do for Jesus, but in what *He* did for us.
4. Jesus, who was completely righteous, took all our sins onto Himself and actually became sin so that mankind, who was completely sinful, could be made righteous. He was made a sinner without sinning, and we were made righteous without doing right.
5. If God's blessing is a reward for good behavior, then we get the credit for earning it. However, if it is a gift, then *Jesus* gets the credit. Most church people believe that the blessing is a reward for something they are responsible for doing, but it's actually gift.

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