

What to Do When Righteousness Is Under Attack

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Scripture References:

- Romans 3:20-31, *NLT*
- Galatians 2:16, *NLT*
- Romans 10:4, *NLT*
- Romans 10:4
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Romans 14:23
- Romans 3:23
- James 4:17
- Matthew 5:17, 18, 21, 22, 27-32
- Matthew 5:38, 40, 42-44
- Matthew 7:21-23
- Galatians 2:21
- 1 Corinthians 15:34, *MSG*
- Isaiah 54:14, 17
- Matthew 6:33
- Hebrews 9:28, *NLT*

Summary:

Faith in Jesus Christ puts us in right-standing with God, independent of our own efforts. Jesus was the only man who could perfectly keep all the law, and therefore, the only one who was righteous; accepting Him makes us the same way. Establishing ourselves in Christ gives us the knowledge that we're truly the righteousness of God, no matter what the devil says to contradict this.

Notes:

1. The Law of Moses was established to show us our sinfulness; it brought us to the point of acknowledging that we need God. However, it can't make us righteous.
2. Jesus was the only man who could perfectly keep all the law, and therefore, the only one who was righteous; accepting Him makes us righteous. Jesus' righteousness is our right to God's unmerited favor.
3. God can do things the law never could. The Holy Spirit changes our desires so we want to do what pleases God; rule-keeping can't accomplish this.
4. Righteousness is the launching pad for our lives. When we're established in righteousness, we won't be oppressed and we won't fear; instead, we'll rule over oppression, terror, and fear.

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