

SHORTCUT TO BECOMING RIGHTEOUS

“And he believed in the Lord and He counted it to him for righteousness” - Genesis 15:6 (KJV).

“By faith, the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not when she had received the spies with peace” - Hebrews 11:31 (KJV).

Righteousness has been simply defined as having a right standing with God. And a righteous fellow is one who believes the word of God and acts based on its dictates. That is, one who has faith in God's word and takes corresponding actions based on this faith. For instance God says whosoever believes in His Son and identifies with His sacrifice on the cross for the atonement of the sin of the world will be saved – John 3:16, Romans 10:9-10. Now you were not there when He came, you didn't see Him when He died, you didn't even see any blood He shed yet you believe all these happened simply because God said so; that is called RIGHTEOUSNESS as far as God is concerned. God said something, you can't see what He said yet you believe Him to be true, you take Him at His word despite contrary evidences (like Abraham), and you start behaving and acting based on that which you believe –that is faith; and in this dispensation of grace that is what qualifies you to be called a righteous fellow, not just by obeying the laws in detail according to the old pattern of law.

Rahab was a prostitute yet she was declared righteous by God simply because she believed in God's promises to the children of Israel and acted based on that belief by hiding the two spies sent to Jericho – Joshua 2:1-21. Thus, God overlooked her sinful profession and justified her by her faith. This eventually led to the salvation of her family members and also got her name registered in the scriptures as an ancestress of Jesus Christ –Matthew 1:5.

In this dispensation we are in, no one becomes righteous by simply trying to obey the ten commandments –Galatians 2:16 and 21; rather you are declared righteous (justified) by God based on your faith in what His Son, Jesus Christ, did for you on the cross of Calvary and your corresponding action (lifestyle of holiness, abstaining from sin), justifying what you claim to believe - Galatians 5:4, Romans 5:1, 2Corinthians 5:21. It is only after this has taken place that you will be divinely empowered to effectively keep the commandments of God which you have been trying and struggling to keep before. This is what it means to become a righteous person. If a chronic prostitute could be declared righteous by God, you too can. Accept Jesus Christ into your life now, that's the FIRST STEP!

If you want to give your life to Jesus Christ; say these prayers:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. Please forgive me of all my sins, I accept you into my life today as my personal Lord and Savior. Help me to live a holy life beginning from now. Thank you for saving me.

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