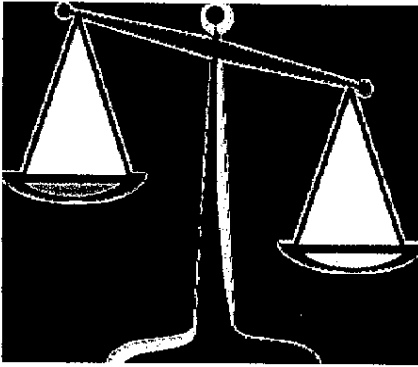


## RIGHTEOUSNESS



**Rom 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. **KJV**  
**STRONG'S** (Righteousness) NT:1343 dikaosune (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay); from NT:1342; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) **KJV** - righteousness.

**THAYER'S** (Righteousness) NT:1343 dikaosune--1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God b) integrity, virtue, purity of "life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting 2) in a narrower sense, justice or the virtue which gives each his due

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**dikaosune** NT:1343 is "the character or quality of being right or just"; it was formerly spelled "rightwiseness," which clearly expresses the meaning. It is used to denote an attribute of God, e. g., Rom 3:5, the context of which shows that "the righteousness of God" means essentially the same as His faithfulness, or truthfulness, that which is consistent with His own nature and promises; Rom 3:25,26 speaks of His "righteousness" as exhibited in the death of Christ, which is sufficient to show men that God is neither indifferent to sin nor regards it lightly. On the contrary, it demonstrates that quality of holiness in Him which must find expression in His condemnation of sin.

**Matt 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after **righteousness**: for they shall be filled. **7** Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. **8** Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. **KJV**

**2 Cor 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in him. **KJV**

**Phil 1:9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; **10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **11** Being filled with the fruits of **righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. **KJV**

**Heb 12:11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of **righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby. **KJV**

**2 Peter 3:13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth **righteousness**. **KJV**

### WEBSTER'S 1828

**RIGHTEOUS**, *adjective* ri'chus. **1.** Just; accordant to the divine law. Applied to persons, it denotes one who is holy in heart, and observant of the divine commands in practice; as a *righteous* man. **2.** Just; equitable; merited. And I thy *righteous* doom will bless. **HOLINESS**, *noun* [from holy.] The state of being holy; purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin; sanctity. Applied to the Supreme **EQ'UITY**, *noun* [Latin *oequitas*, from *oequus*, equal, even, level.] **1.** Justice; right. In practice, *equity* is the impartial distribution of justice, or the doing that to another which the laws of God and man, and of reason, give him a right to claim. It is the treating of a person according to justice and reason. The Lord shall judge the people with *equity* **Psalms**

**98:9. Just** **1.** Regular; orderly; due; suitable. When all The war shall stand ranged in its *just* array. **2.** Exactly proportioned; proper.

**IMP'ARTIAL**, *adjective* [in and partial, from part, Latin *pars*.] **1.** Not partial; not biased in favor of one party more than another; indifferent; unprejudiced; disinterested; as an *impartial* judge or arbitrator. **2.** Not favoring one party more than another; equitable; just; as an *impartial* judgment or decision; an *impartial* opinion.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**, *noun* ri'chusnes1 . Purity of heart and rectitude of life; conformity of heart and life to the divine law. *righteousness* as used in Scripture and theology, in which it is chiefly used, is nearly equivalent to holiness, comprehending holy principles and affections of heart, and conformity of life to the divine law. It includes all we call justice, honesty and virtue, with holy affections; in short, it is true religion. **2.** Applied to God, the perfection or holiness of his nature; exact rectitude; faithfulness.

**3.** The active and passive obedience of Christ, by which the law of God is fulfilled. **Daniel 9:7.**

**4.** Justice; equity between man and man. **Luke 1:75.**

**5.** The cause of our justification.

The Lord our *righteousness* **Jeremiah 23:6.**