

"UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS"

This month we will explore the importance of understanding righteousness and how it applies to our lives as believers.

What is Righteousness?

Righteousness is being in right standing with God. It is not something we can achieve on our own but is a gift from God, available to everyone who has faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:22 (NIV)

"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

Living in a way that reflects God's standards of holiness, justice, and purity.

The Source of Our Righteousness

Jesus Christ is the source of our righteousness. His sacrificial death and resurrection make it possible for us to be seen as righteous before God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV):

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Jesus took on our sins, and in return, we are clothed in His righteousness. This is the great exchange that makes us acceptable before God.

<u>Living out Righteousness</u>

Once we receive righteousness through faith, we are called to live righteously. This means our thoughts, actions, and desires should align with God's will.

1 John 3:7 (NIV):

"Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous."

True righteousness is reflected in how we live. It involves doing what is right in God's eyes, not just having the right beliefs.



Take a moment to think of how righteous living directly improves your life.

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