



1 John 3:7

“He that doeth righteousness
is righteous.”

Philippians 2:12

“Work out your own salvation
with fear and trembling.”

BOOK 03 – CHAPTER 04 – STUDY 04

Righteousness and Holiness Obedience That God Recognizes

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Declared Righteous and Holy?

Righteousness and Holiness are not synonyms, but two inseparable expressions of the same life. Righteousness deals with our actions, Holiness with our nature. One governs what we do; the other defines who we are. A man can act rightly for a time and still not be holy, but no one can be holy without walking righteously. Holiness is righteousness matured, the fruit of a life that has been crucified to self and resurrected to obedience.

To be declared righteous is the beginning of the journey; to walk in holiness is the proof that the declaration was genuine. Many stop at declaration and never advance to demonstration. But YHWH's righteousness is never theoretical — it must be revealed in conduct. Heaven does not record what men claim, it records what they become through obedience.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Where do we go to find out about righteousness?

2 Tim 3:16 (KJV) All scripture is given by inspiration of YHWH and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Scripture is not merely a book of reference but the blueprint for transformation. It exposes false righteousness, corrects hypocritical living, and teaches what kind of obedience YHWH actually recognizes. Those who only read to collect knowledge will remain students; those who read to conform their lives to it will become disciples. The Word of YHWH is not meant to inform us but to reform us.

What do we need to do to learn about becoming righteous?

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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According to the Word of YHWH, many are called righteous, whether it is because they believe they are righteous due to their works or because YHWH declares them righteous. So, is it important to be a righteous disciple?

Modern religion has redefined righteousness into comfort. Some claim they are righteous because they attend church, pray occasionally, or show kindness, yet their lives remain unsubmitted to the commandments of YHWH. True righteousness is not charity detached from obedience but obedience born of love. A man can feed the poor and still be unrighteous if rebellion rules his heart. The world measures righteousness by sincerity; YHWH measures it by submission.

There is a lot YHWH has to say about righteousness. There are over 225 verses with the word “Righteous”. 8 verses with the word “Righteously”. 285 verses with the word “righteousness”. And 3 verses with the word “Righteousnesses”. We are talking about 521 verses in total, **so YES, it is very, very important.**

So, it seems that becoming a righteous person “MAY” not be hard after all. But is it as easy as the common faith doctrine teaches us about becoming righteous? I will break down those answers, in order to show you the type of thinking or reasoning we as “Bereans” should have!

There are 3 different common beliefs on how righteousness is attained.

This is the common salvation that Jude warned us about in **Jude 1:3.**

1. They say, A person is not righteous in God's eyes because of his choice or commitment, or his good works or his piety, or his emotions or his intellect. Instead, he is righteous because the Father chooses him from the foundation of the world.
 - a. Does this mean we are automatically righteous before we were born and therefore do not have to change our ways and continue in sin?

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2. **They say**, Our holiness, works, prayers, devotion, church activities, fellowship with the brethren, fasting, all of does not make us receive the righteousness of God. We only received this righteousness because of the love, kindness, mercy, and grace of our Savior.

- a. Since we are automatically righteous because YHWH loves us, is kind to us, has mercy on us and we receive His grace, then, I will have to ask, How do I receive His love, grace, and mercy?
 - i. We already know that we have to qualify to receive YHWHs grace and love, therefore we have to do some things to earn it. See B3-C02-S01- Love Proven Only Through Obedience. Also see B2-C02-S04- Grace and Mercy Within God's Conditions.

3. **They say**, No amount of man-made effort will result in righteousness.

Quoting **Romans 3:10** As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:**

- a. Well then if no one is or can become righteous then why even try? The quoted scripture attached to what they say is completely out of context.
- b. This verse is NOT talking about disciples of Christ; it is talking about the Jews and Gentiles that ARE under sin. It is expressing how their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness, how their feet are swift to shed blood, and how on those Jews and Gentiles destruction and misery are their ways. **Romans 3:9-18 (KJV)** **What then? are we better than they?** No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:** 11 **There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after YHWH.** 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.** 13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; **with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:** 14 **Whose mouth is full of**

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cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of YHWH before their eyes.

1 John 3:7 (KJV) Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

This verse dismantles every passive form of Christianity. It does not say “he that believes is righteous,” but “he that doeth righteousness.” Righteousness is proven in behavior, not claimed in words. The only righteousness that YHWH accepts is the kind that reproduces His character in us. If it does not produce obedience, it is self-deception.

Before we can pursue righteousness, we need to define it.

Righteous: Strong's Number: G1342

Strong's Definition: **equitable** (in character or act); by implication **innocent** **holy** (absolutely or relatively)

Righteousness: Strong's Number: G1343

Strong's Definition: **equity** (of character or act); specifically (Christian) justification

Righteously: Strong's Number: G1346

Strong's Definition: **equitably**

The word most often translated “righteousness” can also mean “justice, justness, or divine holiness.” In the broadest sense, righteousness can be defined as “the condition of being acceptable to YHWH as made possible by Him.” His standard is what defines true righteousness; His power is what enables it. Unless YHWH is its author, we will never possess “Godly” righteousness.

To be righteous is to be right with YHWH.

Being right with YHWH requires being wrong with the world. You cannot walk in agreement with both. Righteousness demands separation, not isolation from people, but detachment from their sin, compromise, and false doctrine. It is a declaration of allegiance. Every time we choose obedience over convenience, we declare before Heaven whose side we stand on.

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So, where does the church get that we are “Justified Righteous”?

Seems that there is no such thing!

Biblically speaking we can be justified and then declared righteous, but not

justified righteous. Justification and righteousness are two different things.

They may be similar and worked together but are still two different things that also have a different process, order and ending time.

Here are some verses that show MANY righteous people.

Matthew 10:41 (KJV) He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and **he that receiveth a righteous man** in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Matthew 13:17 (KJV) For verily I say unto you, That **many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see**, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Matthew 13:43 (KJV) **Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 23:35 (KJV) **That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth**, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Matthew 25:37 (KJV) **Then shall the righteous answer him**, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Matthew 25:46 (KJV) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: **but the righteous into life eternal.**

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Disciples are to live unto righteousness!

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, **should live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 Timothy 6:11 (KJV) But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV) Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 12:11 (KJV) 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.

Titus 2:12 (KJV) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

These are the blessings received from YHWH for seeking and being a righteous person!

Matthew 5:6 (KJV) Blessed are **they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness**: for **they shall be filled**.

James 5:16 (KJV) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

1 Peter 3:12 (KJV) For **the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers**: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

Acts 10:35 (KJV) But **in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him**.

1 John 2:29 (KJV) If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.

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We may become righteous only through YHWH and obedience to His commandments.

Romans 6:16 (KJV) Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of **obedience UNTO** righteousness?

1 Corinthians 15:34 (KJV) **Awake to righteousness, and sin not;** for some have not the knowledge of YHWH: I speak this to your shame.

What???? For some have NOT the knowledge of YHWH??? At this point we should be 100% sure it is because the lack of **STUDY!!**

That is why YHWH ~~suggests...~~ I mean **COMMANDS** us to **STUDY** to show ourselves approved unto Him!! **2 Timothy 2:15.** I might just go ahead and offer \$\$\$ to whoever can show me where YHWH ever makes any suggestions in His gospel for us!

1 Corinthians 1:30 (KJV) But of him are ye in (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach), who of YHWH is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Righteousness and sanctification are 2 different things.

Yet they follow one another like steps on a staircase. Righteousness without sanctification becomes pride; sanctification without righteousness becomes inactivity. Righteousness is the outer evidence of the inner sanctification that the Spirit performs. When both work together, YHWH calls that man blameless.

Ephesians 4:24 (KJV) And that ye put on the new man, which after God **is created in righteousness** and true holiness.

2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV) Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? This is why it is also so IMPORTANT for us to separate ourselves from those who are following unrighteousness and do evil. Even separate ourselves from those who teach unbiblical things and chose not to receive correction nor even try to give correction.

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Let's get this out of the way here. There are 3 most common reasons why a Pastor or preacher will not bother giving correction or receiving correction.

- 1- They are too busy and have chosen the things of the world as a priority rather than diligently making some time for fellow brothers and are not being obedient to YHWH by teaching them and guiding them to the truth.
- 2- They are too comfortable with their beliefs and chose to disobey YHWH when He commands us to reproof or correct those that are in error.
- 3- They are too afraid of what people think. They are afraid to be wrong and just simply do not care enough about YHWH to be obedient and heed by the counsel of **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. They rather a person goes to hell than to lose them as a member of the church. Correction exposes the difference between a hireling and a shepherd. A hireling protects attendance; a shepherd protects souls. Those who love applause will never love rebuke. Yet YHWH's true servants understand that silence in the face of error is partnership with it. The same love that comforts the broken must also confront the rebellious. A gospel without correction is not grace; it is abandonment in disguise.

The above reasons are why there are so many divisions within the church. Everyone believes something different and everyone teaches pretty much what they want.

They follow Satan's teaching of separation: To have all believers separated and having most worldly things in common and nothing in common when it comes to the Gospel of (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach). Totally opposite to what the true gospel tells us.

Acts 2:44 (KJV) And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

So, the moral of the story here is **WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION!**

Philippians 2:12 (KJV) work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

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Righteousness is personal responsibility. No one can obey for you, and no one can repent for you. The fear and trembling Paul speak of is not panic but reverence; the sober awareness that eternal life depends on continued obedience. Every disciple must examine his own walk daily, not to boast of progress, but to ensure that nothing has replaced the fear of YHWH in the heart.

Through faith we receive righteousness.

So, if your Pastor/teacher will not give you the time or day, nor correct you, nor receive correction, then move on! Our Father in heaven knows best and He will send those you need in order to move on and do what He has created you to become.

Galatians 5:5 (KJV) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. And what do we need to do for our faith to grow or have perfect faith?

We have to be Obedient to YHWH commandments and do His good works.

James 2:22 (KJV) Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? See map on B2-C01-S04 - The Full Biblical Pattern of Salvation.

Hebrews 11:7 (KJV) By faith Noah, being warned of YHWH of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

The fruit of the Spirit is righteousness.

Ephesians 5:9 (KJV) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

Philippians 1:11 (KJV) Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by (יהושע Jehoshua Hamashiach). unto the glory and praise of YHWH.

James 3:18 (KJV) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

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You must have read B4-C05-S04- “Torah vs Talmud Commandments of God or Traditions of Men”, to understand this verse. **Romans 9:30-31 (KJV)** What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. **31** But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

A Final warning!

The fruit of righteousness must remain visible. The danger is not only in sinning but in growing indifferent. Many begin well and lose zeal once the world accepts their religion. But righteousness that stops growing begins dying. It must be renewed daily through repentance, correction, and endurance.

YHWH is not looking for perfect people but for those who refuse to settle for halfway holiness.

2 Pet 2:21 (KJV) For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

1 Peter 4:18 (KJV) And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

As I mentioned at the beginning of this study, righteousness comes first and then justification. This is where it is tied up as “Justified Righteous”.

Romans 5:18 (KJV) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Righteousness and holiness are not theories to be studied but lives to be lived. Every commandment reveals YHWH’s nature, and every act of obedience reveals whether we share it. The world will never understand why disciples reject compromise, but Heaven calls it faithfulness. Let no man deceive you: obedience remains the only proof that grace has done its work. Live righteously, walk humbly, and finish holy.

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