

Living in the Brackish Waters – Hebrews Week XIV

Righteousness defined from Vine's Dictionary:

- ✓ An attribute of God (like faithfulness, or truthfulness) that is consistent with His own nature and promises
- ✓ 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
- ✓ It is whatever is right and just in itself and conforms to the revealed will of God
- ✓ For the most part the word is used to describe the gracious gift of God to men whereby all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are brought into right relationship with God. This righteousness is unattainable by obedience to any law, or by any merit of man's own, or any other condition than that of faith in Jesus
- ✓ The one who believes becomes all that God requires a man to be, all that he could never be in himself
- ✓ The faith exercised towards this righteousness, brings one's soul into vital union with God in Christ and inevitably produces righteousness of life.

Some Observations:

It's the righteousness OF GOD (Romans 1:17, 3:21)

- **Romans 1:17 TPT** *This gospel unveils a continual revelation of God's righteousness—a perfect righteousness given to us when we believe. And it moves us from receiving life through faith, to the power of living by faith. This is what the Scripture means when it says: "We are right with God through life-giving faith!"*

The moment we believe, we receive the full measure of the gift of God's righteousness

It is an act of faith to accept His gift of righteousness

Our work is to receive this righteousness

- **Romans 5:17 NKJV** *For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

Grace is experienced through our experiencing His righteousness

- **Romans 5:21 TPT** *And just as sin reigned through death, so also this sin-conquering grace will reign as king through righteousness, imparting eternal life through Jesus, our Lord and Messiah!*

- **2 Corinthians 5:21 TPT** *For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we who did not know righteousness might become the righteousness of God through our union with Him.*

“This one verse is perhaps the greatest verse in the New Testament to describe our salvation through the sinless Savior and his substitutionary death on the cross. A wonderful divine exchange took place at the cross. All of our sins were left there, our guilt was removed and forever gone, and we walked away with all of God’s righteousness. What bliss is ours! Every believer today possesses the perfect and complete righteousness of Christ. We are seen by the Father as righteous as his Son” TPT Commentary on 2 Corinthians 5:21

It’s not about righteous doing - It’s about righteous being

- **Philippians 3:9 TPT** *My passion is to be consumed with Him and not clinging to my own “righteousness” based in keeping the written Law. My “righteousness” will be His, based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God.*

Righteousness is an additional fruit of the Spirit (Ephesians 5:9)

Holy Spirit’s Role (John 16:8-11)

We are to pursue righteousness (Matthew 5:6, Matthew 6:33, 1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy 2:22)

We are to “Live for righteousness”

- **1 Peter 2:24 TPT** *He himself carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we would be dead to sin and live for righteousness. Our instant healing flowed from his wounding.*

<p style="text-align: center;">Practical Thoughts:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kingdom living</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freedom in our relationship with Jesus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assurance – Settled-ness - Security</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walk freely in my identity</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clean</i> works</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Even when I screw up - It doesn’t change</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“It is what it is”</p>
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Hebrews 5:14 TPT *But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they’ve experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.*