"For a disciple of Jesus the process of spiritual growth is a gradual repudiation of the unreal image of God, an increasing openness to the true and living God." Brennan Manning

## Righteousness is something to pursue

- Isaiah 51:1 "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, You who seek the Lord: Look to the rock *from which* you were hewn, And to the hole of the pit *from which* you were dug.
- Matthew 5:6 Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**, For they shall be filled.

# **Righteousness is from God**

- Psalm 23:3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their **righteousness** *is* from Me," Says the Lord.
- **1 Corinthians 1:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God and **righteousness** and sanctification and redemption—
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the **righteousness** of God in Him.

## **Righteousness likened to clothing**

- **Isaiah 59:17** For He put on **righteousness** as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
- **Ephesians 6:14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**,
- Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of **righteousness**, As a bridegroom decks *himself* with ornaments, And as a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels.

### Our righteousness - Not so good...

• Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean *thing,* and all our **righteousness**es *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

### Fruit of righteousness

• Isaiah 32:17 - The work of righteousness will be peace. The effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever

# New Covenant Righteousness Verses

**Romans 1:17** For in it (the Gospel) the **righteousness** of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

**Romans 3:21-22** But now the **righteousness** of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the **righteousness** of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

**Romans 3:25-26** whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously

committed, to demonstrate at the present time His **righteousness**, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Romans 4:3** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for **righteousness**."

**Romans 4:5-6** But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for **righteousness**, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes **righteousness** apart from works:

**Romans 4:13** For the promise that he would be the heir of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the **righteousness** of faith.

**Romans 5:17** 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.

**Romans 5:21** so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through **righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Romans 6:13** And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of **righteousness** to God.

**Romans 6:16** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to **righteousness**? **Romans 6:18-20** And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of **righteousness**. I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading* to *more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves *of* **righteousness** for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to **righteousness**. **Romans 8:10** And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of **righteousness**.

**Romans 9:30-31** What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue **righteousness**, have attained to **righteousness**, even the **righteousness** of faith; but Israel, pursuing the law of **righteousness**, has not attained to the law of **righteousness**.

**Romans 10:3-6** For they (Israel) being ignorant of God's **righteousness**, and seeking to establish their own **righteousness**, have not submitted to the **righteousness** of God. For Christ *is* the end of the law for **righteousness** to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the **righteousness** which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the **righteousness** of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*) **Romans 10:10** For with the heart one believes unto **righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

**Romans 14:17** for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but **righteousness** and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 1:30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and **righteousness** and sanctification and redemption—

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

**2 Corinthians 3:9** For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of **righteousness** exceeds much more in glory.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the **righteousness** of God in Him.

**2 Corinthians 6:14** Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has **righteousness** with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

**2** Corinthians 9:10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your **righteousness**,

**Galatians 2:21** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if **righteousness** *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

**Ephesians 4:24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true **righteousness** and holiness.

Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

**Ephesians 6:14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**,

**Philippians 1:11** being filled with the fruits of **righteousness** which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Philippians 3:9** and be found in Him, not having my own **righteousness**, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the **righteousness** which is from God by faith;

**1 Timothy 6:11** But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue **righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

**2 Timothy 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue **righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in **righteousness**,

**2 Timothy 4:8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of **righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**Titus 3:5** not by works of **righteousness** which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

**James 2:23** And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for **righteousness**." And he was called the friend of God.

James 3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**1 Peter 2:24** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for **righteousness**—by whose stripes you were healed

**1 Peter 3:14** But even if you should suffer for **righteousness**' sake, *you are* blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled."

**2 Peter 1:1** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the **righteousness** of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**2 Peter 2:5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of* eight *people*, a preacher of **righteousness**, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

**2 Peter 3:13** Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness** dwells.