

JESUS IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE | EPISODE 1

Episode 1 Video Timestamps:

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SESSION 1: JESUS IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE

Righteousness - Justice, moral perfection, uprightness, meeting God's standard, acceptable

*Jeremiah 23:5-6 - Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and **righteousness** in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: The LORD is our **righteousness**.*'

*Jeremiah 33:15-16 - In those days and at that time I will cause a **righteous** Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and **righteousness** in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: The LORD is our **righteousness**.*'

*Isaiah 11:1-5 - There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with **righteousness** he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

Isaiah 24:16 - From the ends of the earth we hear songs of praise, of glory to the **Righteous One**.

But I say, "I waste away,
I waste away. Woe is me!
For the traitors have betrayed,
with betrayal the traitors have betrayed."

1 Corinthians 1:30 - And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, **righteousness** and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Hebrews 7:1-2 - For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of **righteousness**, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace

1 John 2:1 - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the **righteous**.

Acts 3:14-15 - But you denied the Holy and **Righteous One**, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

Acts 7:52-53 - Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the **Righteous One**, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

Acts 22:14 - And he said, The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the **Righteous One** and to hear a voice from his mouth

Romans 3:21-23 - But now the **righteousness** of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

NO ONE IS RIGHTEOUS OR MEETS GOD'S STANDARD

*Romans 3:9-10 - What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: "None is **righteous**, no, not one;*

*Romans 1:17 - For in it the **righteousness** of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The **righteous** shall live by faith."*

*Romans 2:13 - For it is not the hearers of the law who are **righteous** before God, but the doers of the law who will be **justified**.*

SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about what "righteousness" means.

SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. When you first believed in Jesus, how did you view the ten commandments, and how has your view of God's Law changed since then?
2. When did you realize that you were not righteous in the sight of God and that you needed Jesus to grant you His righteousness? (Describe that moment or season of life you were in.)
3. In 1 Corinthians 1:30, it says that Jesus "became to us righteousness from God." What do you believe this means? [Think about what it means to be "righteous"]
4. Romans 3:21 says that God's righteousness has been revealed apart from The Law. In your own words explain what you believe this means and how this affects your understanding of God's Law for your life.
5. Have you ever been around believers that truly understood the fact that righteousness is a free, undeserved gift from God? How was that truth expressed through their life?
6. Now consider those who believe they have to earn their spot in Heaven by their own efforts, or even those who feel entitled to God's gift of salvation. How might these individuals live differently than those who understand salvation and righteousness to be free gifts of grace?
7. Do you think the way we view/treat people is affected by whether we believe righteousness is a free gift or something we're entitled to? [or even something we earn] If so, explain.

SESSION 2: JESUS MAKES US RIGHTEOUS

Matthew 3:15 - But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all **righteousness**." Then he consented

Romans 8:3-4 - For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the **righteous** requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

2 Corinthians 5:21 -For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the **righteousness** of God.

Romans 5:19 - For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made **righteous**.

1 Peter 3:18 - For Christ also suffered once for sins, the **righteous** for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

Ephesians 4:24 - and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true **righteousness** and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you

Ephesians 6:14 - Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of **righteousness**

RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES THROUGH FAITH

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his **righteousness**, and all these things will be added to you.

Romans 10:2-3 - For, being ignorant of the **righteousness** of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's **righteousness**. For Christ is the end of the law for **righteousness** to everyone who believes.

Galatians 2:21 - I do not nullify the grace of God, for if **righteousness** were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

*Habakkuk 2:4 - Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the **righteous** shall live by his faith.*

*Romans 4:3-8 - For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as **righteousness**." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as **righteousness**, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts **righteousness** apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."*

*1 John 2:29 - If you know that he is **righteous**, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.*

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE NEW EARTH

*Matthew 13:43, 49-50 - Then the **righteous** will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the **righteous** and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*2 Peter 3:13 - But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which **righteousness** dwells.*

*Revelation 19:11 - Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in **righteousness** he judges and makes war*

SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think through what it means that we are not righteous without Jesus, but Christ makes us righteous in the sight of God.

SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS

1. In your opinion, what does it mean to seek God's Kingdom?
2. In what ways are you personally seeking first God's Kingdom and His righteousness daily?
Where do you see opportunity in your life to do this better?

3. As far as you understand, what does it mean to put on the breastplate of righteousness? How do we practically do this in whatever environment and situation we find ourselves in?
4. Romans 8:4 says that the righteous requirement of the Law has been fulfilled in us. Based on the surrounding context of that chapter, what do you think he means?
5. Paul mentions that the righteous requirement of the Law is fulfilled in those who walk according to the Spirit. Why does Paul highlight the lifestyle of a born again believer? What is the connection between "fulfilling the Law" and "living by the Spirit"?
6. 1 John 2:29 says that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Jesus. But, we aren't righteous by works of the Law. How do we balance these two ideas in our lives?
7. God has prepared the new earth for His righteous children. The righteous have a promise to hope in. How should this future hope shape the culture of our community?
8. Romans 4:3-8 tells us Abraham believed and he was made righteous, and that's how we are made righteous. When people come into our community, what exactly do they need to believe in order to be considered fellow believers? [Consider what Abraham believed]