

Discipleship Explored

Session 5: Righteous in Christ

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Set Apart, Your Role as a Disciple

Key Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV) 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the World.**
Amen.

Session Five - Key Scripture

Philippians 3:1-9

Concepts:

- Many people think they are accepted by God for their good works, or not doing bad things
- But Christianity says God accepts us because of what Christ has done.
- Religiously speaking, Paul had done everything right (Ph. 3:5-6).
- Verse 8 tells us that once Paul knew of Jesus, that compared to Christ's glory; of all his religious learning he counted as garbage, or dung!

Discussion question:

- How is Christ's righteousness imparted to us?
- How do we know this?

*We are about to see episode 6. As your watching, have this question in mind.
“What’s wrong with our righteousness?”*



Points from the Video

1. Religion says “do”. Christianity says “done”.
2. Religion says God will accept me because of the good things I do.
3. Christianity says God will accept me because of what Christ has done.
4. In a survey, over 60% of church-goers believed the way to be accepted by God was to try sincerely to live a good life.
5. Once Paul became a Christian, he knew that his righteousness and worldly deeds could not compare to the righteousness in Christ.

Points from the Video (cont'd)

6. Our works are not enough. “Circumcision, tithing, Bible reading, good deeds, etc.

7. Not that these things are bad, their good, but the only way to come to the Father is through the Son. Ephesians 2:8-9.

8. All the things you do makes you no more or no less you earthly father's child. Likewise, the things you do make you no more or no less righteous before God. Christ is your righteousness.

Follow Up Continued:

In Philippians 3:9, Paul speaks about "the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith."

This week's follow up activities focus on the theme of righteousness.

Think over what you heard in Church this week. What do you find most helpful?

Day 1: Philippians 3:1-9

If you can, memorize this key verse:

"Not having the righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ." (Philippians 3:9)

Day 2: Romans 3:20-24

In this passage, "declared righteous in God's sight" (verse 20) "means "made right with God." "The law" (verse 20) means God's law, the Ten Commandments.

Follow up:

Prayer - Specifically praying for the ministry that you are in or asking the Lord to give you a ministry where you are discipling another.

Scripture - Memorizing Scripture so that you can reflect upon it and have it available as a tool in any situation.

Personal testimony - Having a prepared, organized personal testimony that can be given in any situation.

Follow up continued:

1. Look at verse 20. What does "the law" do? - Through the law we become conscious of our sin.
2. If the law can't make us righteous in God's sight (verse 20), how can we be made righteous? (see verse 22) - Righteousness is given through faith in Jesus to all who believe.
3. How is that made possible? (See verse 24) - Because of what Jesus did.

God does not leave our unpunished: It was paid for by Jesus when He died in our place.

Because of what happened at the cross, God forgives His people their sins and gives them the righteousness of Jesus.

Spend some time reflecting on the wonder of this.

Thank God that all who repent and believe in Jesus "are justified freely by His grace" (verse 24).

Day 3: "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)

In other words, Jesus took all our sin-even our very worst sins-on Himself when He died. Jesus received the condemnation we deserve, so that we would never have to. Those who are "in Him" now have His righteousness. Praise and thank God for His amazing love.

Follow up continued:

Day 4: Romans 5:6-10

1. Look at verse 6-8. What is so amazing about Christ's death? Christ died for the ungodly, for sinners!
2. What does that prove about God's attitude toward us? (See verse 8) It demonstrates His love.
3. What has Jesus' death achieved for us, according to verse 9 and 10? We are justified by His blood, saved from God's wrath, reconciled to God and saved. Reflect on your answer to the last question. If you're a follower of Jesus, all these things are true for you. Allow these truths to sink in and move you to worship. Pray, thanking God for all He has done for you.

Day 5: Re-read the passages you've read this week. Pick a verse you found particularly helpful and write it down.

Day 6: Get ready for Discipleship Explored by reading Philippians 3:10-21.



As Christians, We Are Made Right In God Through Christ

