

## Questions and Answers #22

### Righteousness and Unrighteousness pt 1

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**ROMANS 10:3** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above]:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

So then, the entire source and origin of salvation rests on this, that God sends out someone, ( A true minister of the Word).

If He does not send out any, then they who preach, preach falsely, and their preaching is no preaching at all. In fact, it would be better for them not to preach.

Then also they who hear, hear error, and it would be better for them not to hear. Then also they who believe, would believe false doctrine, and it would be better for them not to believe. Then also they who call upon Him would call falsely (upon a false Lord), and it would be better for them not to call.

- 1 For such preachers do not preach,
- 2 such hearers do not hear;
- 3 such believers do not believe;
- 4 such callers do not call;
- 5 they will be damned because they would be saved by falsehood.

Then we would see what is spoken of in **Proverbs 1:28** which says, *"Then shall they call upon me, But I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord."*

*Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. The true, revealed, and vindicated Word of God.*

**II CORINTHIANS 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

**ONENESS 62-0211 113** *Can a man who believes in all the Word of God have a unity with them who just believes part of the Word of God? God wants separators.*

**GALATIANS 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

**PHILIPPIANS 3:9** *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

**II TIMOTHY 4:1** *I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

**HEBREWS 5:13** *For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

**HEBREWS 11:7** *By faith Noah, being warned of God 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.*

**I JOHN 2:29** *If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

**I JOHN 3:7** *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifest 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

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Now, who are these just ones that shall live by Faith. I would think the same one who told us that the just shall live by faith should be the same one to tell us who they are.

**ROMANS 8:28** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

4 Now the only way you could ever conform to the image of His Son is if you have the same attributes and characteristics. And in order to have that you would have to have the same seed Life in you as His Son did. Because the Law of reproduction that God set forth in Genesis 1:11 tells us that every Seed shall bring forth after it's kind or nature.

Let's read on *30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (It's already a done deal, it is finished). 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? [It is] God that justifieth. 34 Who [is] he that condemneth? [It is] Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [shall] tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor*

*height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Now, Paul said, it is God that Justifieth, and who does He justify? Those He foreknew, those that He foreknew He also did predestinate. We are talking about the Elect Seed of God. And in **ROMANS 1:17** Paul said, the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: from Revelation to Revelation, for The just shall live by faith, by what? By Revelation. Now, I am going to show you in a few minutes how important this statement is when it comes to righteousness, for that is what we are looking at today. Righteousness and unrighteousness. And this is one of the biggest misunderstandings we have in this message. Most people are still living in a bondage to their own perceived idea's of what righteousness is. And they are trying to establish their own righteousness by what they can produce in themselves.

**ROMANS 3:20** *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: we have already shown you that it is God that justifies, and what Paul is telling us here is that no deeds can bring forth our justification. by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. (what he is telling us here is that the Law, the rule book, the moral code, the conduct and order can only point you to what is sin, or what is unbelief, but it can not make you righteous.*

**ROMANS 3:21** *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ ( and what is Faith? It is a revelation) 22 Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: ( and who is it that believes? Or might I put it this way, Who is it that can believe? Here Paul is telling us that True Righteousness comes only from God by receiving the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And the only ones who can believe are those who have been ordained to believe.*

**ACTS 13:48** *And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.*

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That is why Jesus said that, "God is Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth." You can't separate the Two. Spirit and Truth, because Jesus also said, "My Words are Spirit and they are Truth." And worship outside of the vindicated revealed Word will not be acceptable to God, it never has been.

Now, religion tends to feed the flesh, because it is sensate, or based on the senses. And any worship that is not based on Spirit and Truth, will always lean toward the outward 5 senses of the flesh or the 5 inward senses.



We cannot worship with eyes, nor with our noses by smelling incense, nor can we worship with our ears by listening to music; for the flesh profiteth nothing. And yet we have churches today of all denominations, even among the Message professors, there are some that have choirs and orchestra's with more members than there are sitting in the pews of many a church today. And the churches with the most music seem to be the largest of all. If you do not have a music program in your church you will never attract the people, they say. And yet what are they being attracted to? The new "Gospel of Song". We are living in a time when the "flesh" seems to lead the worship and yet is it not in vain?

**JOHN 4:23** *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.*

If the flesh of itself "profiteth nothing", then it is clear that we cannot worship God with any of our five senses (which all pertain to the flesh). To worship with our eyes profiteth nothing, and yet the majority of the world religions do just that. They use the eyes to attract people to worship. They build big monuments of beauty, big cathedrals, big churches, big altars just for the purpose of worship and yet it profits nothing. We cannot worship with our eyes, nor our nose, like the Catholic and the Hindu that would burn incense before the altars to create a form of worship through aroma. The only aroma that is pleasing to God is the prayers of His saints. We cannot worship with eyes, nor with our noses by smelling incense, nor can we worship with our ears by listening to music; for the flesh profiteth nothing.

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Paul said, it "profiteth nothing". And isn't it interesting that this thirst for music has increased with the same velocity as the cry for the Charismatic, Pentecostal cry to "Be filled with the Spirit." But they do not want the Word of Truth, and what Word they do have has been wrongly divided. They do not take all of the Word, for Jesus said, in **JOHN 4:23** *the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. He never said in spirit only, but in Spirit and Truth. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 [Saying], Blessed [are] they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed [is] the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. 9 [Cometh] this blessedness then upon the circumcision [only], or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in un-circumcision. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal*

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(Now here's the key right here in this verse, Paul said, that righteousness might be imputed unto them also... notice this word imputed that Paul uses here. It is a Greek word *logizomai* {log-id'-zom-ahee} the root word is *logos*, and the suffix *o-mai* means to consider it, the complete word means to reckon, or to take into account, or to pass to ones account like money being transferred into your account. This word deals with reality. If I "*logizomai*" or reckon that my bank book has \$25 in it, it has \$25 in it. Otherwise I am deceiving myself. This word refers to facts not suppositions.

And this word is the opposite of the Greek word, *Arne-omai* which literally means to deny or not to accept, to reject, to refuse something offered as we see in **MATTHEW 10:33** But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. You see, to deny Christ is just the opposite as to accept him. And to accept Him is to say the same thing about Him as the father has, as Jesus points out in the verse right before this one.

*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.*

Therefore, *Logos-omai* means to accept what God says about you via His Word, whereas the word *arne* means "not" and combined with *omai* means to not accept or to reject the *Logos*.

Were looking at what Paul said, that is the key to the righteousness of God. He said, that righteousness might be imputed unto them also... and we were looking at this word imputed that Paul used here. And we found that it is a Greek word *logizomai* {log-id'-zom-ahee} from the root word *logos*, and *o-mai* means to consider. The complete word means to reckon, or to take into account, or to pass to ones account like money being transferred into your account. This word deals with reality. If I "*logizomai*" or reckon that my bank book has \$25 in it, it has \$25 in it. Otherwise I am deceiving myself. This word refers to facts not suppositions.

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Why was it imputed to him, because of his works? NO! because he simply took God at his word. He said the money is in the bank, therefore it is. He said, I have already been justified, therefore, I am. Not me making everything right that I ever did wrong. Not me living a perfectly upright life without offending anyone my entire life. No, Not that! But to Confess what God has already said about you, that's it, that's the key. *21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

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**Romans 10:1** *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ [is] the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. 6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down [from above]:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

In these first eleven verses we hear Paul speak of a people who have Zeal, but he says, not according to knowledge. Then he clarifies whose knowledge their zeal is ignorant of.