

HOUSE OF GRACE

Part 1: Righteousness

Text: Romans 5:1, 2 and Romans 5:15-17

The Lord has paid the price on the _____ for all of us to have right standing with Him and to be able to enjoy our relationship.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Romans 3:21-24 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. (22) This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Righteousness: Right standing: A judicial act of God by which He pardons all the sins of those who believe in Christ (all sins have been pardoned but only those who believe in Christ can receive the benefit of this forgiveness). He accepts the believers and treats them as ones who have right standing in the face of the law's demands. The offenses are not set aside but considered fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The believer who is acquitted is entitled to all the rewards resulting from perfect obedience. (*Easton Dictionary*)

1 Corinthians 15:33, 34 (NKJ)

I need to dwell on my right standing and not continue to focus on

my _____ and failures.

Hebrews 4:15, 16 | Hebrews 9:14 | John 17:23 | 1 Peter 3:12

2 Corinthians 5:18, 19 (NLT) All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. (19) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others.

1 John 1:7 (NLT) But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ is, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

Philippians 1:9-11 | Isaiah 32:14-18

There is a _____ of being planted in Grace, because it allows my right standing with the Lord to bear fruit.

- Peace: Shalom: well, happy, health, prosperity, peace, rest, welfare, be well
- Question: Be in rest, settled, and be still (Joshua 14:15; Ruth 3:18)
- Confidence: A place of refuge, without care, secure, and safety

Psalm 9:1-6 | Zephaniah 3:5

Hosea 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unending love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you.

Ephesians 6:13-18

Righteousness becomes a covering that allows us to go forward with confidence of victory.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 | Matthew 22:11 | Luke 15:22 | Revelation 7:9

Isaiah 59:16, 17 (NLT) He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So he himself stepped in to save them with his mighty power and justice. (17) He put on righteousness as his body armor and placed the helmet of salvation on his head. He clothed himself with the robes of vengeance and godly fury.

Isaiah 61:10 (NLT) I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom in his wedding suit or a bride with her jewels.

D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Talk about what it means to be standing in grace.
2. Discuss the Romans 3:21-24 and Romans 5:15-17 and make a personal application.
3. What does it mean to awake to righteousness? Give some personal applications from your own life.
4. In the Old Testament you were supposed to live righteously because the law said to do that. But, in the New Testament, we will live righteously because the Grace of God gives us the ability. Discuss the difference and the significance of it.