

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may **obtain mercy** and **find grace to help** in time of need.

Ephesians 3:12 (NKJV) in whom we have **boldness and access with confidence through faith** in Him.

1 John 5:14 (NKJV) Now **this is the confidence that we have in Him**, that if we ask anything **according to His will, He hears us**.

1 John 5:15 (NKJV) And if **we know** that He hears us, whatever we ask, **we know** that **we have** the petitions that we have asked of Him.

“In Christ we become God’s sons, man’s servants and the devil’s masters.” — John G. Lake

3. Righteousness produces holy desires, visible fruit, and obedient living

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV) For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:11 (NKJV) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **Titus 2:12 (NKJV) teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Titus 2:13 (NKJV) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:14 (NKJV) who gave Himself for us, that **He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself** His own special people, zealous for good works.

Romans 6:11 (NKJV) Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves** to be dead indeed to sin, but **alive** to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:12 (NKJV) Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Romans 6:13 (NKJV) 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 6:14 (NKJV) For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under grace.

“The Church must awaken to this marvelous truth, that Christ is not in the heavens only... but Christ is IN YOU.”

4. Righteousness teaches you to live by faith and minister by the Spirit, not by self-effort

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

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV) **I have been crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who **loved me** and **gave Himself for me**.

James 5:16 (NKJV) **Confess** your trespasses to **one another**, and **pray for one another**, that you may be healed. The **effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much**.

“When righteousness is your foundation, striving loses its voice and the Spirit gains His place.

5. Righteousness makes you a worshiper, an ambassador, and a representative of the kingdom

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV) Now **all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)** that is, that **God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: **we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God**.

Matthew 5:13 (NKJV) **“You are the salt** of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

Matthew 5:14 (NKJV) **“You are the light** of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:15 (NKJV) Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) **Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Colossians 1:10 (NKJV) that you may **walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him**, being **fruitful in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge of God**;

2 Peter 1:5 (NKJV) But also for this very reason, **giving all diligence, add** to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

2 Peter 1:6 (NKJV) to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

2 Peter 1:7 (NKJV) to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

2 Peter 1:8 (NKJV) For **if these things are yours and abound**, you will be **neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

**“Righteousness doesn’t just forgive your past;
it authorizes your presence—I am Heaven’s ambassador on earth.”**

Truths

A believer’s first step is to **receive** righteousness by faith.

Then he must **renew** his mind to that righteousness.

Then he must **draw near** to God with confidence.

Then he must **walk out** in holiness what God has worked in by grace.

Then he must **live by faith** and **represent the kingdom** as an ambassador of Christ.



Made Righteous in Christ — The Privileges and Responsibilities of the Believer

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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if **anyone is in Christ**, he is a **new creation**; old things have **passed away**; behold, all things have become new.

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

Receive who you are. **Draw near** to God. **Walk out** what God put in you.
Live by faith. **Represent** the King.

1. Righteousness gives you a new identity, a new standing, and a new beginning

Romans 5:1 (NKJV) Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:2 (NKJV) through whom **also we have access by faith** into this **grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which **He made us accepted** in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, **according to the riches of His grace**

Galatians 4:6 (NKJV) And **because you are sons**, God has sent forth **the Spirit of His Son into your hearts**, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Galatians 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore you are **no longer a slave but a son**, and **if a son**, then **an heir of God** through Christ.

**“Royalty is my identity. Servanthood is my assignment.
Intimacy with God is my life source.” — Bill Johnson**

2. Righteousness gives you bold access, peace, and confidence before God

Hebrews 4:14 (NKJV) Seeing then that **we have a great High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV) For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.