

Be Righteous; is it Possible!



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The question *must* be answered—and the answer *not* based on opinion but on *facts*, since the unrighteous do *not* qualify for Heaven. If Zacharias and Elisabeth could be *righteous*—and it says Luke 1:6 “*They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless,*” then *anyone* could be righteous.

God is no respecter of persons Acts 10:34, so *anyone can* be right before Him—by faith and trust in the perfect sacrifice of His Son. Romans 5:19 “*As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.*” We *have* to be righteous because 1 Corinthians 6:9 “*The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

Everyone born from the time of Adam's sin, is completely oblivious to the nature and character of God. They do *not* understand what God's standard of righteousness is, nor how it is achieved. Psalm 143:2 “*For in Your sight no one living is righteous [justified].*”

We cannot point fingers or judge anyone because no one is righteous in the sight of God at first. We may *think* we know what being righteous before God is, but it would *not* be correct and *not* be according to God's Bible standard.

Some people or groups may *appear* to be spiritual, but all too many do not trust God in faith for real life issues. All too many have only *outward*

morality—but that is *not* God's righteousness and *not* according to His Word.

Outward piety can take many forms but most are just *outward* with no *inward* conversion of heart. Heart conversion is the *basis* of God's righteousness. This is *not* to criticize any one or any group, but to state the *facts* concerning God's true *standard* of being righteous.

Most Christian ministries fall *short* of God's *standard* in one or many divine principles in Scripture. These ministries do not teach divine healing by faith in the Atonement Blood of Christ, and they do not follow God's plan of financial trust—either in their *personal* lives or concerning the finances of the church.

Some churches ordain women as pastors—ignoring the teaching of 1 Timothy 2:12 “*I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.*” 13 *For Adam was formed first, then Eve.* 14 *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*”

Many churches have just an *outer varnish* of spirituality, but just having *outward morality* will not prepare anyone for *Heaven*—it would, rather, eventually send them to the Lake of Fire—unaware that *that* is where they were heading because of *not having*; *not understanding*; and *not living* by God's true standard of righteousness.

This is a *serious* issue, so we must know *how* to be righteous in the sight of God, as it involves our preparation for eternity. True spirituality is *not* taught in churches today, so the only way to *know* it is to *receive* it from *God* Himself. If we are *willing*, He is *ready* to give us the needed light.

Divine light is promised—if we *want* it. 2 Peter 1:3 “*His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and*

virtue, 4 *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.*”

It is our responsibility to *want* this inward change of heart. 2 Peter 1:5 “*For this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.* 8 *For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

Giving all diligence is being really *sincere* in wanting to *know* and *live* God's Truth. If we *seek* His Truth, He will *give* us the *knowledge* of it. He will enable us to *persevere* in the faith which leads to godliness and peace. Kind acts for others and good attitudes toward everyone are to *abound* in us. 2 Peter 1:9 “*For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.*” 10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.*”

Eternity is way too long, and Hell is way too horrible to make any mistake about being righteous before God. The Lake of Fire is a real place and anyone who leaves this world unprepared and unrighteous will find themselves there.

Heaven is so marvelous that no one could describe how awe-inspiring it really is! No one can afford to miss it by even the smallest margin—we must be *sure* that we are ready by allowing God to teach us. We must *know* God's standard of righteousness—and He sent His Holy Spirit to *give* us that knowledge—that we are to *obey* New Testament teaching.

A student's education will be successful to the extent that they follow the *instructions* of their

teacher. In learning a trade, the individual is successful to the extent that they follow the *training* of the instructor. It is the same for the believer—to the extent that we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to *that* extent we will be led to *believe* and *obey* every plan of God in the New Testament.

Most churches do *not* give God's full Truth from the pulpit—which is like putting new wine into old bottles. Mark 2:21 *"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."*

The full Truth that Jesus showed us by His example cannot be put in an old spiritually-dead church. The scribes and Pharisees were very upset because the disciples of Jesus were eating without washing their hands—which is all outward. Jesus then revealed the truth of the matter.

Mark 7:6 *"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 7 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

The scribes and Pharisees were offended by this truth from the Master, and Jesus even added Matthew 15:13 *"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."*

The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted John to baptize them. They were *outwardly* religious, but *inwardly* insincere. He said Matthew 3:7 *"O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9 And think not to say within*

yourself, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

A minister of any church, denomination, or group that does not *believe*, *accept*, and *teach* divine healing or financial trust, does not have, nor teach, the full Truth of God. Most churches of *this* day take the same stand as the hypocritical Scribes and Pharisees took in *that* day. It is a coat of whitewash *outside* with no change of heart *inside*.

Some are strict and outwardly pious, but they reject God's spiritual plan on divine healing and daily trust for finances. Jesus called them hypocrites—Matthew 23:27 *"The outside of which pleases the eye, though inside they are full of dead men's bones and of all that is unclean."*

The true standard of righteousness consists of three things; First—to confess and forsake every sin—which is a *first* thing but just a beginning. Second—to commit our life to God without any reservation to go back on that commitment—allowing God to do with us as He pleases. Third—is to *believe* and *obey* the Word of God as it is written in the New Testament.

The First step enables God to clean our heart of all unrighteousness 1 John 1:9; the Second step delivers us from the devil's power and fills us with the Holy Spirit; and the Third step is to believe, accept, and obey the Word of God as written—doing the *will of God* by obeying the *Word of God*.

To *obey one* command of the Bible and *disobey ten* others is *not* God's standard of righteousness; it is *not* true spirituality. To neglect or disregard one command of the New Testament is as much sin and rebellion against God, as it is to neglect or disregard all of them.

Every command of the New Testament is there for a reason—and is necessary for us to follow as they involve our present and eternal welfare. Sin and unrighteousness are disobeying God's directions. Real *righteousness* is real *obedience* to the Word of God.

When Jesus asked John to baptize Him, John said Matthew 3:14 *"I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." To fulfill all righteousness* means it is necessary for everyone to obey every *command* of God.

The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5, 6, 7, teaches us *how* to meet wrongs; *how* to take care of our finances—which is to *put* our future financial needs in our bank account in Heaven; to *lend* to anyone wanting to borrow something; *giving* to all who ask of us; and to *allow* a thief to have our coat or anything else they want. This teaching is not heard in churches today.

Matthew 7:24 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall"—ending in the flames that are never quenched, because they did *not learn* from God, how to be righteous! It is possible!



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