

Dear Brothers in Christ

I said I would come back with part two of my last subject, **His righteousness, from Matthew 6:33** But seek first the kingdom of God and **His righteousness**; and all these things shall be added to you. I will be using the **New Living translation**, along with the **Good News translation**. When we see the words **right with God, righteous, or righteousness**, it is always **referring to the finished works of the cross of Jesus Christ, and the exchange of Himself and His life for ours.** **The righteous act** that was and is, **is Jesus Christ who became yours and my Substitute for our wrong doings.** We will see what makes us right or righteous, is **Christ and Christ alone** Hallelujah!!!! We will find we are the righteousness of God because of **Christ Jesus alone. It is not the works of a man or woman**, it is not in the clothes we wear or don't wear. It is not in what you put on or don't put on one's face. It is **about Christ and Christ alone, and what He did for us**, not something we can do for Him Hallelujah!!!! Matter of fact The only thing we can do for Christ is **believe. Believe in His works He has already done for us, and walk in them as an every day lifestyle.** Well lets look at some scriptures so we can unfold this case, ok here we go. (NLV) **II Corinthians 5: 20-21** 20 We are Christ's ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you we urge you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you, **"Be reconciled to God!"** 21 **For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,** so that we could be made **Right with God Through Christ.**

(KJV) 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.** 21 For He hath **made Him to be sin for us,** who knew no sin; that **we might be made the Righteousness of God in Him.** As you can see one translation uses **Right with God,** while another **translation uses, the Righteousness of God.** The only way I can be **Right with God,** is to be **the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus** Hallelujah!!!!

Galatians 3:9-10, 21-24 (NLV)

9 And so it is: **All who put their faith in Christ** share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. **10** **But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under His curse,** for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe **and obey all these commands** that are written in **God's Book of the Law.**" **21** Well then, is there a conflict between God's law and God's promises? **Absolutely not!** If the law could have given us new life, we could have been **made right with God** by obeying it. **22** But the Scriptures have declared that we are all prisoners of sin, so the **only way to receive God's promise is to believe in Jesus Christ.** **23** **Until faith in Christ was shown to us as the way of becoming right with God,** we were guarded by the law. **We were kept in protective custody,** so to speak, until we could put our faith in the coming Savior. **24** Let me put it another way. The law was our **guardian and teacher** to lead us **until Christ came.** So now, **through faith in Christ, we are made right with God.** **25** **But now that faith in Christ has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.** **26** **So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:9-10, 21-24 (Gods Word)

9 Abraham believed and was blessed; **so all who believe are blessed as he was.**
10 Those who depend on obeying the Law live under a curse. For the scripture says, "Whoever does not always obey **everything that is written in the book of the Law is under God's curse!**"
21 Does this mean that the Law is against God's promises? No, not at all! For if human beings had received a law **that could bring life**, then everyone could be put right with God by obeying it. 22 But the scripture says that the whole world is under the power of sin; and so the **gift which is promised on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ is given to those who believe.** 23 But **before** the time for **faith** came, **the Law kept us all locked up as prisoners** until this coming faith should be revealed. 24 And **so the Law was in charge of us until Christ came, in order that we might then be put right with God through faith.** 25 Now that the time for **faith is here**, the Law is no longer **in charge of us.** 26 It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus.

As we can see the law was a keeper **until Christ came to redeem us** from the law of Moses and the curse of the law. The law said we are blessed until we broke just one of its laws, and then we are condemned of them all, just for breaking one of the least of the laws. I think I like the Grace message, I am made right because of what Jesus has done for me, not because I am so good at not doing wrong things. All of us have fallen short of God's glory, but Grace says I am washed in the Blood of the Crucified One, and I have been redeemed. My actions do not change who I am, because the finished works of the cross is finished Hallelujah!!!! I am what Christ says I am. I am whole, I am healed, I am forgiven, I am right with God. But you might say , **but you just fell short, I saw you.** Yes but I am not what I did, **I am what Christ says I am, His righteousness, in right standing, I am a son that was, and is redeemed by Christ's Blood. Because I believe the cross done exactly what Jesus said it did, He exchanged His life for mine, He took my sins and gave me His Righteousness, He took my sickness, and gave me His health. He took my weaknesses, and gave me His strength to carry on, He took my poverty, and gave me His wealth. You might say, but you don't look like you have any money. I may not have it in my hands right now, but that doesn't mean that it isn't coming into my hands today. Well lets look at more scripture shall we.**

Romans 3:23-26 ,29-30 (NLT)

23 **For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard.**
24 Yet now God in His gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.
25 For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed His blood, sacrificing His life for us. God was being entirely fair and just when He did not punish those who sinned in former times.
26 And He is entirely fair and just in this present time when He declares sinners to be right in His sight because they believe in Jesus.

29 After all, God is not the God of the Jews only, is He? Isn't He also the God of the Gentiles? Of course He is.

30 There is only one God, and there is only one way of being accepted by Him. He makes people right with Himself only by faith, whether they are

Jews or Gentiles. Hallelujah!!!!

Romans 3:23-26 ,29-30 (Good News

Bible)

22 God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to **all who believe in Christ,** because there is no difference at all:

23 everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence.

24 But by the free gift of God's grace all are put right with Him through Christ Jesus, who sets them free.

25 God offered Him, so that **by His blood** He should become the means by which people's sins are forgiven **through their faith in Him.** God did this in order to **demonstrate that He is righteous.** In the past He was patient and overlooked people's sins; but in the present time **He deals** with their sins, in order to **demonstrate His Righteousness.** In this way God shows that **He Himself is righteous and that He puts right everyone who believes in Jesus.**

29 Or is God the God of the Jews only? Is He not the God of the Gentiles also? Of course He is.

30 God is one, and He will put the **Jews right with Himself** on the basis of their faith, and will put the **Gentiles right through their faith.**

Romans 4:22-25 (NLV)

22 And because of Abraham's faith, **God declared him to be righteous.**

23 Now this wonderful truth-that **God declared him to be righteous-wasn't** just for Abraham's benefit.

24 It was for us, too, assuring us that God will also declare us to be righteous if we believe in God, who brought Jesus our Lord back from the dead.

25 He was handed over **to die because of our sins,** and He was raised from The dead **to make us Right with God.**

Romans 4:22-25 (Good

News Bible)

22 That is why Abraham, through faith, "was accepted as righteous by God."

23 The words "he was accepted as righteous" were not written for him alone.

24 They were written also for us who are to be accepted as righteous, who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from death.

25 Because of our sins **He was given over to die,** and **He was raised to life in order to put us right with God.**

Romans 5:6-9 (NLV)

6 When we were utterly helpless, **Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.**

7 Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good.

8 But God showed His great love for us **by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**

9 And since we **have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's judgment.**

Romans 5:6-9(Good News Bible)

6 For when we were still helpless, **Christ died for the wicked at the time that God chose.**

7 It is a difficult thing for someone to die for a righteous person. It may even be that someone might dare to die for a good person.

8 **But God has shown us how much He loves us---it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!**

9 **By His blood we are now put right with God;** how much more, then, **will we be saved by Him from God's anger!**

Romans 8:

9-10, 31-34(NLV)

9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. **You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.)**

10 **Since Christ lives within you,** even though your body will die because of sin, **your spirit is alive because you have been made right with God.**

31 What can we say about such wonderful things as these? **If God is for us, who can ever be against us?**

32 **Since God did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?**

33 **Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? Will God? No! He is the one who has given us right standing with Himself.**

34 **Who then will condemn us? Will Christ Jesus? No, for He is the One who died for us and was raised to life for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us.**

Romans 8:

9-10, 31-34(Good News Bible)

9 But you do not live as your human nature tells you to; **instead, you live as the Spirit tells you to---if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you.** Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ **does not belong to Him.**

10 **But if Christ lives in you, the Spirit is life for you because you have been put right with God,** even though your bodies are going to die because of sin.

31 In view of all this, what can we say? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

32 **Certainly not God, who did not even keep back His own Son, but offered Him for us all! He gave us His Son---will He not also freely give us all**

things?

33 Who will accuse God's chosen people? **God Himself declares them not guilty!**

34 Who, then, will condemn them? **Not Christ Jesus, who died, or rather, who was raised to life and is at the right side of God, pleading with Him for us!**

Acts

13:38-39(NLV)

38 "Brothers, listen! **In this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins.**

39 **Everyone who believes in Him is freed from all guilt and declared right with God-something the Jewish law could never do.**

Well I hope by now we know we are made righteous through Christ and Christ alone. It comes from no other means or actions, we can come up with or think up, in our ways to get to God. There is not but one way to get to God, and that is thru faith in what Christ Jesus has already done for you. Isn't it time for us to know what Christ has done for us? My God, how is it we do not know what Jesus has done for us? **Well I know He died on the cross, yes**, but tell me about the **exchange** that took place on the cross. **Well I know He Shed His Blood for me, yes**, but tell me about how **His Blood atoned you and made you the righteousness of God in Christ. Well I know Jesus rose again, yes**, but tell me about how **you have died to yourself**, and how you **have been delivered from you, so you can be resurrected in Him. Well you know I believe, No I don't**, because you can't tell me what you believe in, and why you believe in it. What kind of faith is that? Brethren, believing is not just saying words with your mouth. Believing is action, believing is a lifestyle in the crucified Christ who is alive in you right now. **Hallelujah!!!!** I think its time, no pass time for us to do the first thing first. **Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness**, His way that has already been **laid out for us by Jesus Christ Himself**. If I do not know what He has done for me, how can I have faith in words I don't know anything about in my heart? **We need a revelation from Him, to know who we are in Him, so we can know who He is in us. Hallelujah!!!!** Let me tell you a little bit about who Christ is to Me and what He is for me. I Corinthians 1:30 But of Him **you are in Christ Jesus**, who of **God is made to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption;** God made Christ to be my wisdom, my righteousness, my sanctification, and my redemption, all for me, and you of course. So how can I be a born again Christian

and not know these things? One, the people who shared Christ with you didn't know so they could not tell you. Two, I did not do the first thing first, seek God and His righteousness with all of my heart, mind, and strength. Seeking for God is more than you just reading your bible, and that is good to do, but there is more to it than that. God loves for us to come after Him, wait I just remembered what He said in Luke 11:9 **And I say to you, Ask** and it shall be given you. **Seek** and you shall find. **Knock** and it shall be opened to you. Seeking is going after God, finding Him and spending time with Him every day, thinking of Him every second of your life. Longing to be in His presence, not just reading or hearing about Him, but experiencing His presence for real. God is real, He is not a feeling, but you can feel Him. He is not an emotion, but You will be emotional when He shows up. Listen to this and then I will let you go **Romans 10:3-7**, and verse 10 **3 For they, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes. 5 For Moses writes of the**

righteousness *which* is of the Law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

6 But the righteousness of faith says this: "Do not say in your heart, Who shall ascend into Heaven?" that is, to bring Christ down; **7** or "Who shall descend into the deep?"; that is, to bring up Christ again from *the* dead. **8** But what does it say? "The Word is near you, *even in your mouth and in your heart*"; that is, the Word of Faith which we proclaim; **9** Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from *the* dead, you shall be saved.

10 For with *the heart one believes unto righteousness*, and with *the mouth one confesses unto salvation*. Righteousness always starts with *right believing*, which leads to *right thinking*, which leads to *right doing*. **Hallelujah!!!!** So we have a choice

to make, am I going to use the old covenant the law to try to make myself right with God? Or am I going to receive the gift of righteousness from Christ Jesus through faith in what He has done for me? Choice number one, is the law, and this is what II Timothy 1:8-11 has to say about what, and who the law is for, if you want to use it for righteousness.

8 But we know that the law is good if a man uses it lawfully, **9** knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous one, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

10 for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and anything else that is contrary to sound doctrine,

11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. (KJV)

What can I say, if someone wants to still be under the law when they have the choice to receive the gift of grace. As for me I will take the second choice; grace, found In Romans 4:22-25 and Acts 13:38-39

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Thank you God for sending Jesus for my ransom, to deliver me from the law of sin and death. It is my pleasure to receive the gift of righteousness through the finished works of the cross. And every exchange that took place on my behalf, and for everyone else who will believe in Your works of righteousness for their sins, for their health, and their wealth, and for all their diseases. Oh that we could really understand Your love for us

and the price You paid for us to be set free from the law so we could receive grace in abundance. I receive Lord God, I receive in full all that You have done for me, in the name of Jesus I receive it right now. Thank You for freeing me from all my guilt, and declaring me right with God, all because of your faithfulness to me, and to God. Thank You for seeing Yourself in me, and not me. And thank You for showing me You, for in seeing You, I can see myself In You, and know that I am safe from the law, and the penalty of the law which is death. I receive Your life for mine, for in You is life, righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, I receive it now Hallelujah!!!! I must go for now, but thank you for hearing my heart, and know that God loves you very much, more than words could ever express. Peace out, One of God's sons G.B.