

Introduction

As we continue our look at Romans 14:17, and, as we discussed last week about the gift of righteousness we came to see that we are His sons and daughters, and He loves for us to come to Him in full assurance and confidence.

How can we possibly share:

- 1) The love of God,
- 2) The forgiveness of God,
- 3) The message of restoration,
- 4) The message of his incredible grace,
- 5) The message of healing,
- 6) The message of acceptance,

To anybody else if we don't truly have a revelation and an understanding of the righteousness of God bestowed upon us.

That's why it says in Hebrews that we should have a confidence, and an assurance that when we enter into his presence we receive grace, and forgiveness.

Scripture

- **Hebrews 10:22-23** (AMP)

²²Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by ^[a]that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.

²³So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the ^[b]hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

Too many people are living in the shadow which is the old covenant instead of living in the reality of a new covenant of righteousness.

Scripture

- **Matthew 26:28**

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

This can really set you free when you get the revelation of what Christ did for you and the power that is in the blood.

The freedom is amazing when you realise you are forgiven, that it is His grace and goodness that draws us to Him.

It is not based on my works.

I am accepted because of His love. Once we have a realisation of this we can extend that message to others.

Our confession has a lot to do with what we believe about ourselves and then reflects on how we minister.

We need to become people who start declaring and praying out loud Gods Word, especially scriptures about righteousness so that the revelation of his goodness and truth would awaken in our hearts.

So believers of God's righteousness :

1. **Speak of it:**

Scripture

- **Psalm 35:28**

"My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.

David here said he would proclaim His Righteousness.

We can see David's understanding of righteousness in psalm 51 where David said "have mercy on me according to Your love and kindness."

There would be less people walking around with condemnation if we could come into that understanding and truth that David was in.

The Bible says that you are to work out your own salvation. It is not based on mans interpretation or opinion, but is based on a revelation in your heart.

2. **Proclaim it:**

Scripture

- **Psalm 22:31**

"They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done It."

Notice here it says that we will proclaim His righteousness of who we are in Christ to the ones who don't believe as yet.

Not only declaring it over our own lives, but, declaring it over those around us. Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel. Those who are ashamed do not understand true righteousness.

3. **Give thanks for it:**

Scripture

- **Psalm 7:17**

"I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the LORD Most High."

Another thing lacking in the body of Christ is us being a thankful people. The Bible says give thanks, in all things, give thanks.

People who give thanks understand who they are and what they have received. We don't have a beggars mentality. We are a thankful people because we understand the love God has for us.

4. They are led in it:

Scripture

- **Psalm 5:8**

"Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies — make your way straight before me."

We are led by righteousness, we are guided by righteousness, the righteousness of God is our umpire and it teaches us right from wrong.

5. They are upheld by it:

Scripture

- **Isaiah 41:10**

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

The Lord is saying to Isaiah do not fear, do not be dismayed. This scripture is amazing because it says do not fear. It's a command. Do not be dismayed.

Not only is He your God, but He's your Father who strengthens you and helps you, upholds you in His hand because God's arm is not too short.

When we confess fears and doubts over our lives, we are doubting the awesomeness of God to meet our needs and fulfil His promises for our lives.

6. They run into it:

Scripture

- **Proverbs 18:10**

"The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

An understanding of righteousness and the completed work of Christ will make us run to Him and feel safe.

Not running to every conference, new fad, or a book, because it's the righteousness and the goodness of God that should draw us into His presence

When we are sick we run to righteousness.

When we are in doubt we should run to righteousness.

When we are struggling we should run to righteousness.

If only we would come to a realisation that the Kingdom of God is about coming into freedom and sonship.

We are not born to be slaves. We are born to be the branches of righteousness.

If we minister out of this revelation of righteousness in our hearts, there will be a peace upon us, we will not be swayed too and fro by every wind of doctrine, and every opinion.

TASTE OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SEE HE IS THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS