

# THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

*A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.*

## RIGHTEOUSNESS

*God is the only Person Who has “righteousness”. It is an attribute or description of His character. This quality is Who He is.*

*“Righteousness” means “rightness”, “justice”, “lawful”, “the only right way for everything”. It means “a Holy God where there is no presence of evil or the wrong way. God is the Standard we live by.*

1.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    Can a Holy God & a sinful man come together & have a relationship if God has righteousness and man has no righteousness.
2.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    Is it possible for mankind to try living a good enough life to find, get, or earn righteousness.
3.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    Since mankind is not God, man can never have righteousness in his life on his own efforts.

*Check out these verses.*

*Psalm 9:8 - God shall judge the world in righteousness, and He will administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.*

*Psalm 119:142 - Lord, Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Law is truth.*

*Psalm 85:13 - Righteousness will go before all God’s activities, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.*

4.    What is God’s standard for ruling the universe?  
      “God shall judge the world in \_\_\_\_\_.”
5.    How long will this standard exist?  
      “Lord, Your righteousness is an \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.”
6.    What part of our lives will His righteousness affect?  
      “God’s righteousness will make His footsteps our \_\_\_\_\_.”

*Since the entire universe is controlled and run by the righteousness of God, if man does not have that righteousness, then, there will be a constant battle between God’s standard of holiness, and man’s natural desire to do his own thing (sin). If righteousness is required to live in harmony with God, THEN WE NEED TO GET RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

*Look at these verses.*

*Philippians 3:9 - ...That I may belong to Christ, not having my own righteousness from the Old Testament Law, but rather the righteousness which is through faith in Christ..*

*Titus 3:5-7 - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been **JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE**, we inherited the hope of eternal life.*

7. Where is the only place where we can get this Righteousness?

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8. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No We inherited sin. Do we deserve Righteousness?

9. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Can we please & enjoy God without it?

10. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Will we ever figure out a way to get it?

***Picture yourself standing in a courtroom to be sentenced for your crime of being a sinner. The Judge (God) says, "How do you plead?"***

11. What would you say? \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Would your good deeds help here?

13. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Could a Holy God accept good deeds for your sin?

***I would have to reply, "Your Honor, I am guilty. I cannot fix anything. I place myself at the mercy of the court, and accept the penalty of death that your righteous standard requires."***

*Romans 5:16-17 - The sin of Adam (one man) brought judgment to all (mankind). However, the free gift to all of us facing that judgment is JUSTIFICATION.*

*Romans 4:3 - Abraham believed God, and it was **CREDITED** to him for righteousness.*

*Job 29:14 - I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe & turban.*

*Ephesians 4:24 - ...rather you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness & holiness.*

***THE JUDGE REPLIES, "Jesus has paid for your crime (all your sin). I hereby JUSTIFY (ACQUIT) YOU, AND PUT THE UNEARNED CLOTHING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ON YOU.***

14. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No When you accept Christ as your Savior, your are "Justified" (acquitted of all sin forever).

15. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No When you accept Christ as your Savior, He covers you with His righteous nature.

***For the rest of your Christian life, whether in success or failure, God will be ever present in your life to guide you, convict you, hug you, teach you, and allow you to see things as God sees them.***

***WITHOUT HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, WE COULD NEVER DO IT EVER!!!***