

Receiving Righteousness

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Receiving From God

The truth by definition must work - **Jn.8:32**

- A theory that does not work is wrong
- A theology that does not work is a wrong theory
- When your belief does not work, you must change it

Renew (Change) Your Mind to Receive – **Rom.12:1-3**

- BELIEVE WHAT THE WORD SAYS, not your senses or what people teach
 - As you read it
 - Ask for the Holy Spirit to reveal its true meaning
- TWO COMPONENTS TO RECEIVING the Truth
 - BELIEVING THE TRUTH, not our interpretation
 - You can be sincere, but wrong in your beliefs
 - WHEN OUR INTERPRETATION IS RIGHT and our mind is renewed we will have the proof, it will produce what it promises
 - BELIEVING WITH THE HEART, that is being fully persuaded
 - Feeling Lack, negative feelings and sense of hopelessness concerning a promise shows that you don't believe in your heart that you have it
- **Lk.7:35** – WISDOM is justified by all her children
 - Wisdom = Gk. Sophia = wisdom or applied to practical skill, knowing what to do
 - Wisdom produces the right fruit
- IT'S FOOLISH to think that you have more than you actually do (see the results)
 - Insecure people try to compensate for their insecurity and justify their failure
- To RENEW YOUR MIND you must change what you believe, or REPENT

Dead Works Don't Work

Are You Righteous Now?

- How do you feel about your relationship with God?
 - Your Righteousness is the basis of your relationship with God
- Righteous = Just, according to the divine law, in good standing with God –
- HERE IS WHERE OLD AND NEW COVENANT DIFFER
 - **Deut.6:25** – Righteousness by works – Old Covenant
 - No one can be righteous except Jesus – **Rom.3:10** - OT quote
 - We cannot meet the requirements of the Law –
 - **Ps.143:2** – No one is right in His sight
 - **Gal.3:10** – All those who rely on observing the law are under a curse
 - **Mt.16:6 and 11-12** – Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees (legalism = righteousness by work) and Sadducees (unbelief)
 - **Gal.5:9** – A little leaven
 - **Heb.10:1** – The Law is a shadow of good things to come
- WORKS-BASED RIGHTEOUSNESS produces emotional torment and failure
 - We fail to obey the law and enter a self-destructive cycle of condemnation, guilt and lack
 - **1Cor.15:56** – The strength of sin is in the law

Receiving a Blessed Assurance

- **Jer.23:6, 33:16, 51:10** – The Lord Our Righteousness – Announced in OT
- **2Cor.3:14** – The law veiled the truth in the OT. The veil is removed by Christ
- **Rom.4:6-8** – Righteousness apart from works
 - **Rom.4:3** – It worked also in the OT, for Abraham
- **Rom.3:19-28** – RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH
 - **Rom.3:20** – By the deeds of the Law shall not flesh be justified
 - **Heb.6:1** – Faith Foundation – REPENTANCE OF DEAD WORKS and faith (belief) towards God

- Dead works are the things you do to make yourself acceptable to God
- You must repent of you dead works and also of your sins. The first produces lack that produces the second
- If you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior there is nothing more you can do to make yourself more righteous

Power of Righteousness

- **Jn.1:17** – The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ
 - Grace (Gk. Charis) is not an unmerited favor, it's the power GIFT to do the right things that we could not do by ourselves – From. Charis = be full of cheer, joy, rejoicing
 - When we believe in our heart our righteousness it affects our SELF-AWARENESS, we feel differently about ourselves
 - That FEELING gives us the POWER TO LIVE according to His Word
 - We no longer have a sense of lack, we feel accepted, qualified, provided for and confident
- **2Cor.5:21** – He made Him who knew no sin, sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Jesus Is Your Righteousness

What happened when you asked Jesus to be your Savior?

- YOU REALIZED the you could not make it on your strength, you needed a Savior
 - A Savior is someone who gets you out of your hopeless situation, because you cannot do it on your own
- YOU DECIDED to believe that He paid for your sins and their consequences –
 - This is not a one-time decision, but an ONGOING COMMITMENT to walk in
 - You trust in Him for your Salvation
 - From then on only the present counts – ALL BECOME PRESENT TENSE

How do you feel since then?

- EXERCISE - Look in the mirror and ask yourself:
 - Are ALL YOUR SINS paid for?
 - Are you FORGIVEN?
 - Have you received HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS?
 - Are you a NEW CREATURE? (A new nature empowering)
 - Is YOUR HEART changed?
 - Are you an adopted CHILD OF GOD?
 - Do you feel empowered?
 - Have you appropriated ALL THE VERSES IN THE BIBLE referring to what you have, and are in, by and through Christ?
- Your thoughts, emotions, reactions to these questions show if you really believe the Good News
- Write them down to identify areas where you need to change your belief and receive His Righteousness

Acknowledge now that He is Your Righteousness

- ONLY BELIEVE, and these things will start manifesting in your life
- All the times you FEEL LACK, remind yourself that you can do all things in Christ
- As this truth grows in your heart you will experience new POWER AND JOY

Questions to Consider

1. Can you explain how the renewal of your mind has worked in some specific areas of your life?
2. Why does work-based righteousness always fail?
3. How do we have the assurance of our salvation?
4. How would you define “dead works?”
5. Why is repenting from dead works essential for your salvation?
6. Please explain John 1:17.